

Airport headaches send tourists packing

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LOS ANGELES - Foreign travel to the United States is getting to be such a hassle that many tourists are going to other countries instead.

Foreign travel reporters, meeting in Anaheim, Calif., say the United States needs to do something about difficult visa application processes and lengthy airport security lines, the Los Angeles Times reported Wednesday.

More than 2,000 international travelers recently rated the U.S. airport arrival process the "world's worst," the newspaper said.

Fifty-four percent said they felt U.S. immigration officials were rude and 57 percent said they felt the U.S. didn't want their travel business.

The Travel Industry Association and Discover America Partnership are lobbying the U.S. government to hire more customs agents, waive visa requirements for more countries, speed the visa process and create an international registered travel program for frequent visitors, the newspaper said.

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