

VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

Nationals of the following countries require a visa to enter the Virgin Islands

Afghanistan	Congo	Kyrgyzstan	Peru	Yemen
Albania	Cuba	Korea (North)	Philippines	Zaire
Algeria	Djibouti	Kuwait	Qatar	
Angola	Dominican Republic	Laos	Russian Republic (Federation)*	
Armenia	Egypt	Lebanon	Rwanda	
Azerbaijan	Equatorial Guinea	Liberia	Sao Tome & Principe	
Bahrain	Eritrea	Libya	Saudi Arabia	
Belarus*	Ethiopia	Macedonia	Senegal	
Benin	Gabon	Madagascar	Somalia	
Bhutan	Georgia	Mali	Sudan	
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Guinea	Mauritania	Surinam	
Burkina	Guinea-Bissau	Moldova*	Syria	
Burundi	Guyana	Mongolia	Taiwan (for purposes other than tourism and business)	
Burma	Haiti	Morocco	Tajikistan	
Cambodia	Indonesia	Mozambique	Thailand	
Cameroon	Iran	Myanmar	Togo	
Cape Verde	Iraq	Nepal	Turkey	
Central African Republic	Israel	Niger	Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus	
Chad	Ivory Coast	Nigeria	Turkmenistan	
China (for purposes other than tourism and business, not including Hong Kong (SAR))	Jamaica (effective 1 April, 2007)	Oman	Ukraine*	
Colombia	Jordan	Pakistan	United Arab Emirates	
Comoros	Kazakhstan	Palestine	Uzbekistan	
			Vietnam	

* See notes under heading "Visa Waiver for Eastern Europe and Russia" below.

Visa Waiver for Eastern Europe and Russia

On 21st January, 2010, the Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance issued a statement that visas are no longer required for Eastern Europe and Russian passport holders who wish to visit the BVI by mega yacht for a period up to two (2) weeks as tourists, family visitors, business travellers and student visitors. For all other categories, the usual visa requirements will apply.

In light of the Russian conflict with Ukraine, certain sanctions have been put in place. Therefore, checks should be made to determine whether the person(s) or vessel(s), in this case, mega yacht(s), is listed as Designated Persons under the Russian or maritime sanctions. The Department of Immigration, The Governor's Office (FCDO) and the Virgin Islands Shipping Registry are stakeholders in this process.

Visa Waiver for Taiwanese:

On 3rd April, 2012, the Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance issued a statement that visas are no longer required for Taiwanese passport holders who wish to visit the BVI for less than six (6) months as tourists, family visitors, business travellers and student visitors. For all other categories, the usual visa requirements will apply. The Premier noted that the British Virgin Islands already has a substantial international business engagement with the Asian region, so exploring into the tourism market is a natural transition. He further stated that beside tourism, the lifting of restrictions will also allow the British Virgin Islands and Taiwan to explore other economic and cultural opportunities. The BVI is the 125th country or region to grant visa-free entry or landing visas to Taiwanese passport holders.

Holder of a United Kingdom (UK), United States of America (USA) or Canadian visa:

Effective 1st September, 2016, Visa exemption for holders of a United Kingdom (UK), United States of America (USA) or Canadian visa, and visiting the Territory for business, tourism and other related matters, to enter and remain for a period less than six months.

Cruise Passenger remaining in the Territory for a period of 24 hours or less:

Statutory Instrument No. 15 of 2017, by Order dated 8th March, 2017 made under section 37(4) of the Immigration and Passport Act (Cap 130), and gazetted on 9th March, 2017, Cabinet, in exercise of the power conferred by section 37(4) of the Immigration and Passport Act (Cap 130), exempt a person arriving in the Territory on a cruise ship and who will remain in the Territory for a period of 24 hours or less, from the requirement of a visa where that person would, but for the exemption, require a visa.

Visa Exemption – Peoples Republic of China

Cabinet, on 31st May, 2018 approved via Cabinet Memo No. 160/2018 visa exemption for nationals of the People's Republic of China (PRC) to enter the Territory specifically for business and tourism purposes for a period not exceeding six months.

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