

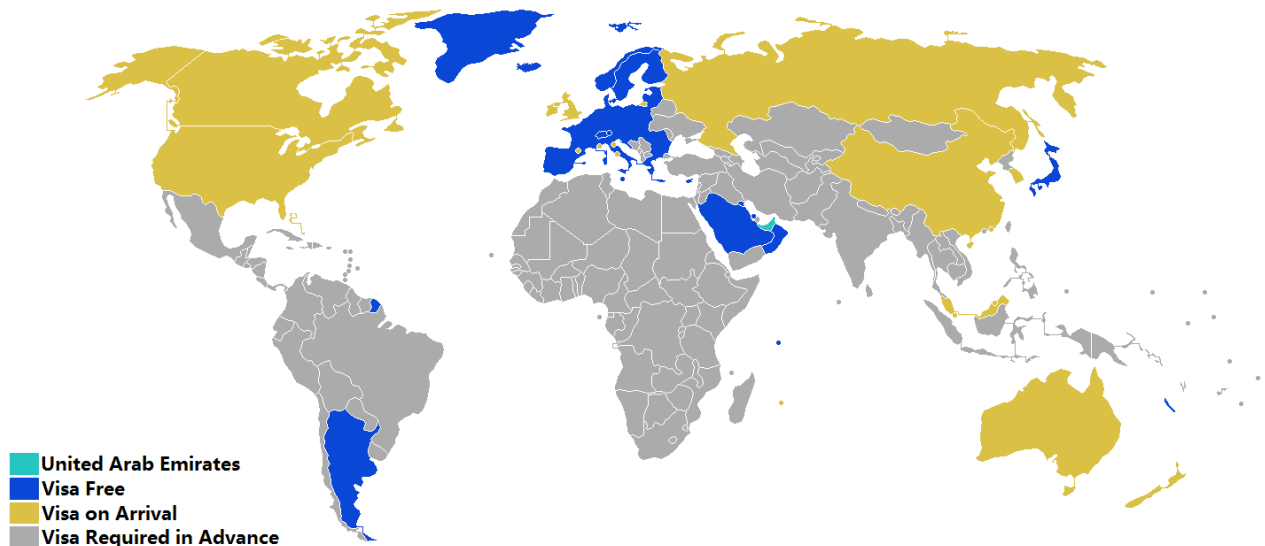
# Visa policy of the United Arab Emirates

Visitors to the United Arab Emirates must obtain a visa prior to travel unless they come from one of the visa exempt countries or one of the countries whose citizens are eligible for visa on arrival.

Citizens of member nations of the Gulf Cooperation Council have a freedom of movement in the UAE, except for citizens of Qatar who are no longer allowed to enter, unless they are a family member of a resident.

All visitors visiting the United Arab Emirates must hold a passport valid for at least 6 months.

Visa policy map



## Visa-free

Nationals of the following 37 countries may enter the UAE without a visa for 90 days out of 180 days unless otherwise stated.

-  All European Union citizens<sup>1</sup>
-  Argentina<sup>2</sup>
-  Bahrain<sup>3</sup>
-  Iceland
-  Japan (30 days)
-  Kuwait<sup>3 4</sup>
-  Liechtenstein
-  Norway
-  Oman<sup>3</sup>
-  Saudi Arabia<sup>3</sup>
-  Seychelles<sup>2 5</sup>
-  Switzerland

1 — Except for the Republic of Ireland and the United Kingdom.

2 — Not subject to the 180-day restriction.








3 — Freedom of movement. May enter with an ID card.

4 — Not applicable to passports stamped "Article 17, paragraph 2".


5 — For holders of normal passports only.

## Visa on arrival

Holders of normal passports issued by the following 18 countries and territories are eligible to obtain a free UAE visa on arrival, which is valid for 30 days. Extension is possible for a fee.

-  Andorra
-  Australia
-  Bahamas (90 days)
-  Brunei
-  Canada
-  China
-  Hong Kong
-  Ireland
-  Malaysia
-  Mauritius
-  Monaco
-  New Zealand
-  Russia
-  San Marino
-  Singapore
-  South Korea (90 days)[9]
-  United Kingdom<sup>1</sup>
-  United States
-  Vatican City





1 – Only applicable for British citizens, British Overseas Territories citizens and British Subjects who have a certificate of entitlement to the right of abode.

