

Third-country nationals 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 n2414/2001 and by Regulation n453/2003, 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	IRAQ	ST VINCENT
ALBANIA	JAMAICA	SUDAN
ALGERIA	JORDAN	SURINAME
ANGOLA	KAZAKHSTAN	SWAZILAND
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	KENYA	SYRIA
ARMENIA	KIRIBATI	TAJIKISTAN
AZERBAIJAN	KUWAIT	TANZANIA
BAHAMAS	KYRGYZSTAN	THAILAND
BAHRAIN	LAOS	TIMOR-LESTE
BANGLADESH	LEBANON	TOGO
BARBADOS	LESOTHO	TONGA
BELARUS	LIBERIA	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
BELIZE	LIBYA	TUNISIA
BENIN	MADAGASCAR	TURKEY
BHUTAN	MALAWI	TURKMENISTAN
BOLIVIA	MALDIVES	TUVALU
BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA	MALI	UGANDA
BOTSWANA	MARSHALL ISLANDS	UKRAINE
BURKINA FASO	MAURITANIA	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
BURMA/MYANMAR	MAURITIUS	UZBEKISTAN
BURUNDI	MICRONESIA	VANUATU
CAMBODIA	MOLDOVA	VIETNAM
CAMEROON	MONGOLIA	YEMEN

CAPE VERDE	MONTENEGRO	ZAMBIA
CENTRAL AFRICAN REP	MOROCCO	ZIMBABWE
CHAD	MOZAMBIQUE	
CHINA	NAMIBIA	
COLOMBIA	NAURU	
COMOROS	NEPAL	
CONGO	NIGER	
COTE D'IVOIRE	NIGERIA	
CUBA	NORTH KOREA	
DEM REP OF CONGO	NORTHERN MARIANAS (IS)	
DJIBOUTI	OMAN	
DOMINICA	PAKISTAN	
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	PALAU	
ECUADOR	PAPUA NEW GUINEA	
EGYPT	PERU	
EQUATORIAL GUINEA	PHILIPPINES	
ERITREA	QATAR	
ETHIOPIA	RUSSIA	
FIJI	RWANDA	
FYROM	SAMOA	
GABON	SAO TOME & PRINCIPE	
GAMBIA	SAUDI ARABIA	
GEORGIA	SENEGAL	
GHANA	SERBIA	
GRENADA	SEYCHELLES	
GUINEA	SIERRA LEONE	
GUINEA-BISSAU	SOLOMON ISLANDS	
GUYANA	SOMALIA	
HAITI	SOUTH AFRICA	
INDIA	SRI LANKA	
INDONESIA	ST KITTS & NEVIS	
IRAN	ST LUCIA	

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.