

## ESTA Fraud Warning

Please note that there are many websites and e-mail scams which attempt to mislead customers and members of the public into thinking they are official U.S. government websites. The Electronic System for Travel Authorization (**ESTA**) is designed for those seeking to travel to the United States under the Visa Waiver Program. There is only one official ESTA website and that is <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov>. Third-party companies who are charging a fee to assist travelers in registering under ESTA are **NOT** operating on behalf of the U.S. government.

Visa Waiver Program travelers who are looking for information on how to apply for ESTA should be aware that unauthorized third-parties have established Web sites that charge a fee (on top of the regular \$14 registration fee) to provide information about ESTA and to submit ESTA applications on behalf of the VWP traveler. **These businesses and Web sites are not endorsed by, associated with, or affiliated in any way with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) or the U.S. Government.** These websites are designed to appear legitimate, and though deceptive, they operate legally. U.S. Government Web sites can be identified by “.gov.” For more information regarding the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA), please visit the U.S. Customs and Border Protection website at: [www.cbp.gov/esta](http://www.cbp.gov/esta)

If you have used one of these third party sites, we strongly suggest you use your reference number to confirm the application with the official U.S. Government site (<https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta>) to ensure that your application information is correct in the system, and to avoid delays when you arrive in the United States. Please note that the U.S. government cannot refund the money paid to a third party website.