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### **Travel as many times as you wish on your multiple-entry visa**

**Q:** *When I applied for my visa, I had plans to go to an event and put the dates and location of the event on my application. My visa application was approved when I came for the interview. Unfortunately, my plans have changed and I'll be going to a different event than the one listed on my application. Is that going to be a problem when I travel?*

**A:** We're happy to hear you received your visa! Most likely the visa that you were issued is a ten-year multiple entry visa. There's no need to worry if you will be attending another event or going to a different place that you didn't list on your application. Over the course of ten years we hope you travel many times to the United States, for many different reasons – Disney World one trip, Las Vegas another, maybe a National Parks tour.

At the port of entry, you will be met by an agent of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Agency. That agent will ask you a few questions about your destination and purpose of travel, just like the interviewing consular officer did when you received your visa. The CBP officer confirms through this conversation with you that you are eligible to enter the U.S., and the agent also authorizes a maximum period of time that you can stay. So be prepared to tell the CBP officer what you plan to do, where you will go and who you will see on this trip.

Of course, there may be instances when your purpose of travel changes in a way that compels you to qualify for a different type of visa from the usual visitor's visa. For example, if you had planned to attend a wedding at the time of your visa application and now you plan to take a job with a cruise ship, you'll need to get a new type of visa for your work as a crew member. Or if you were originally going to visit a university in the U.S. and now you've been admitted and plan to start studies, you'll need to get a student visa.

However, in most cases those who have the 10-year visitor's visa will just need to explain to the CBP officer why they are entering the country at this time. Enjoy your trip!

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