

REFERENCE · REPORT

The Nomad Country *Fact Sheets* 2026

43 countries with a remote-work visa, one sheet each: the visa as it stands this year, what a month costs, the tax and entry facts that catch people out, the cities worth a guide, and what a desk costs.

WHAT'S INSIDE

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How to read a sheet

Each sheet opens with the numbers that decide a first pass (a month at three tiers, the visa-free tourist allowance, timezone, English level, and EnRoute's country Geo-Flex rating out of 10), followed by an editorial summary written and verified by EnRoute for the country guide. The summary is where the 2026 detail lives: the visa as it currently works, the tax rule most guides still get wrong, and the seasonal or sponsored lanes for people who want work that happens off the laptop.

Where a programme is in EnRoute's visa table, its threshold, fee, processing time and stay follow. Where EnRoute has city guides for the country, they are listed with cost, rent, safety and best months. Where the coworking directory covers a city, desk prices follow that.

*Visa-free days are for visa-exempt nationalities and may not apply to your passport. Everything here is a snapshot; the official visa page linked on each sheet is the authority.

SOURCES

EnRoute Jobs country guides (public.countries.ai_summary), written and verified by EnRoute editors.

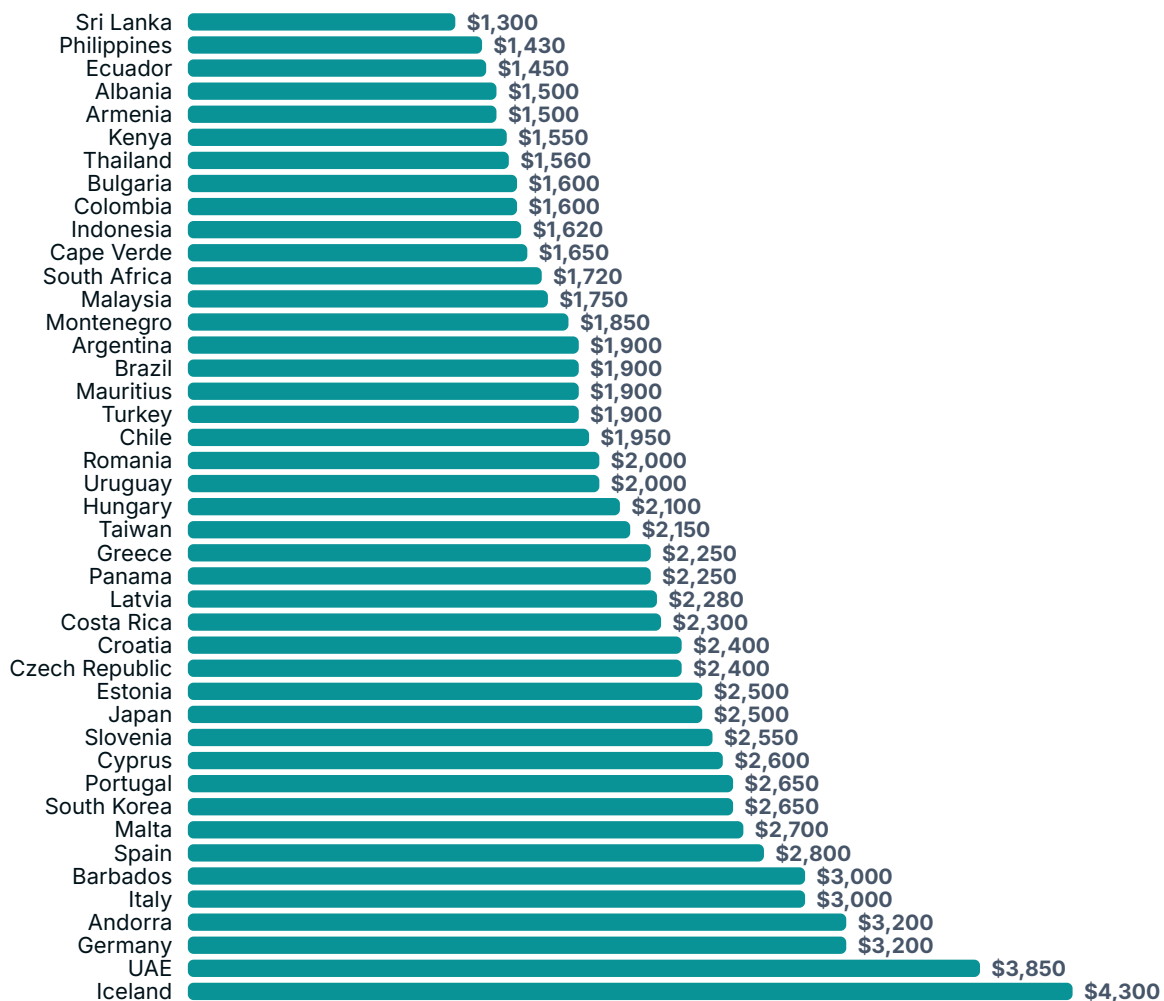
EnRoute Jobs country guides (public.countries). Monthly figures are USD, for one person, at budget / typical nomad / comfortable tiers.

EnRoute Jobs coworking directory (public.coworking_spaces), 335 verified spaces in 176 cities. Prices in USD; day pass and monthly hot desk, median per city.

Snapshot 2026-09-12.

Nomad-tier monthly cost across the 44 countries

USD, one person. Where the money goes furthest.



EnRoute Jobs, 2026-09-12

Europe

20
countries,
alphabetical.

Albania

Nomad visaUTC +1English: medium

\$800

BUDGET / MONTH

\$1,500

NOMAD / MONTH

\$3,200

COMFORTABLE

90

VISA-FREE DAYS*

7.2

COUNTRY GEO-FLEX / 10

Albania is one of the cheapest legal bases in Europe for remote workers, with a comfortable single-person budget of roughly EUR 650 to EUR 900 per month in Tirana. It sits outside the Schengen Area, so time spent here does not burn your 90-day Schengen allowance. Most Western passport holders enter visa-free for 90 days within any 180-day period, and US citizens can stay up to 12 months without any visa or permit at all. For longer stays, the Unique Permit for Digital Mobile Workers grants one year of legal residence, renews toward permanent residency, and carries a 12-month exemption on foreign income. The coastal season offers the other lane: Riviera hostels and beach bars staff up every summer, many on room-and-board exchanges.

Coworking: Tirana 7 spaces in the directory, hot desk from \$70/mo, day pass ~\$8.

Currency ALL · Guide: enroutejobs.com/countries/albania · Official visa page: e-visa.al

Andorra

Nomad visaUTC +1English: low

\$1,900

BUDGET / MONTH

\$3,200

NOMAD / MONTH

\$6,500

COMFORTABLE

90

VISA-FREE DAYS*

6

COUNTRY GEO-FLEX / 10

Andorra runs a genuine digital nomad residence permit in 2026, created by its Digital Economy Law: approval from the Ministry of the Economy as a location-independent professional, income around 300 percent of the Andorran minimum wage, comprehensive private health insurance, Andorran housing and a 90-day-per-year presence floor, with no local company required and no 50,000-euro deposit, though the honest print is a quota of just 50 nomad permits, pooled to 100 with the entrepreneur program. Around it sit the classic doors, all repriced by the 2025-2026 laws: passive residence now at 1,000,000 euros in Andorran assets, 800,000 minimum per property, or 400,000 via the Housing Fund, plus a now non-refundable 50,000-euro state contribution, at 90 days' presence; and active self-employed residence through an Andorran company with majority participation, a 50,000-euro contribution and 183 days. The prize is the same for all three: a 10-percent income-tax ceiling, 4.5-percent VAT, no wealth or inheritance tax, near-zero crime, and a Pyrenean principality you can only reach by road, which is precisely the point. The temporada seasonal permit is the volume lane: thousands issue every winter to staff the ski resorts.

Currency EUR · Guide: enroutejobs.com/countries/andorra · Official visa page: www.immigracio.ad/en/

Bulgaria

Schengen

EU

Nomad visa

UTC +2

English: medium

\$1,050

BUDGET /
MONTH

\$1,600

NOMAD /
MONTH

\$3,300

COMFORTABLE

90

VISA-FREE
DAYS*

8.4

COUNTRY GEO-
FLEX / 10

Bulgaria compressed a decade of integration into thirteen months: full Schengen membership arrived January 1, 2025, the euro replaced the lev on January 1, 2026 making it the eurozone's 21st member, and the digital nomad visa opened for applications on December 20, 2025 under a new residence category in the Law on Foreigners. The visa asks income of 50 times the monthly minimum wage, roughly 31,000 euros a year, from one of three lanes, remote employees of non-EU companies, owners of at least a quarter of a foreign business, or freelancers with a year's track record serving non-Bulgarian clients, runs through a Type D visa at an embassy followed by a residence permit filed within 14 days of arrival, and grants one year renewable for a second. Underneath sits the draw that predates all of it: a 10 percent flat income tax, EU-lowest alongside Romania, plus the lowest costs in the union, Bansko's status as Europe's most famous purpose-built nomad town with the world's largest nomad festival, and Sofia, Plovdiv and the Black Sea coast as the supporting cast. The seasonal calendar hires beside the visa: Bansko's ski winter and the Black Sea summer both staff up every year.

