New Travel Rules to Europe: EES & ETIAS Timeline

12 Oct 2025 Early 2026 Late 2026

EES starts — biometrics on first entry EES fully operational ETIAS launch window

EES — What to Expect

- No more manual stamps; digital entry/exit log
- Fingerprints + facial image on first entry
- Enforces Schengen 90/180-day rule

ETIAS — Quick Facts

- Not a visa; online pre-travel authorisation
- Valid 3 years or until passport expiry
- Most approvals in minutes

Pre-trip Checklist

- ✓ Check passport (3+ months left)
- ✓ Apply for ETIAS (when live)
- ✓ Allow time for EES biometrics
- √ Track 90/180 days
- ✓ Proof of funds & accommodation
- ✓ Beware of scam sites