

US and Canada may lose EU visa right

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expect. time	destination	compagnia airline	volò n° flight n°	imbarco gate	osservazioni remarks
13.25	RHODES	 OA 2471	D05		
13.35	MUNICH	 EN 124	B10	NOTIZIE APPENA POSSIBILI INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW	
13.40	GENEVE	 AA 122	B11		
13.45	PARIS	 SK 44119	B66		
13.55	ROME	 AZ 13278	A50	VOLO SPECIALE / CHARTER SPECIAL FLIGHT / CHARTER	
14.00	NAPLES	 AZ 46711	A14		
14.05	MADRID	 IB 2561	C33	ATTESA PASSEGGERI WAITING PASSENGERS	
14.15	TUNIS	 TU 4442	D26		
14.25	ZURICH	 LX 8910	B47		

The European Commission published warning on 12APR that visa-free travel by US and Canadian citizens to Europe is at risk, due to the lack of a full reciprocal arrangement for EU citizens.

The core of the issue is this: Although US and Canadian passport holders can travel to Europe for stays of up to 90 days without requiring a visa, citizens of some EU countries are not eligible for the same privilege in return. Specifically, citizens of Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Poland and Romania require a visa for the US, and citizens of Bulgaria and Romania require one for Canada.

The deadline for US and Canada to include those citizens in their own visa-waiver programs expired yesterday, on 12APR2016. Consequently, the EU is obliged, under their own policy document, to take steps to remove the visa-free travel privilege for US and Canadian Citizens.

The United Kingdom and Ireland do not take part in the development of the common visa policy and would not be bound by a visa waiver suspension.

No change has yet occurred, and any decision to limit travel would have a lead time (most likely 90 days). For further background see the full EU press release.