CITY GUIDE	NOMAD / MO	1BR CENTRE	SAFETY	INTERNET	BEST MONTHS
Bansko	\$1,350	\$400	80	good	Dec–Feb, Jun
Sofia	\$1,600	\$550	78	excellent	May–Jun, Sep–Oct

Currency EUR · Guide: enroutejobs.com/countries/bulgaria · Official visa page: www.mfa.bg/en/

Croatia

Schengen

EU

Nomad visa

UTC +1

English: medium

\$1,300

BUDGET /
MONTH

\$2,400

NOMAD /
MONTH

\$4,600

COMFORTABLE

90

VISA-FREE
DAYS*

7.6

COUNTRY GEO-
FLEX / 10

Croatia runs one of the most generous digital nomad programs in Europe, and most guides describe an older, smaller version of it. The amended Foreigners Act of March 2025 stretched the maximum stay from 12 to 18 months, and the income bar was raised again in early 2026 to 3,622.50 euros a month, or savings of 43,470 euros for a year and 65,205 for the full 18 months. The headline benefit survived every revision: qualifying remote-work income is exempt from Croatian income tax by explicit statute, even past the 183-day mark that triggers residency almost everywhere else. Croatia has been a full Schengen and eurozone member since January 2023, so the permit doubles as a Schengen travel base, and the standard 90-in-180 rule governs everyone without it. The permit is one lane of several: the world's largest yacht-charter fleet, the coastal hotel season, and the island hostels all hire on the summer calendar, and EU citizens need no permit at all.

PROGRAMME	INCOME / MO	FEE	WEEKS	STAY	RENEWS
Digital Nomad Residence Permit	\$2,539	\$55	4–8	1 yr	—

CITY GUIDE	NOMAD / MO	1BR CENTRE	SAFETY	INTERNET	BEST MONTHS
Split	\$2,900	\$900	80	good	May–Jun, Sep–Oct

Coworking: Zagreb 2 spaces in the directory, hot desk from \$60/mo, day pass ~\$9 · Split 2 spaces in the directory, hot desk from \$125/mo, day pass ~\$14.

Cyprus

EU

Nomad visa

UTC +2

English: high

\$1,500BUDGET /
MONTH**\$2,600**NOMAD /
MONTH**\$5,200**

COMFORTABLE

90VISA-FREE
DAYS***7.7**COUNTRY GEO-
FLEX / 10

Cyprus runs a capped digital nomad scheme with a history worth knowing: launched in 2021 with 100 permits, raised to 500, suspended when full, then reopened in March 2025 with a fresh allocation and reports of further expansion since, so the standing advice is to apply while slots exist. The bar is 3,500 euros a month net after taxes, one of the few thresholds in Europe measured on take-home pay, rising 20 percent for a spouse and 15 percent per child; the permit runs one year plus a two-year renewal, and, unusually, its years count toward the five-year permanent-residency clock. The deeper draw is fiscal architecture: Cyprus's 60-day tax-residency rule and non-dom regime exempt foreign dividends and interest for 17 years, which makes the island the EU's structuring capital for owner-operators. Cyprus remains outside Schengen with accession progressing, and 2026 brought regional turbulence, a drone strike on the British base at Akrotiri in March and a US advisory that spiked to Level 3 before settling back as tensions eased; ground conditions stayed normal throughout. The summer season from Paphos to Ayia Napa hires in volume, mostly on EU passports.

PROGRAMME	INCOME / MO	FEE	WEEKS	STAY	RENEWS
Digital Nomad Visa	\$3,500	\$70	6–10	1 yr	✓

CITY GUIDE	NOMAD / MO	1BR CENTRE	SAFETY	INTERNET	BEST MONTHS
Limassol	\$3,200	\$1,000	80	good	Mar–Apr, Oct–Nov

Currency EUR · Guide: [enroutejobs.com/cyprus](https://enroutejobs.com/countries/cyprus) · Official visa page: www.gov.cy/en/

Czech Republic

Schengen

EU

Nomad visa

UTC +1

English: medium

\$1,400BUDGET /
MONTH**\$2,400**NOMAD /
MONTH**\$4,900**

COMFORTABLE

90VISA-FREE
DAYS***7.8**COUNTRY GEO-
FLEX / 10

Czechia has run a Digital Nomad Program since July 2023, and pages claiming the country has no nomad route are three years out of date. It is the most curated program in Europe: open only to citizens of thirteen countries, the US, UK, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, and, in an expansion most guides missed, Brazil, India, Israel, Mexico and Singapore, and only to IT and marketing professionals with a STEM degree or three years' experience. Income must reach 1.5 times the Czech average salary, CZK 69,836 a month in the May 2025 to April 2026 window with the figure resetting every May, and the prize is a fast-tracked long-term visa decided within 45 days, feeding into the trade-licence freelancer system whose 60/40 flat expense rate makes Czech freelance tax among the gentlest in the EU. Everyone else gets the Schengen 90 days and the classic živno business-visa route. Teaching English is the other established lane: Prague's language schools hire year-round and sponsor the paperwork that follows.

CITY GUIDE	NOMAD / MO	1BR CENTRE	SAFETY	INTERNET	BEST MONTHS
Prague	\$2,700	\$900	78	excellent	May, Sep–Oct
Brno	\$2,300	\$700	80	excellent	May, Sep–Oct

Estonia

Schengen

EU

Nomad visa

UTC +2

English: medium

\$1,500

BUDGET /
MONTH

\$2,500

NOMAD /
MONTH

\$5,000

COMFORTABLE

90

VISA-FREE
DAYS*

8.2

COUNTRY GEO-
FLEX / 10

Estonia invented the digital nomad visa in August 2020, and its 2026 version is stricter than the internet remembers: the income bar now stands at 4,500 euros gross a month, proven across the six months before applying, and the widely republished 3,504-euro figure is simply out of date. The visa runs up to a year as a Type D long-stay permit, sits outside both the Schengen 90/180 clock and Estonia's tight 1,292-slot immigration quota, and cannot be renewed in-country. Two distinctions matter more here than anywhere: e-Residency is a company-running digital identity, not a visa, and grants no right to set foot in the country; and the tax story most guides tell is a year stale, since the legislated rise to 24 percent income tax for 2026 was cancelled in December 2025, leaving the flat rate at 22 percent while VAT settled permanently at 24.

PROGRAMME	INCOME / MO	FEE	WEEKS	STAY	RENEWS
Digital Nomad Visa	\$4,500	\$80	4–8	1 yr	—
CITY GUIDE	NOMAD / MO	1BR CENTRE	SAFETY	INTERNET	BEST MONTHS
Tallinn	\$2,600	\$850	80	excellent	May–Sep

Currency EUR · Guide: enroutejobs.com/countries/estonia · Official visa page: www.e-resident.gov.ee/nomadvisa/

Germany

Schengen

EU

Nomad visa

UTC +1

English: medium

\$2,000

BUDGET /
MONTH

\$3,200

NOMAD /
MONTH

\$6,500

COMFORTABLE

90

VISA-FREE
DAYS*

7.5

COUNTRY GEO-
FLEX / 10

Germany has no digital nomad visa, and what circulates online under that name is actually the Freiberufler residence permit, a real self-employment permit under Section 21 of the Residence Act that predates the nomad visa trend by decades. It grants one to three years of legal residence with a path to permanent residency, and unlike a true nomad visa it demands substance: a business plan, client letters, German-standard health insurance and income that covers your costs. Citizens of the US, UK, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Japan and South Korea may enter visa-free and apply from inside Germany within their 90 Schengen days. Since the EES biometric system went live at Schengen borders, those 90 days in any 180 are counted electronically, so the old informality about a day or two over is gone. For everyone under 31 from a working holiday partner country, a year of open work rights is available without any of it.

PROGRAMME	INCOME / MO	FEE	WEEKS	STAY	RENEWS
Freiberufler (Freelancer) Visa	\$3,500	\$100	12–20	1 yr	✓
CITY GUIDE	NOMAD / MO	1BR CENTRE	SAFETY	INTERNET	BEST MONTHS
Berlin	\$3,200	\$1,300	72	excellent	May–Sep
Munich	\$4,000	\$1,900	78	excellent	May–Jun, Sep–Oct

Currency EUR · Guide: enroutejobs.com/countries/germany · Official visa page: www.make-it-in-germany.com/en/

Greece

[Schengen](#)[EU](#)[Nomad visa](#)[UTC +2](#)[English: medium](#)**\$1,300**BUDGET /
MONTH**\$2,250**NOMAD /
MONTH**\$4,700**

COMFORTABLE

90VISA-FREE
DAYS***7.8**COUNTRY GEO-
FLEX / 10

Greece's digital nomad visa requires EUR 3,500 a month, raised from EUR 2,500 in 2025, and converts after twelve months into a two-year residence permit that renews. Two things changed recently and both matter. Law 5275/2026, effective 5 February 2026, abolished in-country applications, so you must now file at a Greek consulate before travelling rather than arriving as a tourist and applying from inside. And the much-advertised 50% tax reduction under Article 5C sits in direct conflict with the visa itself: that regime requires economic activity exercised in Greece, while the visa requires your work to be for non-Greek employers and clients. Do not plan around it without Greek tax advice. Seasonal work is the other Greek economy: island hospitality hires in volume from April to October, and the olive harvest follows in autumn.

