

15 Interview Questions and Answers for US Tourist Visa

Use these effective tactics when responding to interview questions to increase your chances of a successful US tourist visa application.

1. How many countries have you been to?

You must provide the Consulate with precise details of your travel history abroad and the reasons for each trip. Adding more details about your arrival and departure times can enhance your credibility.

For example, “Previously, our careers and raising children left little opportunity for vacations. However, now that our children are grown and settled in the US, they generously sponsored us for a month-long European tour last year. They’ve been eagerly inviting us to visit them this year, so my husband and I made the decision to spend three weeks with them and applied for a visit visa.”

2. Why are you going to the US?

Aim for concise and informative responses, **avoiding blunt one-word answers** like “For vacation.”

It’s also important to be well-informed about your travel destination and have a clear plan for the duration of your visit. Make sure the travel itinerary you provide to the Consular officer accurately reflects the details you mentioned in your interview.

For example, “I’m planning an 8-day trip to the United States, visiting Los Angeles and Las Vegas.”

3. What are you most looking forward to during your visit?

The Consular officer aims to check whether you are genuinely looking forward to a vacation in the US and if you have spent time preparing for the trip.

Therefore, be sure to browse featured attractions in the US when outlining your itinerary. Being well-prepared helps you present yourself in a genuine and authentic way.

Sample answer: “I’d like to visit California and explore some of the popular attractions such as Catalina Island, San Diego City, etc.”

4. How long do you intend to stay in the US?

Be transparent and honest. Provide your schedules and destinations of your travel plan.

For example, “I intend to visit California for a week, including two days in San Diego, two days in Catalina Island, and three days in Santa Barbara.”

5. Do you have relatives in the US?

Give this question a brief answer. **For example**, “I have a biological sister in the US.”

Friendly reminder: If the officer doesn't ask you a specific question, don't provide any irrelevant information. Remember not to mention any acquaintance or distant relative that are not included in your application.

6. Who is going to sponsor your trip to the US?

Provide a concise answer that indicates who is responsible for sponsoring your trip. It is preferable to prepare your financial proof beforehand and mention it in your answer.

For example, “I'm paying for the trip by myself. I have budgeted all the expenses. Please see my bank statements in my documents.” or “My son/daughter is pay for the trip.”

7. Are you married?

If you're married, provide a marriage certificate. If you have children, provide their birth certificates. In some cases, your house registration book can also be helpful as proof of your intention to return to your home country.

Sample answer:

- You can briefly answer: “I have been married for ... years and we have ... kid(s).”
- If you are single, you can simply say: “I am single.”

8. Who do you travel to the US with?

Most people go on vacation with others. Single travelers may likely raise concerns about potential intentions to reside and work illegally in the US. So, the Consular officer may particularly focus on whether you have companions for your trip.

Tell the officer if you travel with others. If you are traveling alone, clearly explain your reasons.

9. What do you do for a living in your home country?

Furnish sufficient information about your occupation, position, and company, featuring relevant papers such as your employment contract.

For example, “I am the head of the marketing department at ABC corporation.”

Detailed information about your occupation is more favorable than a lukewarm response like “I am an office worker.”

10. What assets do you have in your home country?

Present itemized evidence of your assets, such as houses, properties, vehicles, etc. Please note that the mentioned assets must be under your ownership or co-ownership. Prove that you're only traveling to the US for a vacation!

11. Where do you intend to stay in the US?

You must provide comprehensive descriptions of your accommodations in the US, covering addresses, cities, regions, etc.

For example, "I will stay with my relatives in Oregon."

12. Is this your first time applying for a US tourist visa?

It's best to be honest as the Consular officer can easily look up this information. Some people may assume that admitting they have been rejected before will make them look bad and hurt their chances in the current interview. But this is just a myth.

13. Have you booked a roundtrip ticket?

For this question, you may present your roundtrip ticket, along with the itinerary of your trip. However, having a roundtrip ticket isn't mandatory. You don't absolutely need to buy one before the interview, as there are many other ways the officer can verify your intention to return to your home country.

14. Given a chance, would you permanently stay in the US?

You can answer this question by acknowledging the advantages of life in the US while maintaining your commitment to your home country. Or you can mention your living habits in your home country that would not fit with permanent US residence, showing the officer that you have strong reasons to return home.

For example, "While I'm excited to visit the US, I have a strong life built here in **[your home country]**. I enjoy **[unique aspects of your home country]** and I wouldn't want to give that up permanently."

15. Are you sure?

Through this question, the Consular officer may assess **the validity of your answer**. People who are not entirely truthful with their answers are likely to stammer or exhibit uncomfortable body language.

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