



## VISA INFORMATION

### Conservation Coaches Network Rally 2018

April 30 - May 3, 2018

[Fairmont Resort Blue Mountains](#)

1 Sublime Point Road, 2780 Leura, New South Wales, Australia



#### Visa Information

Please check visa requirements for Australia and allow for sufficient time for processing, here is a link where you can enter your country information and get guidance on the type of visa: <https://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1>

Always contact the Embassy or Consulate of Australia in your home country for information on all visa matters. The Embassy or Consulate of Australia can inform you on all the procedures on obtaining a valid visa for Australia.

Unless you are an Australian or New Zealand citizen, you will need a valid Australian visa to enter the country. New Zealand passport holders can apply for a visa upon arrival in the country. All other passport holders must apply for a visa before leaving home. You can apply for a range of visas, including tourist visas and working holiday visas, at your nearest Australian Embassy or Consulate. You can also apply for certain types of visas on the [Australia Department of Immigration and Border Protection](#) website.

There are a variety of visas available to travelers to Australia. The type of visa you should apply for depends on the length of your stay, your passport and the purpose of your visit.

#### **eVisitor (subclass 651)**

This is a free visa for multiple visits to Australia for tourism or business purposes for up to three months at a time within a 12-month period. This visa is available to passport holders from a number of European countries and it cannot be extended. <http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1/651->

#### **Electronic Travel Authority visa (subclass 601)**

This visa allows you to visit Australia as many times as you want, for up to a year, and stay for three months each visit. This visa is available to passport holders from a number of countries and regions, who live outside Australia. There is no visa application charge for an ETA, however a \$20 service charge applies for online applications only. For more information see: <http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1/601->

### **Visitor visa (subclass 600)**

The Visitor visa is designed for people who are not eligible for the eVisitor or Electronic Travel Authority visa. This visa allows you to visit Australia, either for tourism or business purposes, for up to three, six or 12 months. The base application fee for this visa ranges from \$135 to \$340. For more information see: <http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1/600->

***We have checked with immigration authorities, and since participants are not being paid by any Australian organization to attend or work at the Rally, you are eligible for one of the three visa types listed above.***

Visa processing times are of most relevance for those attending from countries that need to apply for the Visitor Visa (subclass 600), as the other two visas are generally processed within 24 hours. For subclass 600 visas they normally advise to allow 6-8 weeks processing time – which would mean certain participants need to apply for their visas in late February or early March. However, we have been informed that the current visa processing times are averaging only 4 weeks.

Our event was registered with the Department of Immigration and Border Protection as “Conservation Coaches Network (CCNet) Rally.” We will provide immigration authorities with a list of people who will be attending which will be shared with all their embassies and consulates, to streamline your visa request. In order to provide your information to authorities, you need to fill out your [registration online](#) by February 28, 2018.

In accordance with Australia's Privacy Act 1988, any information an event organiser or participant provides to the IECN (International Event Coordinator Network within the Department of Home Affairs) will only be used to facilitate visa processing with the relevant Australian visa office overseas.

We are happy to provide an invitation letter if you need it, please contact Kimberly Corbett ([kcorbett@tnc.org](mailto:kcorbett@tnc.org)). For the letter we will need: Your full name, job title, organization you work for, and who will cover your attendance costs.

### **Other important information about traveling to Australia**

#### **Check the current validity of your passport.**

It is strongly recommended that you have six months validity on your passport at all times.

#### **Make sure your passport has blank Visa pages.**

It is recommended that you have at least two free pages in Visas section of your passport before any international travel.

#### **Confirm if transit visa is required for any connections.**

Check with your airline in case you have connecting flights overseas as part of your journey to Australia. ***It may be the case that countries you pass through enroute to your destination may require a separate transit visa. Refer to visa requirements of the specific country.***

**Pack your bags! We look forward to seeing you at CCNet Rally 2018!**