PROGRAMME	INCOME / MO	FEE	WEEKS	STAY	RENEWS
Digital Nomad Visa	\$3,500	\$150	8–12	1 yr	✓

CITY GUIDE	NOMAD / MO	1BR CENTRE	SAFETY	INTERNET	BEST MONTHS
Athens	\$2,800	\$800	68	excellent	Apr–May, Oct–Nov

Coworking: Thessaloniki 2 spaces in the directory, hot desk from \$105/mo, day pass ~\$10 · Athens 2 spaces in the directory, hot desk from \$105/mo, day pass ~\$11.

Currency EUR · Guide: enroutejobs.com/countries/greece

Hungary

[Schengen](#)[EU](#)[Nomad visa](#)[UTC +1](#)[English: low](#)**\$1,100**BUDGET /
MONTH**\$2,100**NOMAD /
MONTH**\$4,300**

COMFORTABLE

90VISA-FREE
DAYS***7.6**COUNTRY GEO-
FLEX / 10

Hungary's White Card is one of Europe's most streamlined nomad permits and one of its most misquoted. The income bar is 3,000 euros net a month, raised from the widely republished 2,000 in 2024, proven for the six months before applying and required, per the immigration authority's own factsheet, for the full stay. The card runs one year, renews once to a hard two-year ceiling, admits no family members, builds no path to permanent residence, and prohibits Hungarian employers, Hungarian clients and even shares in a Hungarian company. What it buys is a Schengen residence in one of the continent's great capitals at Central European prices, with a 15 percent flat tax if you become resident and, contrary to persistent marketing, no special tax exemption: under 183 days you are simply a non-resident like anywhere else, and past it Hungary taxes worldwide income at its famously low flat rate. Lake Balaton's summer season and Budapest's hostel exchange scene run the non-remote lanes.

PROGRAMME	INCOME / MO	FEE	WEEKS	STAY	RENEWS
White Card	\$2,000	\$95	4–8	1 yr	✓

CITY GUIDE	NOMAD / MO	1BR CENTRE	SAFETY	INTERNET	BEST MONTHS
Budapest	\$2,300	\$750	72	excellent	Apr–May, Sep–Oct

Currency HUF · Guide: enroutejobs.com/countries/hungary · Official visa page: oif.gov.hu/factsheets/white-card-residency-for-digital-nomads

Iceland

Schengen

Nomad visa

UTC +0

English: high

\$2,700

BUDGET /
MONTH

\$4,300

NOMAD /
MONTH

\$8,500

COMFORTABLE

90

VISA-FREE
DAYS*

6.5

COUNTRY GEO-
FLEX / 10

Iceland runs a dedicated remote-work visa, and pages claiming otherwise are wrong; what they should say instead is that it is the most exclusive one in Europe. The Long-Term Visa for Remote Workers, in place since October 2020, grants up to 180 days to non-EEA nationals from Schengen visa-exempt countries who work for a foreign employer or their own foreign business, at a monthly income of 1,000,000 krónur, roughly 7,000 to 8,000 dollars and the continent's highest bar, rising to 1,300,000 with family. The design is deliberately temporary: non-renewable, a twelve-month cooldown before reapplying, no path to residency, no Icelandic ID number, and a ceiling set just below the 183-day line so holders never become Icelandic tax residents. One mechanic decides everything: apply from home before entering Schengen and receive up to 180 days; apply after entering and the maximum drops to 90. Around the visa sits the world's most peaceful country in its new volcanic era, the Reykjanes eruption cycle that has closed nothing but a spa and a fishing town while the rest of the island carries on under the midnight sun. EEA citizens skip the visa entirely, and the tourism season hires guides and hotel staff across the island every summer.

Currency ISK · Guide: enroutejobs.com/countries/iceland · Official visa page: work.iceland.is/working/long-term-visa-for-remote-workers/

Italy

Schengen

EU

Nomad visa

UTC +1

English: low

\$1,800

BUDGET /
MONTH

\$3,000

NOMAD /
MONTH

\$6,200

COMFORTABLE

90

VISA-FREE
DAYS*

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COUNTRY GEO-
FLEX / 10

Italy's digital nomad visa carries the lowest income threshold in Western Europe, around EUR 28,000 a year, but the real gate is not money. Applicants must qualify as "highly specialised" workers under Article 27-quer, meaning a three-year university degree or five years of documented experience, three if you work in tech. That filter rejects more applicants than the income test does. The visa runs twelve months, renews, and counts toward permanent residency at five years. Tax is where it gets complicated: the forfettario regime offers 5% flat on freelance income under EUR 85,000, while the much-discussed impatriati 50% exemption may not apply to nomad visa holders at all. For seasonal workers the calendar matters more than the visa: winter in the Alps, summer on the coasts, and the vendemmia grape harvest each September.

PROGRAMME	INCOME / MO	FEE	WEEKS	STAY	RENEWS
Digital Nomad Visa	\$2,700	\$116	8-16	1 yr	✓
CITY GUIDE	NOMAD / MO	1BR CENTRE	SAFETY	INTERNET	BEST MONTHS
Florence	\$3,100	\$1,100	72	good	Apr-May, Sep-Oct
Milan	\$3,600	\$1,600	68	excellent	Apr-May, Sep-Oct

Coworking: Naples 2 spaces in the directory, hot desk from \$125/mo, day pass ~\$12.

Currency EUR · Guide: enroutejobs.com/countries/italy

Latvia

Schengen

EU

Nomad visa

UTC +2

English: medium

\$1,300

BUDGET /
MONTH

\$2,280

NOMAD /
MONTH

\$4,600

COMFORTABLE

90

VISA-FREE
DAYS*

7.5

COUNTRY GEO-
FLEX / 10

Latvia has run a dedicated digital nomad long-stay visa since June 2022, and its defining quirk is unique in Europe: eligibility follows your employer's registration, not your passport. The employer, or your own self-employment, must be registered in an OECD member state, and the income bar is a formula, 2.5 times Latvia's previous-year average gross salary, published at 4,213 euros a month in early 2026 and revised upward to around 4,538 as new wage data landed; the figure moves annually and the immigration office's page is the only number that counts. The visa runs one year, renews once to a two-year ceiling, grants no right to work in Latvia, attaches no family members, and builds no residency clock. Under 183 days you owe Latvia nothing on foreign income; past it, the 2025-reformed rates of 25.5 and 33 percent apply, and the 15 percent nomad flat tax that circulates online is a proposal, not law. Jūrmala's short summer season and Riga's hostel exchange scene run the non-remote lanes.

CITY GUIDE	NOMAD / MO	1BR CENTRE	SAFETY	INTERNET	BEST MONTHS
Riga	\$2,400	\$700	72	excellent	May-Sep

Currency EUR · Guide: enroutejobs.com/countries/latvia · Official visa page: www.pmlp.gov.lv/en/article/obtaining-long-stay-visa-remote-work

Malta

Schengen

EU

Nomad visa

UTC +1

English: high

\$1,600

BUDGET /
MONTH

\$2,700

NOMAD /
MONTH

\$5,400

COMFORTABLE

90

VISA-FREE
DAYS*

7.6

COUNTRY GEO-
FLEX / 10

Malta's Nomad Residence Permit is one of Europe's most polished programs, and the two facts most guides get wrong run in opposite directions. The income bar is 42,000 euros gross a year, about 3,500 a month, raised from the 32,400 that stale articles still quote, with only pre-April-2024 applicants grandfathered at the old figure. And Malta is a full Schengen member, so the permit brings 90-in-180 travel across the zone; claims that Maltese days sit outside the Schengen clock have it exactly backwards. The permit runs one year, renews to a four-year maximum, and carries a tax design formalized in January 2026 guidance: nothing on authorised remote-work income for the first twelve months, then a flat 10 percent, inside an English-speaking EU jurisdiction whose non-dom remittance basis shelters unremitted foreign income besides. The catches are a five-month annual presence expectation, 100,000-euro health insurance with travel policies rejected, and no path to permanence. Off the permit, the summer language-school season, Gozo's dive industry, and iGaming's sponsored hiring run the island's other lanes.

