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Links to reference:

Department of State: https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/tourism-visit.html

US Embassy: https://www.usembassy.gov/

Visa Wait Times: travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/visa-information-resources/wait-times.html



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