



Helpful Travel Tips for International Visitors to METALCON

Prepare for a smooth and confident entry into the United States.

METALCON is proud to welcome professionals from across the globe! To help make your arrival easier, please review these travel tips and bring the recommended documents with you when entering the U.S.

Before You Travel: Documents to Carry

Print and carry hard copies of key documents in addition to any digital copies. Keep them together in your carry-on for easy access:

- Valid passport (must be valid for at least 6 months beyond your intended stay)
- U.S. visa or ESTA authorization, depending on your country of origin
- METALCON registration confirmation (printed)
- Personalized support letter from METALCON (available to all registered attendees and exhibitors)
- Letter from your employer confirming your position and purpose of travel (if applicable)
- Business card with your company details (recommended)
- Proof of return or onward travel, such as a round-trip ticket or itinerary

At the U.S. Port of Entry

When you arrive, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers may ask questions to confirm the purpose and duration of your visit. Present your documents clearly and answer questions briefly and truthfully.

Common questions may include:

- Purpose of Visit: 'Why are you visiting the United States?'
- Duration of Stay: 'How long will you be staying in the U.S.?'
- Accommodation: 'Where will you be staying?'
- Previous Visits: 'Have you visited the U.S. before?'
- Activities: 'What do you plan to do during your stay?'
- Return Ticket: 'Do you have a return ticket?'
- Items to Declare: 'Are there any goods or samples you need to declare?'

- Frequency of Visits: 'How often do you travel to the U.S.?'

✓ **Tip:** Your entry record (Form I-94) will note the period you are authorized to stay in the U.S. Always check this date at <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov> to ensure you do not accidentally overstay.

Traveling with Digital Devices

CBP officers are authorized to inspect electronic devices as part of the screening process. While such searches are uncommon, it's best to be prepared:

- Power off devices before arrival to simplify inspection.
- Remove or back up sensitive business or personal data before travel.
- Store important information in cloud storage rather than on the device.
- Be ready to unlock your device if requested by an officer.
- Remain calm and cooperative – inspections are routine and usually brief.

For more information, visit CBP's official page: <https://www.cbp.gov/travel/clearing-cbp/inspection-electronic-devices>

Customs and Declarations

All travelers must declare items they are bringing into the U.S., including promotional samples or materials. Avoid packing restricted food, plant, or animal products. If in doubt, declare the item – CBP officers can advise whether it is admissible.

More information: <https://www.cbp.gov/travel/us-citizens/know-before-you-go>

Questions?

If you need further assistance, please email kalyn@metalcon.com.

We look forward to welcoming you to METALCON!