PROGRAMME	INCOME / MO	FEE	WEEKS	STAY	RENEWS
Nomad Residence Permit	\$2,700	\$300	4-8	1 yr	✓

CITY GUIDE	NOMAD / MO	1BR CENTRE	SAFETY	INTERNET	BEST MONTHS
Valletta	\$3,000	\$900	80	good	Mar-May, Oct-Nov

Currency EUR · Guide: enroutejobs.com/countries/malta · Official visa page: nomad.residencymalta.gov.mt/

Montenegro

Nomad visa

UTC +1

English: low

\$1,000

BUDGET /
MONTH

\$1,850

NOMAD /
MONTH

\$4,000

COMFORTABLE

90

VISA-FREE
DAYS*

7

COUNTRY GEO-
FLEX / 10

Montenegro runs a real digital nomad residence permit under its Law on Foreigners, with its own government portal, and pages claiming no program exists are years out of date. The current terms: income of 1,800 euros a month, shown across the last twelve months, a bar raised from the launch-era 1,350; a two-year permit renewable for two more, applied for in person inside the country during your 90 visa-free days; family reunification for spouses and minor children, contrary to the solo-only myth; and a statutory exemption from Montenegrin income tax and social contributions on foreign-source nomad income, confirmed in the tax law itself. Two catches frame everything: permit time builds no residency clock, and the program framework is currently legislated only through the end of 2026, so anyone serious should file by roughly October and let an approved permit run its full term regardless. The summer coast, Porto Montenegro's yacht crews, and Kolašin's small ski winter hire seasonally.

Currency EUR · Guide: enroutejobs.com/countries/montenegro · Official visa page: digitalnomads.gov.me/article/legal-status-for-nomads

Portugal

Schengen

EU

Nomad visa

UTC +0

English: medium

\$1,500

BUDGET /
MONTH

\$2,650

NOMAD /
MONTH

\$5,200

COMFORTABLE

90

VISA-FREE
DAYS*

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COUNTRY GEO-
FLEX / 10

Portugal runs Europe's most established remote-work visa, the D8, which in 2026 requires proof of EUR 3,680 per month in foreign income and EUR 11,040 in savings. Both figures are pegged to the national minimum wage of EUR 920 and rise with it each January. Non-EU visitors get the standard Schengen 90 days in any 180-day period first. The one thing most guides still get wrong: the Non-Habitual Resident tax regime closed to new applicants on 1 January 2024, so the great majority of remote workers arriving today pay ordinary Portuguese income tax at 13.25% to 48%, not a flat 20%. Remote work is the headline route, not the only one: the Algarve's summer season, the surf camps of the west coast, and the Douro harvest all hire on their own calendars.

PROGRAMME	INCOME / MO	FEE	WEEKS	STAY	RENEWS
D7 Passive Income Visa	\$1,063	\$75	8–16	1 yr	✓
D8 Digital Nomad Visa	\$4,250	\$83	8–16	1 yr	✓

CITY GUIDE	NOMAD / MO	1BR CENTRE	SAFETY	INTERNET	BEST MONTHS
Lisbon	\$3,000	\$1,500	78	excellent	Apr–Jun, Sep–Oct
Porto	\$2,600	\$1,200	80	excellent	May–Jun, Sep–Oct

Coworking: Lisbon 4 spaces in the directory, hot desk from \$160/mo, day pass ~\$18.

Currency EUR · Guide: enroutejobs.com/countries/portugal · Official visa page: vistos.mne.gov.pt/en/

Romania

[Schengen](#)[EU](#)[Nomad visa](#)[UTC +2](#)[English: medium](#)**\$1,100**BUDGET /
MONTH**\$2,000**NOMAD /
MONTH**\$4,200**

COMFORTABLE

90VISA-FREE
DAYS***7.3**COUNTRY GEO-
FLEX / 10

Romania has run a digital nomad visa since January 2022 under Law 22/2022, and pages that omit it are years out of date; what nearly every guide gets wrong instead is the price of entry. The bar is three times Romania's average gross salary, and Romanian wages have risen so fast that the 2026 figure computes to roughly 27,000 to 29,600 lei a month, about 5,400 to 5,900 euros, while articles still circulate quoting 3,700. The compensations are real: a D-visa into a 12-month residence permit whose renewal bar drops to just one times the average salary, full Schengen membership since January 2025, and one of only two statutory nomad tax exemptions in Europe, Law 69/2023 waiving Romanian income tax and social contributions on foreign salary for stays under 183 days. Past that line you are a Romanian tax resident at a flat 10 percent, which is where the country's pitch gets genuinely interesting. The Black Sea summer and the Carpathian ski winter hire on EU passports, and hostel work exchange fills the gaps.

CITY GUIDE	NOMAD / MO	1BR CENTRE	SAFETY	INTERNET	BEST MONTHS
Bucharest	\$2,000	\$600	68	excellent	May–Jun, Sep–Oct

Currency RON · Guide: enroutejobs.com/countries/romania · Official visa page: www.mae.ro/en/node/2084

Slovenia

[Schengen](#)[EU](#)[Nomad visa](#)[UTC +1](#)[English: medium](#)**\$1,500**BUDGET /
MONTH**\$2,550**NOMAD /
MONTH**\$5,200**

COMFORTABLE

90VISA-FREE
DAYS***7.4**COUNTRY GEO-
FLEX / 10

Slovenia launched Europe's newest digital nomad permit on 21 November 2025, the seventeenth dedicated route on the continent, and its design is unusually clean: up to one year for non-EU remote workers serving foreign employers or clients, income at twice the Slovenian average net salary, roughly 3,100 to 3,300 euros a month as recalculated through 2026, filed at any consulate abroad or any administrative unit inside the country. Two features distinguish it. The permit is strictly non-renewable, with a six-month absence before reapplying, but holders may switch to another permit type at any point during its validity, the official bridge for anyone who decides to stay. And family reunification is immediate, with no waiting period, generous by European standards. What the year buys is the EU's quietly superb all-rounder: Alpine trails, Adriatic evenings and a capital of 300,000 that functions like a Scandinavian one at two-thirds the price. Kranjska Gora's winter, Bled's summer, and the tourist-farm exchange scene run the seasonal lanes.

CITY GUIDE	NOMAD / MO	1BR CENTRE	SAFETY	INTERNET	BEST MONTHS
Ljubljana	\$2,600	\$950	84	excellent	May–Jun, Sep–Oct

Coworking: Ljubljana 2 spaces in the directory, hot desk from \$50/mo, day pass ~\$10.

Currency EUR · Guide: enroutejobs.com/countries/slovenia · Official visa page: www.gov.si/en/news/2025-11-21-temporary-residence-permit-for-digital-nomads/

Spain

[Schengen](#)[EU](#)[Nomad visa](#)[UTC +1](#)[English: low](#)**\$1,600**BUDGET /
MONTH**\$2,800**NOMAD /
MONTH**\$5,600**

COMFORTABLE

90VISA-FREE
DAYS***8.2**COUNTRY GEO-
FLEX / 10

Spain's digital nomad visa requires proof of EUR 2,849 per month in 2026, which is 200% of the minimum wage set by Royal Decree 126/2026. Apply from a consulate abroad and you get a one-year visa; apply from inside Spain through the UGE-CE and you get a three-year residence authorisation instead, which is the better route if you qualify for it. The tax question is separate and decides whether Spain works financially: the Beckham Law caps tax at a flat 24% on income up to EUR 600,000, but it is largely restricted to employed remote workers. Freelancers generally pay standard progressive rates of 19% to 47%. Remote work is one route of several: coastal and island hospitality hires in volume every summer, and the Auxiliares de Conversación programme places English-language assistants in state schools on a stipend and student visa.

PROGRAMME	INCOME / MO	FEE	WEEKS	STAY	RENEWS
Digital Nomad Visa	\$3,291	\$116	3–7	1 yr	✓

CITY GUIDE	NOMAD / MO	1BR CENTRE	SAFETY	INTERNET	BEST MONTHS
Barcelona	\$3,300	\$1,600	65	excellent	May–Jun, Sep–Oct
Madrid	\$3,100	\$1,400	68	excellent	Apr–May, Sep–Oct

Coworking: Malaga 2 spaces in the directory, hot desk from \$125/mo, day pass ~\$12 · Valencia 2 spaces in the directory, hot desk from \$125/mo, day pass ~\$14.

Currency EUR · Guide: enroutejobs.com/countries/spain · Official visa page: www.exteriores.gob.es

Turkey

[Nomad visa](#)[UTC +3](#)[English: low](#)**\$1,200**BUDGET /
MONTH**\$1,900**NOMAD /
MONTH**\$4,200**

COMFORTABLE

90VISA-FREE
DAYS***7.4**COUNTRY GEO-
FLEX / 10

Turkey has a real digital nomad program in 2026 and a fine-print reality this page carries together: the official GoTürkiye route issues a Digital Nomad Identification Certificate to university graduates aged 21 to 55 from a 36-country list, the US, UK, EU, Canada and others, earning at least 3,000 dollars monthly from foreign employers or clients, which then supports a visa where needed and a one-year renewable residence permit, while the migration offices behind it have tightened hard, tourist-based permits rejected routinely, entire high-foreign-share neighborhoods closed to new registrations, and a six-month reapplication bar punishing failed files, so the certificate is real and the permit practice is the strict part. Entry stays easy, 90 days in 180 visa-free for Americans, Britons and Europeans with overstay bans genuinely enforced, and the country behind the paperwork remains the draw: Istanbul working across two continents, the Mediterranean coast at honest value, a US Level 2 advisory with zones to respect in the far southeast, world-scale private healthcare, and a food-and-hospitality culture that converts visitors into residents faster than almost anywhere. The Turquoise Coast's seasonal hiring and the hostel exchange scene run the non-remote lanes.

