

Thank You, America

World Cup host nations get one chance to show the world who they are. This summer, the United States joined Canada and Mexico in that responsibility—and delivered.

Millions of visitors came to the United States for the 2026 World Cup and found a country that welcomed them: in stadiums and small businesses, at airports and on front porches, in cities that hosted matches, and in towns that never expected a single visitor but received thousands.

From those of us who work in travel and tourism, to every American who opened a door, gave directions, or made a stranger feel like a guest instead of a visitor: thank you. The American people delivered and the world noticed.

We congratulate President Trump, the administration, and government leaders nationwide on delivering the largest World Cup in the tournament's history—on time and at a scale few believed possible. That took remarkable coordination across the White House World Cup Task Force and state and local governments.

This warm American welcome to the world was more than a moment of hospitality. It was an investment in our economy, our communities, and our reputation around the world. International visitors support local businesses and create American jobs. Every visitor who left with a positive experience became an ambassador for our country.

The 2026 World Cup showed what's possible when America welcomes the world. The task now is to make that the rule, not the exception. We already welcome nearly 70 million international visitors a year*. With the 2028 Summer Olympics and the 2034 Winter Olympics ahead, we have the chance to make hosting the world not a one-time achievement, but a part of America's identity. We look forward to working with President Trump and leaders across government to build the Golden Age of American travel.

We live in the greatest country on earth. Thank you to every American who welcomed the world with open arms.

Sincerely,

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