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## Join @TravelGov at the New York Times Travel Show

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Are you going to be in New York City this weekend? Consider heading to the Jacob A. Javitz Convention Center for the New York Times Travel Show January 27–29! The U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Consular Affairs will have a booth (#862) set up to answer your overseas travel questions.

Karen Christensen, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Overseas Citizens Services, will represent the Bureau of Consular Affairs. In addition to answering questions at the Department’s table, she will participate in a number of events and sessions to share important travel information.

On Saturday, January 28 she and Michael Hoffman, Director of the New York Passport Agency, will participate in a “Meet the Experts” session. During this session, they will answer questions about travel preparedness, passport processing, and safety while abroad.

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Follow [@TravelGov](#) for tweets from the panel or stop by booth #862 any time during the show for answers to your passport and international travel questions!

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