CITY GUIDE	NOMAD / MO	1BR CENTRE	SAFETY	INTERNET	BEST MONTHS
Istanbul	\$1,900	\$850	70	good	Apr–May, Sep–Oct
Antalya	\$1,600	\$500	80	good	Apr–May, Oct–Nov

Asia

10
countries,
alphabetical.

Armenia

Nomad visa

UTC +4

English: low

\$1,000

BUDGET /
MONTH

\$1,500

NOMAD /
MONTH

\$3,000

COMFORTABLE

180

VISA-FREE
DAYS*

7.8

COUNTRY GEO-
FLEX / 10

Armenia runs one of the world's most open arrangements without ever naming a digital nomad visa: citizens of 116 countries including the US, UK, EU, Canada and Australia enter visa-free for 180 days a year, and the residence lane is famously simple, register as an individual entrepreneur through the state e-register, an online process taking roughly fifteen minutes at zero-to-nominal cost, then apply for a one-year temporary residence permit at around 264 dollars with no minimum income requirement at all, renewable while the registration stands, with family as dependents, permanent residence on the standard ladder and citizenship eligibility after just three years of legal residency, dual citizenship allowed. The tax frame stays friendly: under 183 days owes Armenia nothing, the entrepreneur regime taxes modest turnover rates on registered activity, dividends run 5 percent, and individuals' capital gains largely go untaxed. Around it: Yerevan's café-dense pink-stone capital, 60-percent-lower costs, Caucasus mountains an hour out, and a 4,000-year-old culture that treats guests as providence. Tsaghkadzor's small ski winter and Yerevan's hostel exchange run the modest non-remote lanes.

Currency AMD · Guide: enroutejobs.com/countries/armenia · Official visa page: migration.am/

Indonesia

Nomad visa

UTC +7

English: low

\$800

BUDGET /
MONTH

\$1,620

NOMAD /
MONTH

\$3,600

COMFORTABLE

30

VISA-FREE
DAYS*

8

COUNTRY GEO-
FLEX / 10

Indonesia's remote work visa is the E33G Remote Worker KITAS, launched in April 2024 and now the only legal route for working remotely from Bali or anywhere else in the country. It requires USD 60,000 a year in foreign income, roughly USD 5,000 a month, which is the highest threshold in Southeast Asia and around four times what Thailand's DTV asks. It also requires an employment contract with a company registered outside Indonesia, which leaves most freelancers ineligible. Two traps matter: holding the KITAS can make you an Indonesian tax resident from day one regardless of day count, and enforcement against people working on tourist visas has escalated to deportations. Dive operations and retreat businesses sponsor working KITAS for instructors and staff, the one established non-remote lane.

PROGRAMME	INCOME / MO	FEE	WEEKS	STAY	RENEWS
Remote Work Visa (B211A)	\$2,000	\$35	2-4	180 d	✓
CITY GUIDE	NOMAD / MO	1BR CENTRE	SAFETY	INTERNET	BEST MONTHS
Bali	\$1,700	\$600	68	good	Jun-Sep

Coworking: Canggu 4 spaces in the directory, hot desk from \$95/mo, day pass ~\$10.

Japan

Nomad visa

UTC +9

English: low

\$1,700
BUDGET /
MONTH
\$2,500
NOMAD /
MONTH
\$6,000

COMFORTABLE

90
VISA-FREE
DAYS*
7.4
COUNTRY GEO-
FLEX / 10

Japan has had a digital nomad visa since April 2024, and most guides written before then still say it does not. The visa is a Designated Activities status granting six months of legal remote work for foreign employers or clients, with a hard income floor of 10 million yen a year, roughly 65,000 US dollars at current rates, plus private insurance carrying at least 10 million yen in medical cover. It cannot be extended, issues no residence card, and requires six months outside Japan before you can hold it again. For shorter stays, citizens of the US, UK, EU, Canada and Australia enter visa-free for 90 days. The quiet story is the weak yen: on a dollar income, Tokyo now rents for less than most large American cities. For work inside Japan, the working holiday visa, open to around thirty nationalities though not Americans, and sponsored teaching through JET or the private language schools remain the established routes.

CITY GUIDE	NOMAD / MO	1BR CENTRE	SAFETY	INTERNET	BEST MONTHS
Fukuoka	\$2,500	\$800	90	excellent	Apr–May, Oct–Nov
Tokyo	\$3,300	\$1,400	85	excellent	Mar–Apr, Oct–Nov
Osaka	\$2,700	\$900	88	excellent	Mar–Apr, Oct–Nov
Kyoto	\$2,800	\$900	90	excellent	May, Oct

Coworking: Fukuoka 2 spaces in the directory, hot desk from \$90/mo, day pass ~\$9 · Kyoto 2 spaces in the directory, hot desk from \$130/mo, day pass ~\$14 · Osaka 2 spaces in the directory, hot desk from \$130/mo, day pass ~\$14.

Currency JPY · Guide: enroutejobs.com/countries/japan · Official visa page: www.mofa.go.jp/ca/fna/pagewe_000001_00046.html

Malaysia

Nomad visa

UTC +8

English: high

\$900
BUDGET /
MONTH
\$1,750
NOMAD /
MONTH
\$3,800

COMFORTABLE

90
VISA-FREE
DAYS*
8.3
COUNTRY GEO-
FLEX / 10

Malaysia's DE Rantau Nomad Pass is Southeast Asia's most professionally run nomad program and its best-kept open secret: 24,000 US dollars a year for digital professionals, 60,000 for the non-tech track added in 2024, three to twelve months initially, renewable once to a 24-month ceiling, applied for entirely online through MDEC for RM1,080. The catches most guides bury: the pass covers Peninsular Malaysia and Labuan only, with Sarawak running a separate, pricier track and Sabah excluded entirely; most Malaysian banks will not open accounts for pass holders; and the famous zero tax on foreign income rests on an exemption currently legislated only through 31 December 2026. Without the pass, most Western passports get 90 days visa-free, and everyone files the free digital arrival card within three days before landing. The dive industry's seasonal hiring and the hostel exchange circuit run beside the pass.

PROGRAMME	INCOME / MO	FEE	WEEKS	STAY	RENEWS
DE Rantau Digital Nomad Pass	\$2,400	\$38	4–8	1 yr	✓

CITY GUIDE	NOMAD / MO	1BR CENTRE	SAFETY	INTERNET	BEST MONTHS
Kuala Lumpur	\$2,000	\$700	62	excellent	Feb–Mar, Jun–Jul
Penang	\$1,800	\$500	68	good	Dec–Mar

Coworking: Penang 2 spaces in the directory, hot desk from \$95/mo, day pass ~\$9.

Currency MYR · Guide: enroutejobs.com/countries/malaysia · Official visa page: mdec.my/derantau

Philippines

Nomad visa

UTC +8

English: high

\$800

BUDGET /
MONTH

\$1,430

NOMAD /
MONTH

\$3,400

COMFORTABLE

30

VISA-FREE
DAYS*

7.2

COUNTRY GEO-
FLEX / 10

The Philippines launched a digital nomad visa in 2025, and pages claiming otherwise missed Executive Order 86: one year renewable to two, multiple entry, filed through the official eVisaPH portal since the June 2025 pilot, with practitioners converging on 24,000 dollars a year as the income benchmark the order itself declines to name. Two honest wrinkles belong up front. The order gates eligibility by reciprocity, your country must offer Filipinos a comparable visa and host a Philippine consulate, the qualifying list remains unpublished, and strictly read the clause sits badly for American passports since the US offers no such visa, so every applicant's first step is confirming eligibility with their nearest Philippine post. And the fallback remains world-class anyway: the tourist stack that extends famously toward 36 months. The structural draws are real: the only Southeast Asian country running on English, a tax code that taxes foreigners only on Philippine-source income regardless of day counts, costs among the region's lowest, and 7,641 islands whose advisory red zones, the far southwest, sit hundreds of kilometers from the Manila, Cebu, Palawan and Siargao map where nomad life actually happens. Dive instruction and the Siargao surf-camp exchange scene run the non-remote lanes.

Currency PHP · Guide: enroutejobs.com/countries/philippines · Official visa page: evisa.gov.ph/

South Korea

Nomad visa

UTC +9

English: medium

\$1,600

BUDGET /
MONTH

\$2,650

NOMAD /
MONTH

\$5,500

COMFORTABLE

90

VISA-FREE
DAYS*

8.3

COUNTRY GEO-
FLEX / 10

South Korea has a real digital nomad visa in 2026, and it just got dramatically better: the F-1-D Workation visa, piloted from January 2024, became permanent on June 30, 2026 with a redesign that replaced the flat high bar with tiered thresholds, applicants 35 and older living in greater Seoul still need roughly twice the national income per head, about 66,000 dollars, while applicants aged 18 to 34 who base themselves outside Seoul, Incheon and Gyeonggi qualify at half that, around 37,000 dollars, a deliberate regional incentive, with the maximum stay extended from two years to three and in-country switching from tourist status now allowed. The conditions stay serious: a year's same-field history with a foreign employer or your own foreign business, insurance covering treatment and repatriation, an apostilled criminal check, family welcome, Korean employment strictly forbidden, and no path to permanent residence. Around the visa stands the country that earns it: the world's fastest internet, a café culture built for laptops, T-money transit precision, a US Level 1 advisory, national health insurance that enrolls long-stayers at six months, and a food-and-culture economy that needs no introduction. The E-2 teaching visa and the working holiday agreements remain the established non-remote lanes.

