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## BLOOD DONOR TRAVEL GUIDE

The information provided here should be used as a guide to help you decide if you are eligible to donate today. The FDA has directed that travel to or residing in certain countries will make you unsuitable for donation. If you have any questions, please ask a blood bank representative.

<u>DATES</u>	<u>LENGTH OF STAY</u>	<u>COUNTRIES</u>	<u>RISK</u>
1980-96	3 months or more	The United Kingdom: England, Scotland, Wales, <u>Northern</u> Ireland, the Isle of Man, the Channel Islands, Gibraltar or the Falkland Islands	<u>vCJD</u>
1980-96	6 months or more	U.S. military base in Greece, Italy, Portugal, Spain or Turkey	<u>vCJD</u>
1980-90	6 months or more	U.S. military base in the United Kingdom, Belgium, Germany or the Netherlands	<u>vCJD</u>
1980 – now	5 years or more	Europe: Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Leichtenstein, Luxembourg, Macedonia, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the UK, and Yugoslavia (Serbia, Kosovo, Montenegro)	<u>vCJD</u>
1977 -- now	6 months or more	Countries of Africa: Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Niger, Nigeria	<b>HIV-1, Group O</b>
<i>Travel: Past 12 months Resident: Within past 3 years</i>	<i>Travel: Any time Resident: 6 months or more</i>	Most of Central & South America, Africa, Southeast Asia, areas of Mexico, tropical areas. <u>Ask blood donor staff about specific areas.</u>	<u>Malaria</u>
Within past 12 months	Any length of time	Iraq	<b>Leishmaniasis</b>