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## American Citizen Services eNewsletter

### SMART TRAVELER ENROLLMENT PROGRAM (STEP)



Millions of Americans travel abroad every year and encounter no difficulties. However, U.S. embassies and consulates assist nearly 200,000 Americans each year who are victims of crime, accident, or illness, or whose family and friends need to contact them in an emergency.

When an emergency happens, or if natural disaster, terrorism, or civil unrest strikes, the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate can be a source of assistance and information.

The Department of State encourages all American citizens residing or visiting overseas to sign up for STEP – *Smart Traveler Enrollment Program* (formerly known as Internet-Based Registration Service). Signing up for STEP is voluntary and costs nothing, but it should be a big part of Americans' travel planning and security. By informing their embassies and consulates about planned trips or residence abroad, American citizens help their embassies or consulates locate them when needed.

The Embassy Consular Section recommends that American citizens consider utilizing STEP to better plan their trip, to receive the latest travel updates, and to let their embassies or consulates assist them better, if there is such a need.

Learn more about STEP at [http://www.travel.state.gov/travel/tips/registration/registration\\_4789.html](http://www.travel.state.gov/travel/tips/registration/registration_4789.html) .

**Stay informed. Stay connected. Stay safe.**



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# INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

## DID YOU KNOW?

- AAA estimates that **63.9 million** Americans travel more than 50 miles from home during the holiday season
- There are **3,000 fewer flights** during the holiday season
- **Best departure days:** December 18, 20, 23, 25
- **Best return days:** December 25, 27, 31, January 1, 3, 6

## PROGRAM ALLOWS SKIPPING LONG PASSPORT CONTROL LINES

Houston Chronicle, by Jenalia Moreno

*Camille and Dan Sullivan of New Orleans once missed a connecting flight home from Italy because of long immigration and customs lines at Washington's Dulles International Airport. After more than two hours waiting to hand their passports and travel documents to government agents, they ran through the airport but couldn't make it to their gate in time. "We missed it by four minutes," Camille Sullivan said. That convinced the couple, who enjoy international vacations, to spend \$100 each on Global Entry memberships.*

If you are interested in reading the article, please, visit <http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/travel/news/7319967.html>

**Global Entry is a program piloted by U.S. Customs and Border Protection that allows pre-approved, low-risk travelers to receive expedited clearance upon arrival into the United States. To enroll in Global Entry, applicants must first file an application with Customs and Border Protection, and then submit to an interview and background check.**

**Learn more about the program at**  
[http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/trusted\\_traveler/global\\_entry/](http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/trusted_traveler/global_entry/).





*WISHING YOU A JOYFUL  
HOLIDAY SEASON AND A  
HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS  
NEW YEAR!*

**QUIZ! QUIZ! QUIZ!**

***NAME THE CHRISTMAS CAROL*** (and check your answers at the bottom of the page)

1. Felicitations for the Season
2. Sterling Carillon
3. Circuitous gambol of Festive Conifer
4. Awesome hibernal acreage
5. Altitudinous celestials acclaim
6. Senior flattened by cloven aviator
7. Covert observation of matriarch's scandalous osculation
8. Petite birthplace
9. Sprightly venerable benefactor
10. Allegiants proceed
11. Enquiry of mutual auditory perception
12. Hushed darkness
13. Noel - envisage blanched
14. Inaugural Yule
15. Royal Eastern trio
16. Planetary jubilation
17. Theurgical cool guy
18. Matchless season
19. Full-grown enumeration of holiday hopes
20. Commencement of Yuletide complexion

Answers:  
1. We Wish You a Merry Christmas / 2. Silver Bells / 3. Rodent Around the Christmas Tree / 4. Winter Wonderland / 5. Angels We Have Heard on High / 6. Grandma Got Run Over By A Reindeer / 7. I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus / 8. O Little Town of Bethlehem / 9. Jolly Old St. Nicholas / 10. O Come All Ye Faithful / 11. Do You Hear What I Hear? / 12. Silent Night / 13. The Dreaming of a White Christmas / 14. The First Noel / 15. We Three Kings of Orient Are / 16. Joy to the World / 17. Frosty the Snowman / 18. It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year / 19. Crouching, Hidden, Sniping / 20. It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas