



The Henley & Partners Visa Restrictions Index 2015

Global Travel Freedom at a Glance

The *Henley & Partners* Visa Restrictions Index is a global ranking of countries according to the travel freedom that their citizens enjoy.

For more than 10 years, *Henley & Partners* has analysed the visa regulations of all countries and territories in the world and present an index which ranks each by the number of other countries that their citizens can travel to without having to obtain a visa.

The index is produced in cooperation with the International Air Transport Association (IATA), which maintains the world's largest database of travel information, and is published annually.

How to read the index:

Countries are ranked according to the total number of other countries which they can access visa-free access. Hence, Germany and the UK, who have the joint highest score with visa-free access to 173 countries, rank in first place.

Rank	Citizenship/Passport	Score
1	Germany	173
	United Kingdom (Great Britain)	
2	Finland	172
	Sweden	
	USA	
3	Denmark	171
	France	
	Italy	
	Japan	
	Korea (Republic of, South)	
	Luxembourg	
	Netherlands	
	Norway	
4	Belgium	170
	Canada	
	New Zealand	
	Portugal	
	Spain	
5	Austria	169
	Ireland	
	Singapore	
	Switzerland	
6	Australia	168
7	Greece	167
	Malta	
8	Iceland	164
	Czech Republic	
9	Malaysia	163
	Hungary	
10	Slovakia	162
11	Liechtenstein	161
	Slovenia	
12	Latvia	160
13	Lithuania	159
	Estonia	
14	Poland	158
	Cyprus	
15	San Marino	153
16	Hong Kong (SAR China)	152
17	Monaco	151
18	Argentina	150
	Brunei Darussalam	
	Chile	
	Bulgaria	
19	Andorra	149
	Romania	
20	Brazil	148
21	Israel	145
22	Croatia	142
23	Bahamas	139
24	Barbados	138
25	Uruguay	134
26	Antigua and Barbuda	133
	Mexico	
27	St. Kitts and Nevis	131
28	Taiwan	129
	Seychelles	
	Venezuela	
29	Vatican City	128
30	Costa Rica	127
31	Trinidad and Tobago	126
32	Panama	125
33	Mauritius	124
34	Paraguay	123
35	St. Lucia	121
36	Macao (SAR China)	120
37	St. Vincent and the Grenadines	119
38	Grenada	117
39	Honduras	116
40	United Arab Emirates	114
41	Dominica	113
	Guatemala	
42	El Salvador	112
43	Serbia	110
44	Samoa	109
45	Nicaragua	108
46	Macedonia (FYROM)	107
47	Vanuatu	106
48	Montenegro	104
49	Russian Federation	102
	Turkey	
50	Bosnia and Herzegovina	98
51	Moldova	95
	South Africa	
52	Albania	94
53	Belize	91
54	Solomon Islands	85
55	Tuvalu	83
56	Peru	82
57	Maldives	81
58	Fiji	80
	Guyana	
	Kiribati	
	Tonga	
59	Nauru	79
	Ukraine	
60	Ecuador	78
	Kuwait	
61	Marshall Islands	77
62	Jamaica	76
	Papua New Guinea	
63	Qatar	74
64	Micronesia (Federated States)	73
65	Botswana	72
	Palau	
66	Bolivia	71
67	Bahrain	70
	Kenya	
	Namibia	
	Suriname	
68	Lesotho	69
69	Oman	
	Thailand	
70	Swaziland	67
71	Colombia	66
	Gambia	
	Malawi	
	Saudi Arabia	
72	Kazakhstan	65
	Tanzania	
	Zambia	
73	Tunisia	63
74	Belarus	62
75	Georgia	61
	Ghana	
	Uganda	
76	Philippines	60
77	Cuba	59
78	Azerbaijan	58
	Zimbabwe	
79	Benin	56
	Cape Verde	
	Kyrgyzstan	
	Morocco	

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80	Indonesia	55	Rwanda	47	96	Korea (Democratic People's Republic of, North)	39		
81	Cote d'Ivoire	54	Turkmenistan			Yemen			
82	Mauritania	53	89	Guinea-Bissau	46				
	Senegal			Madagascar					
83	Armenia	52	90	Algeria	45	97	Sri Lanka	38	
	Burkina Faso			China					
	Mongolia			Haiti		98	Congo (Democratic Republic of, Kinshasa)	37	
	Uzbekistan			Laos			Iran		
84	Dominican Republic	51		Vietnam			Lebanon		
	India		91	Cameroon	44		Liberia		
	Niger			Central African Republic		99	Kosovo	36	
	Tajikistan			Comoros			100	Ethiopia	35
	Togo			Jordan			South Sudan		
85	Mali	50		Nigeria			Sudan		
	Sao Tome & Principe		92	Guinea	43	101	Eritrea	34	
86	Mozambique	49	93	Equatorial Guinea	42		Nepal		
	Sierra Leone			Burundi	41		Palestinian Territory		
	Timor Leste		94	Congo (Republic of, Brazzaville)		102	Syria	33	
87	Bhutan	48		Djibouti			103	Pakistan	31
88	Cambodia	47	95	Angola	40	104	Somalia	30	
	Chad			Bangladesh			105	Iraq	29
	Egypt			Myanmar		106	Afghanistan	25	
	Gabon								

Methodology

The *Henley & Partners* Visa Restrictions Index contains the following assumptions:

- All passports evaluated are assumed to be biometric (ICAO 9303 compliant)
- There are 219 destination countries (territories) in total. The maximum attainable score is 218 (points are not assigned for a national traveling to their own country)
- The amount of nationalities (passports) evaluated is 199. These are the 193 Member States of the United Nations, Taiwan, Kosovo, Palestinian Territory, Vatican City, Hong Kong (SAR China), Macao (SAR China)
- E-visas are treated in the same way as visas on arrival. Where the conditions for obtaining an e-visa are straightforward (fee, return ticket, hotel reservation), a point was assigned. Where there are additional conditions (e.g. invitation letter, consular approval), a point was not assigned
- Countries that do not enforce their own visa restrictions are considered as a nationality, but not as a destination: Andorra, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Palestinian Territory, San Marino, Vatican City
- Countries that enforce their own visa restrictions but issue passports under the authority of a governing country are considered as a destination, but not as a nationality: Aruba, Anguilla, Bermuda, Bonaire and St. Eustatius and Saba, Cayman Islands, Curacao, Cook Islands, Falkland Islands, French Guiana, French Polynesia, French West Indies, Gibraltar, Guam, Mayotte, Montserrat, New Caledonia, Niue, Norfolk Island, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, Reunion, Samoa (American), St. Maarten, Turks and Caicos Islands, Virgin Islands (British), Virgin Islands (US)

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