

# 25 Destinations Where You Can Stay Four Months or More on a Tourist Visa

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## Where can you live for a while without applying for residency?

There are plenty of countries in the world where it's just a matter of money and patience to get legal residency and sometimes even permanent residency. But what if you just want to try a place on for size or live there for a few months and move on?

Here are a 25 countries where you can stay four months or more as a tourist passing through. Note that in many countries you can apply for a business visa after arrival and stay for a year by shelling out a bit more money. Others offer digital nomad visas good for six months or longer. The cases below cover easy-to-get tourist visas only.

### Albania

Americans have special status in Albania: they get an entire year for the asking as a tourist. So you can go in and out as you please and not worry about European Schengen regulations. Canadians and Europeans only get 90 days though. After that you have to apply for a residency permit.

### Armenia (Asia, between Turkey and Azerbaijan)

US, Canada and Australia: 120-day visa available on arrival for the equivalent of US\$34. (UK citizens only receive 90 days.)

### Bermuda, Barbados, and Dominica (Atlantic/Caribbean islands)

These three islands in the Atlantic and Caribbean near the USA are not cheap, but they do allow U.S. citizens to stay for 180 days, no visa required. UK citizens get commonwealth rights in the first two, 180 days in Dominica. Canadians receive 180 days or more in all three.

### Belize (Central America)

Citizens of Canada, Mexico, Norway, Australia, New Zealand, the UK, and the U.S.A. can obtain a tourist card upon arrival (others currently have to apply in advance) which is good for one month. This can be extended in Belize for \$25 per month for up to six months, then \$50 per month after that. In theory the maximum is nine months and you must show income or assets to support yourself at a rate of \$60 per day. In practice, many have stayed longer with no documentation.

### Canada/USA (North America)

U.S. citizens can stay up to 180 days in Canada and vice-versa with a valid passport, proof of sufficient funds (if requested), and proof of "the intent to return home." UK citizens can stay 6 months in Canada, 3 months in the USA upon arrival, longer in the latter with a special visa and not

arriving overland. Note that a U.S. visa will usually then apply to the country's territories as well, such as the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and Saipan.

### **Colombia (South America)**

US, UK, Canada and Australia: Can request a 90-day visa upon arrival and can apply for a 90-day extension to your stay at an Asuntos Migratorios office in some of the major cities, for US\$40. The maximum length of stay cannot exceed 180 days in 1 year. After that you must leave the country before getting a new visa.

### **Costa Rica**

The most recent addition to this list, Costa Rica quietly changed its rules in early 2024 to lure in more digital nomads, offering 180 days to anyone who is qualified to enter visa-free already. While it is the most expensive country in Central America, it has a lot to offer.

### **Fiji (South Pacific Island)**

Americans, Canadians, and Brits all get a four-month stamp upon arrival with a valid passport.

### **Georgia (Asia, on the Black Sea next to Russia)**

US, UK, Canada and Australia: no visa required for a stay of 360 days

### **India (Asia)**

It is suggested to research India's current allowances for your country as they are seldom clear-cut or effectively communicated. Also, you must apply for a visa in advance through a third-party system and the clock starts ticking when you get it, not when you arrive in the country. Plan far ahead: there's lots of paperwork and bureaucracy.

UK: 180 days paying from 92 pounds and up, but 5-year multi-entry available (New Zealand and some European and Latin American countries have the same agreement.)

US: 10-year multi-entry visa \$100 for stays up to 180 days consecutively. (You can now leave and return immediately.)

Canada: 180 days paying 76 Canadian dollars and up

Australia: 180 days 95 Australian dollars and up

### **Jamaica (Caribbean island)**

US, UK and Canada: no visa required for 180 days.

### **Mauritius (Africa, island near Madagascar)**

US, Canada, and Australia: visa not required for up to 180 days.

UK: 90 days, but may be possible to extend it locally.

### **Mexico (North America)**

US, UK, Canada and Australia: no visa required for 180 days if requested. (If not a 30-day one may be issued at immigration instead.)

### **Nepal (Asia)**

All non-Indian visitors can get a 90-day visa for \$100. You can extend this for up to 150 days for \$2 per day plus \$20, but this is the maximum time to legally stay without a residency or work visa.

### **Palau (Asia/Micronesia)**

U.S. citizens only may live and work freely for up to one year.

### **Panama (Central America)**

US: 90-day visa granted upon arrival and this can be extended for another 90 days in Panama City. UK and Canadian citizens receive 180 days upon arrival and in theory U.S. Citizens too, but many people report having to request the longer stay upon arrival.

### **Peru (South America)**

US, UK, Canada and Australia: visa not required for up to 183 days. You can't renew this though or go to another country and return. You must leave for six months before getting the same stay again.

### **Puerto Rico (Caribbean Island)**

US citizens only: no visa required for unlimited stay. The same applies to territories such as the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and Saipan.

### **South Korea (Asia)**

Americans and Brits only receive 90 days, but Canadians can stay in South Korea for up to 180 days without a visa.

### **Thailand (Asia)**

It'll cost you in the neighborhood of \$140 and you have to apply at the Thai embassy in your home country, but you can get a six-month, multi-entry Thai visa at any age. You just must check in at immigration every month or two. (For those 50 and over, there's an open-ended retirement visa, with income or bank deposit requirement strings attached.) Thailand now offers a multiple entry 5-year digital nomad visa too with six months allowed at a time.

### **Tunisia (North Africa)**

Americans and Canadians can stay for 4 months upon arrival. (UK citizens only receive 90 days.)

### **Turkmenistan (Central Asia)**

US, UK, Canada and Australia: visa is required for a maximum stay of up to a year. Prices start at US\$145 for a single-entry 4-month visa and rise from there to US\$515 for a one-year multiple entry one.

### **United Kingdom (Europe)**

U.S. and Canadian citizens can stay for up to six months in the UK provided they can demonstrate financial solvency and an intent to leave the country or return home.

\* Note that you may be able to extend your visa past 180 days in some countries without leaving the country, but this is always at the discretion of the local office personnel and is therefore not guaranteed. Countries where some approved visitors routinely do this at least once with rare issues include Argentina, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Vanuatu, and Zambia.

Disclaimer

The above list was accurate when compiled in early 2025, but double check prices and updates with the appropriate embassy website and local message boards. It is also probably not exhaustive and if you dig around you'll likely find more destinations where you can stay a while.

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