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International Shipping is Easy Online

Recommended Dates for International Holiday Mail

Washington, DC — It's a long way to Tipperary, or Tokyo or Tasmania. When mailing holiday gifts, faraway family and friends can be as close as a personal computer — making it easy to mail to places far from home from your home.

"Going online with *usps.com* makes international shipping easy," says Paul Vogel, managing director, Global Business and senior vice president. Online customers can use a simplified customs and address label form combined into one. There are guidelines to take customers through any special requirements for foreign destinations.

"You also get savings on postage when you ship online at *usps.com*," adds Vogel. "Order free shipping supplies or schedule free package pickup for that perfect holiday gift to Paris, Perth or Panama City. Give it to us, we'll get it there."

The Postal Service recommends the following deadlines for international delivery of holiday cards and packages by Dec. 25.

International Mail Addressed to	Global Express Guaranteed ^{1/}	Express Mail [®] International ^{2/}	Priority Mail [®] International ^{2/}	First-Class Mail [®] International
		Date-certain shipping to over 190 countries in one to three business days	Expedited service to over 190 countries in three to five business days to major destinations.	Priority handling for delivery within six to 10 business days for parcels up to 70 pounds.
	\$100 Insurance included Save 10% Online	\$100 Insurance included Save 8% Online	Save 5% Online Free Limited Insurance Flat Rate Envelope and Flat Rate Boxes	For letters, large envelopes, small packages, postal cards, printed matter, and small packets
Africa	Dec 19	Dec 12	Dec 4	Dec 4
Asia/Pacific Rim	Dec 19	Dec 17	Dec 11	Dec 11
Australia/New Zealand	Dec 19	Dec 17	Dec 11	Dec 11
Canada	Dec 22	Dec 18	Dec 11	Dec 11
Caribbean	Dec 22	Dec 17	Dec 11	Dec 11
Central/South America	Dec 19	Dec 12	Dec 4	Dec 4
Mexico	Dec 22	Dec 17	Dec 11	Dec 11
Europe	Dec 22	Dec 17	Dec 11	Dec 11
Middle East	Dec 19	Dec 17	Dec 11	Dec 11

^{1/} GXG is available to over 190 countries via an alliance with Federal Express. See a retail associate at participating locations for a complete list of countries and money-back guarantee details, or go to pe.usps.com and click on *International Rates and Fees*, then *Country Listing*. Some restrictions apply. Purchase postage online and get 10 percent savings.

^{2/} Express Mail International is available to over 190 countries with delivery in an average of three to five business days. Guaranteed,

money-back service available to Australia, China, Hong Kong, Japan and Republic of South Korea. Flat-rate shipping options are available with free packaging. Purchase postage online and get 8 percent savings.
3/ Priority Mail International is available to over 190 countries with delivery in an average of six to 10 business days. Flat-rate shipping options are available with free packaging. Purchase postage online and get 5 percent savings.

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Please Note: To review the Postal Service's international pages online, go to <http://www.usps.com/international/comparewaystosend.htm>. Broadcast quality video and audio, photo stills and other media resources can be found at the Postal Service newsroom at www.usps.com/news.

An independent federal agency, the U.S. Postal Service is the only delivery service that reaches every address in the nation, 146 million homes and businesses, six days a week. It has 37,000 retail locations and relies on the sale of postage, products and services, not tax dollars, to pay for operating expenses. The Postal Service has annual revenue of \$75 billion and delivers nearly half the world's mail.

