

Accessible Travel Around the World: A Guide to Handicap Laws and Regulations

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Travel should be an enriching experience for everyone, regardless of physical ability. This guide explores global accessibility, highlights the rights of disabled travelers, and provides knowledge to navigate the world with confidence.

Page 2: Why Accessibility Matters

Accessibility is more than convenience; it's a fundamental right. For the 1.3 billion people who experience significant disability, travel can be full of obstacles.

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The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) is the cornerstone of global accessibility rights. Over 180 countries are parties to the CRPD, though implementation varies.

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North America offers some of the world's most comprehensive accessibility protections. The United States and Canada lead in legal enforcement, while Mexico is making gradual improvements.

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The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 prohibits discrimination and ensures equal access in public life. This includes transportation, hotels, websites, and tourism services.