## **PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP / ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

## TO ENTER ANY FOREIGN COUNTRY YOU MUST CARRY REQUIRED LEGAL PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP!

**PASSPORTS:** Countries require foreign visitors to have a valid passport in order to enter their country, with rare exceptions. Those exceptions are few, and laws are changing rapidly everywhere to make having a passport a legal requirement for entry. Even children require passports. PASSPORTS MUST BE VALID FOR MINIMUM 6 MONTHS AFTER TRAVEL, AND HAVE BLANK PAGES!

U.S. CITIZENS: Applications for U.S. Passports are available at many post offices, state and passport agencies. For more information, visit the U.S. State Department website: <u>http://travel.state.gov/content/travel/english.html</u>

CANADIAN CITIZENS check: <u>http://www.voyage.gc.ca/preparation\_information/passport\_passeport-eng</u> OTHER CITIZENS: Applications for passports are available through your official government website. Regrettably there is no comprehensive list of all countries official websites. Check your countries official website through a web search, or this United Nations link: <u>http://www.un.org/en/members/index.shtml</u>

**VISAS:** Some countries require entry visas; some do not. A visa is an endorsement or stamp or separate paper placed in a passport by foreign government officials. It specifies the entry conditions for the traveler; such as tourist or business, and may specify maximum length of time and number of entries permissible.

U.S. CITIZENS: Up-to-date entry requirements for any country can be found through the State Department's Bureau of Consular Affairs website: <u>http://travel.state.gov/content/travel/english.html</u>. Rules vary by country and subject to change with short notice. You the traveler bear the ultimate responsibility for determining and meeting requirements.

CANADIAN CITIZENS check for visa rules by country: <u>http://www.voyage.gc.ca/countries\_pays/menu-eng.asp</u> OTHER CITIZENS: Regrettably there is no comprehensive list of all countries official websites. Find your countries official website through a web search, or try this link: <u>http://www.un.org/en/members/index.shtml</u>

**INOCULATIONS:** Rarely required but always check: <u>Inoculation Entry Requirements of Countries</u>

## Important to note <u>IF</u> applicable:

## 1. PLEASE READ **IF** YOU ARE A RESIDENT OF ONE COUNTRY BUT A CITIZEN OF ANOTHER COUNTRY.

Travel documentation required depends on the country whose citizenship you claim, NOT the country you reside in. Also, don't forget one needs the proper documentation to re-enter the country one leaves from originally (i.e., you are in the US on a single entry visa but a citizen of another country. You may qualify for travel to other countries with your non-US passport, however you may be denied re-entry back into the US).

2. PLEASE READ **IF** YOU ARE TRAVELLING WITH MINORS.

Minors **under 18 NOT traveling with BOTH parents require consent to travel.** Non-travelling parents **must** obtain a notarized statement from the court or the other parent(s) giving you authorization to travel between countries with these children, (even if you have been awarded custody). This is the case with many countries. It is wise to simply do this for all travel, in case of unplanned flight or cruise re-routing en route.