



## **Greeks Can Travel to U.S. under Visa Waiver Program Starting April 5 With an Easy Electronic Application**

Good news! Greece has been added to the U.S. Visa Waiver Program. **But what does this actually mean for Greek travelers? As for all Visa Waiver country participants, Greeks will still have a few steps to take before leaving for the U.S.**

- At least 72 hours before preparing to travel, you **must apply online** at <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov>. The Electronic System of Authorization (ESTA) must be completed and you will receive an electronic confirmation if the ESTA has been successful. **Print the ESTA confirmation receipt, make a note of the number, and bring both with you to the airport for check-in.**
- The Visa Waiver Program only applies to individuals who hold a valid **Greek passport with an e-chip, issued after August 26, 2006.**
- **Approved ESTA can only be used for tourist and most business travel (replacing B1/B2 visa) for up to 90 days, and is valid for two years.**
- If the ESTA is denied or you do not meet the qualifications, **you can still apply at the Embassy for a visa.** If you **already have a valid visa**, you do not need an ESTA.
- Please remember that, as with regular visas, **ESTA does not guarantee entry into the United States.** That determination is always made by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection officer at the port of entry.

For further information, please refer to the Embassy website (<http://athens.usembassy.gov>) or [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for links to DHS and ESTA. Call centers are: OTE landline: 901-123-0730, Vodafone: 901-694-6313, Cosmote: 901-200-6313, WIND: 901-160-6313.