CITY GUIDE	NOMAD / MO	1BR CENTRE	SAFETY	INTERNET	BEST MONTHS
Seoul	\$2,650	\$1,050	88	excellent	Apr–May, Sep–Oct
Busan	\$2,200	\$700	88	excellent	May–Jun, Sep–Oct

Currency KRW · Guide: enroutejobs.com/countries/south-korea · Official visa page: www.visa.go.kr/

Sri Lanka

Nomad visa

UTC +5.5

English: medium

\$850

BUDGET /
MONTH

\$1,300

NOMAD /
MONTH

\$2,800

COMFORTABLE

30

VISA-FREE
DAYS*

7.9

COUNTRY GEO-
FLEX / 10

Sri Lanka has a real digital nomad visa in 2026, launched in February after years of announcements: a residence-visa category running one year with renewal intent, roughly 500 dollars in government fees, 2,000 dollars monthly of income from outside Sri Lanka, spouse and children as dependents, and the lease-and-bank-account standing tourist status never gave. Around it sits one of Asia's most generous tourist ladders: the 30-day double-entry ETA, free since May 2026 for 40 countries including the US, UK, EU states, Canada and Australia and obtained before boarding rather than on arrival, extends in stages to 90, 180 and 270 days for about 450 dollars total. The island itself is the argument: the Weligama-to-Hiriketiya surf coast running December through April, Arugam Bay taking over May through September so the country never runs out of season, the hill country's tea-cool escape, budget-paradise costs, and fiber-plus-backup-power coworking on the nomad coast that learned the crisis years' lessons. The surf camps hire instructors and exchange volunteers on both coasts' seasons.

CITY GUIDE	NOMAD / MO	1BR CENTRE	SAFETY	INTERNET	BEST MONTHS
Weligama	\$1,400	\$500	66	good	Dec–Mar

Coworking: Weligama 2 spaces in the directory, hot desk from \$90/mo, day pass ~\$7.

Currency LKR · Guide: enroutejobs.com/countries/sri-lanka · Official visa page: www.immigration.gov.lk/

Taiwan

Nomad visa

UTC +8

English: medium

\$1,200

BUDGET /
MONTH

\$2,150

NOMAD /
MONTH

\$4,600

COMFORTABLE

90

VISA-FREE
DAYS*

7.8

COUNTRY GEO-
FLEX / 10

Taiwan built a digital nomad visa in January 2025 and then, in January 2026, admitted the first draft was too short and quadrupled it: the Digital Nomad Visitor Visa now runs six months extendable in-country to a full two years, for visa-exempt nationals earning 40,000 dollars a year at thirty and over, half that in the twenties, or simply holding any other country's nomad visa, which even waives the review step. It processes in five to ten business days, which may be the fastest serious nomad visa on earth. The honest architecture is two-tier: the DNV is a visitor status, no dependents, no health-insurance system access, no residency path, while the Employment Gold Card above it, around 5,000 dollars a month for the economy field, delivers open work rights, family, NHI and permanent residency in three years, and the government explicitly designs the first as the audition for the second. Around the paperwork sits the country the tech industry already knows and everyone else underrates: Level 1 on the US advisory at Japan's tier, night markets as the national dinner table, world-class internet, the first same-sex marriage law in Asia, and a tax system whose 90-day fine print this page actually explains. The cross-strait question is real, priced by each person, and untouched in daily life. Buxiban teaching on sponsored work permits and the working holiday agreements run the non-remote lanes.

CITY GUIDE	NOMAD / MO	1BR CENTRE	SAFETY	INTERNET	BEST MONTHS
Taipei	\$2,500	\$900	85	excellent	Oct–Nov, Mar–Apr

Currency TWD · Guide: enroutejobs.com/countries/taiwan · Official visa page: digitalnomad.ndc.gov.tw/

Thailand

Nomad visa

UTC +7

English: low

\$800

BUDGET /
MONTH

\$1,560

NOMAD /
MONTH

\$3,600

COMFORTABLE

60

VISA-FREE
DAYS*

8.5

COUNTRY GEO-
FLEX / 10

Thailand's Destination Thailand Visa is the most generous remote-work visa in Asia: five years of validity, 180 days per entry, one 180-day extension, and a requirement of 500,000 THB in savings rather than a monthly income floor. There is no minimum income test, but the funds must have been sitting in your account for roughly three months, and unseasoned money is the most common reason applications are refused. Separately, the visa-free stay is changing. Thailand's Cabinet approved cutting it from 60 days to 30 on 19 May 2026, and the cut takes effect 15 days after publication in the Royal Gazette, which had not happened as of early August 2026. For work that happens off the laptop, teaching is the established sponsored route: schools arrange the Non-Immigrant B visa and the work permit that makes the job legal.

PROGRAMME	INCOME / MO	FEE	WEEKS	STAY	RENEWS
Long-Term Resident (LTR) Visa	\$3,000	\$200	12–20	5 yr	—

CITY GUIDE	NOMAD / MO	1BR CENTRE	SAFETY	INTERNET	BEST MONTHS
Chiang Mai	\$1,400	\$350	72	excellent	Nov–Feb
Bangkok	\$1,900	\$600	62	excellent	Nov–Feb
Phuket	\$2,000	\$500	65	good	Dec–Mar

Coworking: Chiang Mai 3 spaces in the directory, hot desk from \$85/mo, day pass ~\$7 · Bangkok 3 spaces in the directory, hot desk from \$150/mo, day pass ~\$15.

Currency THB · Guide: enroutejobs.com/countries/thailand

UAE

Nomad visa

UTC +4

English: high

\$2,200

BUDGET /
MONTH

\$3,850

NOMAD /
MONTH

\$8,000

COMFORTABLE

90

VISA-FREE
DAYS*

7.5

COUNTRY GEO-
FLEX / 10

The UAE runs one of the world's most functional remote-work visas: the Virtual Working Programme, a one-year renewable residence with no local sponsor, an income bar of 3,500 US dollars a month for employees on the official Dubai requirements, around 5,000 for business owners, and zero personal income tax at the end of it. The 2026 change most guides missed is evidentiary, not financial: since 27 January, applicants must show six consecutive months of bank statements rather than three, while an April fee reduction cut government costs to roughly AED 1,500 to 1,700. Two honest caveats belong up front. Dubai rents have climbed for four straight years and now consume the tax saving for mid-range earners, and 2026's regional conflict has put every Western government's advisory at elevated levels, even as daily life in Dubai and Abu Dhabi continues largely unchanged. Sponsored hospitality and airline hiring, Emirates cabin crew above all, run the non-remote lane at scale.

PROGRAMME		INCOME / MO	FEE	WEEKS	STAY	RENEWS
Virtual Working Programme		\$3,500	\$287	2-4	1 yr	—
CITY GUIDE	NOMAD / MO	1BR CENTRE	SAFETY	INTERNET	BEST MONTHS	
Dubai	\$3,800	\$2,200	85	excellent	Nov-Mar	

Currency AED · Guide: enroutejobs.com/countries/uae · Official visa page: www.gdrfad.gov.ae/

North America and the Caribbean

3 countries, alphabetical.

Barbados

Nomad visaUTC -4English: high

\$2,000

BUDGET / MONTH

\$3,000

NOMAD / MONTH

\$5,500

COMFORTABLE

90

VISA-FREE DAYS*

7.6

COUNTRY GEO-FLEX / 10

Barbados invented the modern digital nomad visa in July 2020 and the Welcome Stamp remains the benchmark in 2026: 2,000 dollars for an individual or 3,000 for a family, 50,000 dollars of documented annual income from outside Barbados, health insurance and a background check, applied online at the official portal with decisions in roughly seven business days, granting twelve months renewable indefinitely at a 25 percent discount, with Cabinet having renewed the program through the end of 2026. The design detail every copycat missed does the heavy lifting: holders are classified as non-residents for tax purposes, so foreign income owes Barbados exactly nothing for the visa's full duration. Around it sits the island that makes the paperwork worth it: English as the official language, common law, 100-megabit fiber, direct flights to New York, Miami, Toronto and London, the 2-to-1 dollar peg that makes budgeting arithmetic, and a west coast whose water genuinely looks like the brochure. Charter crewing and surf-and-dive instruction run the seasonal working lanes.

