

Which third-country nationals are required to have a visa ?

The Amsterdam Treaty, which came into force on 1st May 1999 harmonised the visa rules applying to travel for non-EU nationals. EU Member States with the exception of the United Kingdom and Ireland which, on the basis of a protocol annexed to the Treaty of Amsterdam, maintain autonomous visa, immigration and asylum policies are precluded from unilaterally determining the visa rules related to short-term stays for nationals of any third country.

Bound by Regulation (EC) No 539/2001, modified by Regulation n 2414/2001 and by Regulation n 453/2003, the list of third-countries whose nationals are subject to the visa requirement, when travelling to Malta and/or any other EU Member State is as follows:

AFGHANISTAN	GRENADA	PHILIPPINES
ALBANIA	GUINEA	QATAR
ALGERIA	GUINEA-BISSAU	RUSSIA
ANGOLA	GUYANA	RWANDA
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	HAITI	SAMOA
ARMENIA	INDIA	SAO TOME & PRINCIPE
AZERBAIJAN	INDONESIA	SAUDI ARABIA
BAHAMAS	IRAN	SENEGAL
BAHRAIN	IRAQ	SERBIA
BANGLADESH	JAMAICA	SEYCHELLES
BARBADOS	JORDAN	SIERRA LEONE
BELARUS	KAZAKHSTAN	SOLOMON ISLANDS
BELIZE	KENYA	SOMALIA
BENIN	KIRIBATI	SOUTH AFRICA
BHUTAN	KUWAIT	SRI LANKA
BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA	KYRGYZSTAN	ST KITTS & NEVIS
BOTSWANA	LAOS	ST LUCIA
BURKINA FASO	LEBANON	ST VINCENT
BURMA/MYANMAR	LESOTHO	SUDAN
BURUNDI	LIBERIA	SURINAME
CAMBODIA	LIBYA	SWAZILAND
CAMEROON	MADAGASCAR	SYRIA
CAPE VERDE	MALAWI	TAJIKISTAN
CENTRAL AFRICAN REP	MALDIVES	TANZANIA
CHAD	MALI	THAILAND
CHINA	MARSHALL ISLANDS	TIMOR-LESTE
COLOMBIA	MAURITANIA	TOGO
COMOROS	MAURITIUS	TONGA
CONGO	MICRONESIA	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
COTE D'IVOIRE	MOLDOVA	TUNISIA
CUBA	MONGOLIA	TURKEY
DEM REP OF CONGO	MONTENEGRO	TURKMENISTAN
DJIBOUTI	MOROCCO	TUVALU
DOMINICA	MOZAMBIQUE	UGANDA
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	NAMIBIA	UKRAINE
ECUADOR	NAURU	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
EGYPT	NEPAL	UZBEKISTAN
EQUATORIAL GUINEA	NIGER	VANUATU
ERITREA	NIGERIA	VIETNAM
ETHIOPIA	NORTH KOREA	YEMEN

FIJI	NORTHERN MARIANAS (IS)	ZAMBIA
FYROM	OMAN	ZIMBABWE
GABON	PAKISTAN	
GAMBIA	PALAU	
GEORGIA	PAPUA NEW GUINEA	
GHANA	PERU	

A limited set of **derogations** and exceptions exist for specific categories of persons, notably on grounds of international law or custom. Member States may therefore exempt from the requirement to carry an EU visa, or reintroduce the visa obligation when they would otherwise be exempted, the following categories of persons:

- holders of diplomatic passports, official duty passports and other official passports;
- civilian air and sea crew;
- flight crew and attendants on emergency or rescue flights and other helpers involved in disaster or emergency relief;
- the civilian crew of ships navigating in international waters;
- the holders of laissez-passer issued by some intergovernmental organisations to their officials.