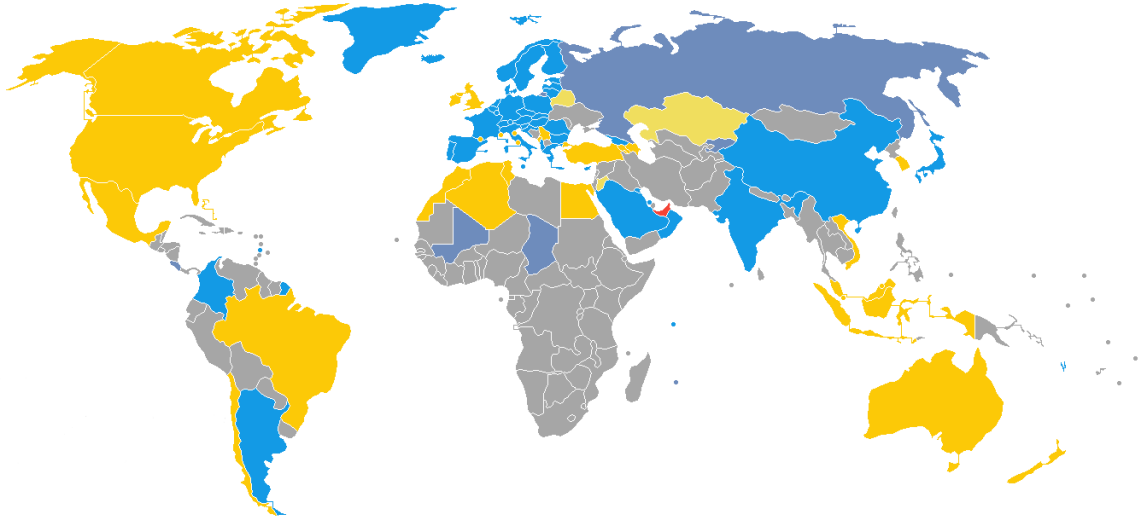
Holders of normal passports issued by  India are eligible to obtain a free 14 day visa on arrival provided they hold a valid visa issued by the United States or a Green Card.

## Diplomatic and service category passports

Holders of diplomatic, service category passports of Albania, China, Colombia, Georgia, India, Saint Lucia and Vanuatu and holders of diplomatic passports of Chad, Costa Rica, Kyrgyzstan, Mali, Mauritius and Russia do not require a visa.

Holders of diplomatic or service category passports of Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Brazil, Chile, Egypt, Indonesia, Mexico, Montenegro, Morocco, Serbia, Tunisia, Turkey, and Vietnam can obtain a free visa on arrival. Holders of diplomatic passports only of Belarus, Jordan and Kazakhstan can also obtain a free visa on arrival.

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## Transit visa

Passengers on all international airlines may enter the United Arab Emirates for 96 hours after obtaining a transit visa at the airport. The time difference between the two flights must be over 8 hours and the passenger must continue to a third destination. Passengers also must have a hotel booking. This is not applicable to nationals of [Afghanistan](#), [Iraq](#), [Niger](#), [Somalia](#), and [Yemen](#).<sup>[1]</sup>



## Requirements for visa application

For all others nationals who are not granted visa-free or visa on arrival, UAE visas rules vary according to nationality, age and gender. For example, for Moroccans, Algerians, Libyans, Mauritians and Tunisians minimum age requirement to apply for a visa is 40. For other nationalities, the minimum age requirement to apply for a visa is 21 for men and 23 for women.

## Airline visas

Visitors normally require a sponsor but visas can also be arranged online through an airline if they are arriving on [Air Arabia](#), [Air Astana](#), [Emirates](#), [Etihad](#)<sup>[29]</sup> (and [Air Baltic](#)<sup>[30]</sup> and [Air Serbia](#)<sup>[31]</sup>), [flydubai](#),<sup>[32]</sup> [Turkish Airlines](#)<sup>[33]</sup> and [Indigo Airlines](#)

## Entry refusal

-  Israel
-  Qatar - Qatari nationals who are family members of UAE citizens/residents are permitted entry to the UAE