Currency BBD · Guide: enroutejobs.com/countries/barbados · Official visa page: www.barbadoswelcomestamp.bb/

Costa Rica

Nomad visaUTC -6English: medium

\$1,300

BUDGET / MONTH

\$2,300

NOMAD / MONTH

\$4,800

COMFORTABLE

90

VISA-FREE DAYS*

7.6

COUNTRY GEO-FLEX / 10

Costa Rica's digital nomad visa, officially the Estancia para Trabajadores Remotos under Law 9996, gives one year of legal residence renewable once, and requires 3,000 US dollars a month in foreign income, or 4,000 if you are bringing dependents. Its real advantage is tax: Costa Rica runs a territorial system and the visa explicitly exempts holders from Costa Rican income tax on foreign earnings. Two conditions catch people out. Renewal requires you to have been physically present at least 80 days, and the visa caps out at two years with no route to permanent residency, so anyone planning to stay must switch to Rentista, Pensionado or Investor status. For a housed-and-fed alternative, the surf camp and eco-lodge exchange scene is among the busiest anywhere.

PROGRAMME	INCOME / MO	FEE	WEEKS	STAY	RENEWS
Digital Nomad & Remote Workers Visa	\$3,000	\$100	2-6	1 yr	✓

Panama

Nomad visa

UTC -5

English: low

\$1,200BUDGET /
MONTH**\$2,250**NOMAD /
MONTH**\$4,600**

COMFORTABLE

180VISA-FREE
DAYS***7**COUNTRY GEO-
FLEX / 10

Panama runs a dedicated remote-work visa, and pages claiming otherwise missed Executive Decree 198 of May 2021. The Short-Stay Visa for Remote Workers grants nine months plus one nine-month extension, eighteen months maximum and the ceiling is firm, to anyone earning 36,000 dollars a year from entirely foreign sources, employer or own foreign business alike, for about 300 dollars in government fees, filed through the licensed immigration attorney Panamanian law requires for every visa. The deeper draw is structural: Panama taxes territorially, so foreign-source income owes nothing whether you stay a month or a decade, the balboa is the US dollar, and the visa sits in a non-resident category with no work permit and no local tax life attached. Around it: 180-day tourist entry for US and Canadian citizens, 90 for most others, the post-2021 Friendly Nations Visa with its higher modern bar as the residency road, and a US advisory renewed in August 2026 at Level 2 with the old unrest flag removed, its Level 4 zones confined to the Darién's far south and a remote Caribbean gulf no visitor stumbles into. Bocas del Toro's hostel exchange and dive-instructor hiring run the non-remote lanes.

Currency PAB · Guide: enroutejobs.com/countries/panama · Official visa page: www.migracion.gob.pa/

South America

6 countries, alphabetical.

Argentina

Nomad visa UTC -3 English: low

\$1,100 BUDGET / MONTH	\$1,900 NOMAD / MONTH	\$4,200 COMFORTABLE	90 VISA-FREE DAYS*	6.8 COUNTRY GEO-FLEX / 10
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Argentina has run a digital nomad visa since May 2022, and pages still claiming otherwise missed Disposición 758/2022: a transitory residence of 180 days, extendable once for 180 more, with no official minimum income, about 200 dollars in fees, and an online TIE 24H channel that resolves in ten to fifteen business days. The bigger rewrite is economic. The blue-dollar era is over: currency controls lifted in April 2025, the famous gap between official and street rates collapsed from triple digits to under three percent, foreign cards now charge at market rate, and the half-price Buenos Aires of the old blog posts no longer exists. What remains is the actual city, operatic, literary, asado-scented, running on 10pm dinners, now priced like the serious mid-cost capital it is, roughly 1,500 to 2,200 dollars a month for a comfortable single life, inside a country the US still rates Level 1 with a single carve-out for Rosario. Bariloche's ski July, Mendoza's March vendimia, and the hostel exchange scene run the non-remote lanes.

CITY GUIDE	NOMAD / MO	1BR CENTRE	SAFETY	INTERNET	BEST MONTHS
Buenos Aires	\$1,600	\$400	55	excellent	Sep-Oct, Mar-Apr

Coworking: Buenos Aires 2 spaces in the directory, hot desk from \$85/mo, day pass ~\$8.

Currency ARS · Guide: enroutejobs.com/countries/argentina · Official visa page: ctoro.cancilleria.gob.ar/en/visa-digital-nomads

Brazil

Nomad visa UTC -3 English: low

\$1,000 BUDGET / MONTH	\$1,900 NOMAD / MONTH	\$4,200 COMFORTABLE	90 VISA-FREE DAYS*	6.5 COUNTRY GEO-FLEX / 10
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Brazil has run a digital nomad visa since January 2022, and pages claiming otherwise missed VITEM XIV: Resolution 45/2021's one-year residence, renewable once, on one of the lowest bars in any major economy, 1,500 dollars a month of foreign income or 18,000 dollars in savings. The 2026 machinery is genuinely good, an in-country conversion through the MigranteWeb portal processing in weeks, and a CRNM residence card that unlocks the bank account, the CPF tax number and the lease that tourist status never could. Two facts changed recently enough to catch travelers: since April 2025, US, Canadian and Australian citizens need an e-Visa even to visit, about 81 dollars online, while EU and UK passports stay exempt; and Brazil has begun refusing the serial tourist-extension lifestyle, pushing genuine long-stayers toward the visa built for them. The one trap deserves its billing: unlike Argentina's design, Brazil's nomad year can make you a tax resident, 184 days in any twelve months brings worldwide income into a system that runs to 27.5

percent, and the smart stay is planned around that line or priced with it. Hostel work exchange, a scene Brazil's own Worldpackers built, and São Paulo business-English teaching run the non-remote lanes.

Currency BRL · Guide: enroutejobs.com/countries/brazil · Official visa page: www.gov.br/mre/pt-br/embaixada-helsinqe/consular-services/digital-nomad-visa-vitem-xiv

Chile

Nomad visa

UTC -4

English: low

\$1,200

BUDGET /
MONTH

\$1,950

NOMAD /
MONTH

\$4,300

COMFORTABLE

90

VISA-FREE
DAYS*

7.4

COUNTRY GEO-
FLEX / 10

Chile has a real remote-worker lane in 2026 and a tax story better than most digital nomad visas: entry runs 90 days on arrival for US, UK, EU, Canadian and Australian passports, extendable once toward 180, and the nomad route is a remote-worker subcategory of the Residencia Temporal through SERMIG, roughly 1,500 dollars monthly of documented foreign income plus savings and insurance, twelve months renewable, applied online from abroad or in-country, with the honest caveat that processing backlogs run six to eight months. The headline sits in the tax code: new tax residents are taxed only on Chilean-source income for their first three years, extendable to six through the SII, so foreign salaries, dividends and gains run untouched through the exemption window, and Americans get the rare regional pairing of a full tax treaty and a totalization agreement. Around the paperwork stands Latin America's most stable economy, its fastest fixed broadband, Santiago's professional depth, Valparaíso's color and a Patagonia-to-Atacama geography no other single country matches. The austral ski season at Portillo and Valle Nevado and the March vendimia run the seasonal lanes.

CITY GUIDE	NOMAD / MO	1BR CENTRE	SAFETY	INTERNET	BEST MONTHS
Santiago	\$1,900	\$650	70	excellent	Oct–Nov, Mar–Apr

Currency CLP · Guide: enroutejobs.com/countries/chile · Official visa page: serviciomigraciones.cl/

Colombia

Nomad visa

UTC -5

English: low

\$850

BUDGET /
MONTH

\$1,600

NOMAD /
MONTH

\$3,600

COMFORTABLE

90

VISA-FREE
DAYS*

7.5

COUNTRY GEO-
FLEX / 10

Colombia has run a real digital nomad visa since late 2022, and pages claiming it does not exist are simply out of date. The Visa V for digital nomads grants up to two years for remote workers serving foreign employers or clients, with an income bar of three times the Colombian minimum wage, which after a 23 percent wage jump works out to 5,252,715 pesos a month in 2026, roughly 1,400 US dollars. Each of your last three months of bank statements must clear that line individually, with no averaging. The visa hands you what a tourist stamp cannot, a cedula, bank access and real leases, but it is not a tax shield: more than 183 days in any rolling 365 makes you a Colombian tax resident on worldwide income, which is the single most important sentence on this page. Without the visa, most Western passports get 90 days on arrival, extendable to 180 per calendar year. Off the laptop, English teaching and hostel work exchange remain the established lanes.

CITY GUIDE	NOMAD / MO	1BR CENTRE	SAFETY	INTERNET	BEST MONTHS
Medellín	\$1,700	\$500	55	excellent	Dec–Jan, Jul–Aug
Bogotá	\$1,800	\$500	48	excellent	Dec–Jan, Jul–Aug

Ecuador

Nomad visa

UTC -5

English: low

\$800BUDGET /
MONTH**\$1,450**NOMAD /
MONTH**\$3,300**

COMFORTABLE

90VISA-FREE
DAYS***7**COUNTRY GEO-
FLEX / 10

Ecuador has run a digital nomad visa since June 2022, and pages claiming otherwise missed one of the most generous programs anywhere: two years, renewable to four, open to essentially every nationality, roughly 320 to 500 dollars all-in, income of 1,446 dollars a month, three times the 2026 basic salary, and a cédula ID that opens banking and leases. The feature almost no nomad visa offers sits at month 21: temporary residency converts to permanent, after which the income requirement disappears entirely. The honest briefing has two more parts. Tax: 183 days makes you a resident on worldwide income at rates to 37 percent, the realistic default on a two-year visa, so the stay is planned around the line or priced with it. And security: Ecuador is two countries now, a coastal strip where the narco conflict concentrates 88 percent of the homicides and the advisories stack their red zones, and a highland spine, Cuenca, Quito, plus the green-rated Galápagos, where the nomad life actually happens and where Cuenca's own province recorded a 54 percent homicide decline while the national numbers surged. Dollarized, cheap, and complicated: Ecuador rewards the reader who takes all three seriously. Hostel and finca work exchange through the highlands is the budget traveler's classic lane.

