

Capita selecta van een discussie op een forum voor de Britten in de Creuse.

November 2017:

“ We have been coming to the Creuse regularly since we bought our place over 30 years ago, and since I retired, about 12 years ago, have been spending just under six months per year there. Though we knew that there was a visa requirement for non-EU citizens for stays longer than three months, our local mayor had told us not to concern ourselves with it. Last week, tho, when leaving to return to the USA, the French customs agent noted we'd been in France since May without such a visa. We were treated to a tour of CDG's underground anthill where there were an impressive number of cops, all quite polite, and were fined 180€ each before being allowed to board the plane. At least our dog was not so fined. Since the cost to apply for the now-enforce visa is about 125€, I guess we came out ahead (other than the anxiety issue), since one of the visa requirements is an impressively overpriced health insurance policy for the planned stay.... How this will impact Brits, post-Brexit, is probably under discussion now, where politicians without a clue are debating issues which are mostly obscure and without any real accountability. *Bon courage.* “

Mei 2018:

“ The French (or perhaps the EU) bureaucracy has finally decided to enforce the visa-needed-for-more-than-three-months rule. So we spent a bizarre day at the San Francisco French consulate, and after considerable weird paper-shuffling did get them. And a few days ago I got a link, thanks to my daughter's peculiar job which involves keeping up with the Albanian press, which suggests that the whole process is planned to become quick, cheap and painless. Forgive my deep scepticism; I'd be interested if anyone has any opinions about [ETIAS](#). Even though the UK is not in the Schengen group, it appears this ETIAS visa won't be necessary (even if it is eventually available) for you Brits).

If there are no terrorist issues, mid-air catastrophes, or Air France strikes, we should be back in Creuse on May 8. Wish us luck. “