CITY GUIDE	NOMAD / MO	1BR CENTRE	SAFETY	INTERNET	BEST MONTHS
Cuenca	\$1,400	\$400	68	poor	Jun–Aug

Coworking: Cuenca 2 spaces in the directory, hot desk from \$55/mo, day pass ~\$6 · Quito 2 spaces in the directory, hot desk from \$80/mo, day pass ~\$8.

Currency USD · Guide: enroutejobs.com/countries/ecuador · Official visa page: www.gob.ec/

Uruguay

Nomad visa

UTC -3

English: low

\$1,400BUDGET /
MONTH**\$2,000**NOMAD /
MONTH**\$4,200**

COMFORTABLE

90VISA-FREE
DAYS***7.8**COUNTRY GEO-
FLEX / 10

Uruguay runs Latin America's cheapest serious nomad paperwork and one of its best tax stories: the Digital Nomad Permit, live since 2023, costs roughly 11 dollars, grants 180 days extendable to 360, sets no fixed income minimum beyond a self-sufficiency declaration, and files online for a provisional identity card. Underneath sits the real draw: Uruguay taxes labor income territorially, so foreign salaries, freelance and business income stay untaxed even for residents, and new tax residents have historically elected an 11-year holiday on foreign dividends and interest, though from July 2026 a 12 percent tax reaches certain foreign passive income for new residents with the holiday now tied to qualifying investments, the caveat this page carries plainly. Add the region's stablest democracy, its best fiber, a straight application lane to permanent residency, citizenship at five years, and the rare American pairing of a totalization agreement in force since 2024, and the quiet country between the giants earns its reputation. Punta del Este's summer season and estancia work exchange run the non-remote lanes.

Currency UYU · Guide: enroutejobs.com/countries/uruguay · Official visa page: www.gub.uy/tramites/hoja-identidad-provisoria-nomadas-digitales

Africa and the Indian Ocean

4
countries,
alphabetical.

Cape Verde

Nomad visa

UTC -1

English: low

\$850
BUDGET / MONTH

\$1,650
NOMAD / MONTH

\$3,300
COMFORTABLE

30
VISA-FREE DAYS*

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COUNTRY GEO-FLEX / 10

Cape Verde launched one of the world's first digital nomad programs in December 2020 and never turned it off: Remote Working Cabo Verde grants six months renewable to twelve, with the gentlest financial test in this entire index, a 1,500-euro average bank balance over the last six months rather than any income floor, 2,700 for families, a 20-euro fee, and roughly two weeks' processing, open to citizens of Europe, North America, the Portuguese-speaking community and West Africa. Around it the archipelago built real infrastructure while nobody watched: the EllaLink submarine cable tying the islands directly to Europe and Brazil, Starlink live since late 2024, fiber at genuine speeds in Mindelo and Praia, and a tech-park strategy branding the islands as the Atlantic's connected gateway. The rest of the case: a US Level 1 advisory, the strongest in Africa, with Praia's street-smarts carve-out honestly noted; a stable democracy on its fifth decade of peaceful transfers; UTC-1 sitting one hour from London and three from New York; an escudo pegged permanently to the euro; and the morna-soaked, morabeza-warm culture Cesária Évora sang to the world. The honest asterisks are an ocean that drowns more visitors than crime ever touches, a health system that ends at evacuation insurance, and islands that ask you to love their smallness. Sal's kite and surf schools and the resort economy run the seasonal hiring lanes.

Currency CVE · Guide: enroutejobs.com/countries/cape-verde · Official visa page: www.visit-caboverde.com/en/remote-working

Kenya

Nomad visa

UTC +3

English: high

\$800
BUDGET / MONTH

\$1,550
NOMAD / MONTH

\$3,300
COMFORTABLE

90
VISA-FREE DAYS*

6.5
COUNTRY GEO-FLEX / 10

Kenya operationalized its digital nomad permit while most of the internet was still quoting the press conference: the Class N permit, created by the 2024 immigration regulations and accepting applications since April 2025 through the official eFNS portal, grants one to two years of legal residence for remote workers serving foreign employers and clients, renewable. The details beat the announcement in both directions. The famous 55,000-dollar income figure from the launch event never made it into the gazetted rules; the operative test is three months of statements showing stable foreign income, with practitioners planning around two thousand a month and officers judging the entire file. The real bar is the fee: 200

dollars to process and 1,000 dollars a year to issue, priced like the work permit it legally is. Around it sits the country the tech world already calls Silicon Savannah: an M-Pesa economy a decade ahead of Western fintech, Nairobi's genuine startup depth, eternal-spring highland weather at 1,700 meters, and the Mara, Amboseli and the Indian Ocean coast as the weekend map. The advisory geography is the part to read correctly: Level 2 nationally with red zones confined to the Somalia border counties and two Nairobi neighborhoods, none of it near the life this page describes, and a June protest calendar treated as weather. Coast dive-and-kite instruction and conservancy volunteering run the non-remote lanes.

Coworking: Nairobi 3 spaces in the directory, hot desk from \$120/mo, day pass ~\$12.

Currency KES · Guide: enroutejobs.com/countries/kenya · Official visa page: fns.immigration.go.ke/infopack/permits/classN/

Mauritius

Nomad visa

UTC +4

English: high

\$1,300

BUDGET /
MONTH

\$1,900

NOMAD /
MONTH

\$4,000

COMFORTABLE

90

VISA-FREE
DAYS*

7.9

COUNTRY GEO-
FLEX / 10

Mauritius launched the Premium Visa in October 2020 and it remains one of the world's most accessible nomad routes in 2026: twelve months renewable, a 1,500-dollar monthly income bar among the lowest anywhere, no investment or education requirements, applications through the online NELS platform that has been free historically, though some 2026 guides report a statutory permit fee worth confirming at filing, with approvals running from a week to several weeks and entry required within 90 days of approval-in-principle. The tax design is the quiet draw: under 183 days you owe Mauritius nothing, and even past residence the island taxes foreign income only when remitted to a Mauritian bank account, funds kept offshore staying untouched, with no capital-gains, wealth or inheritance tax anywhere in the code. Around it sits the Indian Ocean's most functional island: English-language administration over a French-Creole daily life, political stability Africa's rankings lead with, fiber-wired coasts from Grand Baie to Tamarin, and a lagoon-ringed volcanic interior that makes the workday's end an event. Kite and dive instruction at Le Morne runs the sponsored seasonal lane.

CITY GUIDE	NOMAD / MO	1BR CENTRE	SAFETY	INTERNET	BEST MONTHS
Grand Baie	\$1,900	\$500	82	good	Apr-May, Oct-Nov

Currency MUR · Guide: enroutejobs.com/countries/mauritius · Official visa page: residency.mu/

South Africa

Nomad visa

UTC +2

English: high

\$900

BUDGET /
MONTH

\$1,720

NOMAD /
MONTH

\$3,800

COMFORTABLE

90

VISA-FREE
DAYS*

6.5

COUNTRY GEO-
FLEX / 10

South Africa's Remote Work Visitor Visa is real, operational and underrated: gazetted in 2024 and settled by the October 2024 amendment, it grants up to three years, multiple entry, at a gross income of R650,796 a year, roughly 35 to 37 thousand dollars, with spouses and children able to accompany. Two footnotes earn their place up front. The regulation's employment-contract language favors salaried remote workers and puts freelancers under real scrutiny, the visa's known design flaw. And the tax architecture is unusually explicit: treaty-country residents, Americans and Britons included, register with the revenue service only past 183 days in any twelve months, while non-treaty nationals register regardless. The country behind the paperwork runs on a currency arbitrage that makes dollar earners wealthy on arrival, a Cape Town that has become one of the southern hemisphere's genuine nomad capitals, and a Europe-aligned time zone that

makes EU clients effortless. The honest ledger has two heavier entries: crime that demands operational engagement unlike anywhere else on this index, managed daily by a large expat community rather than suffered, and a power grid that just delivered its redemption arc, 341 consecutive days without load shedding by April 2026, with the backup-power culture the crisis built now serving as cheap insurance. Extraordinary value, priced in vigilance. Superyacht crewing, the February wine harvest, and Garden Route lodge exchange run the seasonal lanes.

CITY GUIDE	NOMAD / MO	1BR CENTRE	SAFETY	INTERNET	BEST MONTHS
Cape Town	\$2,200	\$700	45	good	Oct-Dec, Mar-Apr

Currency ZAR · Guide: enroutejobs.com/countries/south-africa · Official visa page: www.dha.gov.za/

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