



Immigration News Highlights

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Brazil

[South America's first digital nomad village opened in Brazil](#)

The Brazilian authorities announced the launch of a new digital nomad village. The village shall be open to digital nomads in November 2022 and will allow them to rent accommodations from where they will be allowed to work remotely. [Read more.](#)

Colombia

[Visa waiver implemented for more foreign nationals](#)

The Colombian authorities updated the list of countries and territories whose nationals are eligible for a visa waiver to enter the country. The authorities added Morocco, North Macedonia, Oman, and Ukraine. Travelers from these countries will no longer need a Visitor Visa (V3) to enter Colombia. [Read more.](#)

Costa Rica

[Law supporting digital nomads passed](#)

Costa Rican authorities signed into legislation the 'Digital Nomads Law', with the goal of attracting foreign remote workers and their families to the country. The new legislation provides legal security and other incentives to digital nomads in Costa Rica. [Read more.](#)

Ecuador

[Negotiations ongoing to permit visa-free travel for Ecuadorian nationals to Spain](#)

The President of Ecuador asked the Spanish King to permit Ecuadorians to travel to Spain visa-free at a meeting held between the two leaders in Colombia. [Read more.](#)



Afghanistan

[Afghanistan to open its gates to tourists](#)

On 16 August 2022, the Republic of Afghanistan announced that the country is now open to tourists. Travelers can now apply for tourist visas online. [Read more](#)

China

[COVID related visa restrictions to be eased for students stranded in India](#)

The Chinese authorities have resumed the process to allow Indian students to enter China. The entry was previously suspended due to COVID-19 visa restrictions. [Read more](#)

Sri Lanka

[Sri Lanka to Extend Digital Nomad Visas up to 270 Days & Impose Fees for Overstaying](#)

Sri Lankan Authorities extended the validity of tourist visa up to 270 days by charging additional fee ranging from USD 60 to USD 200. All tourists eligible for 30 to 90 day tourist visa can obtain an extension of up to 180 days and 270 days by paying the additional fee. [Read more](#)

Thailand

[Thailand eyes extending visa on arrival to 45 days](#)

Thailand plans to extend the validity of visa-on-arrival from 30 days to 45 days. The measure aims to boost the tourism revenue in the country. [Read more](#)

Vietnam

[Viet Nam, Qatar waive visa for holders of diplomatic and official passports](#)

On 15 August 2022, Vietnam and Qatar signed a visa waiver agreement for diplomats of both countries. [Read more](#)



Finland

[Finland to refuse recognition for new Vietnamese passports](#)

The Finnish embassy in Hanoi has confirmed that it shall not be recognizing the new Vietnamese passports, since they do not contain information regarding the birthplace of the passport holder. [Read more](#)

Germany

[Germany refuses to accept Indonesian passports without signature column](#)

Indonesian passports without a signature column will no longer be processed by German authorities, according to a statement released by the German embassy in Jakarta. The matter shall be investigated by both the government agencies in collaboration. [Read more](#)

Norway

[Norway Cancels Advice Against Travel to Shanghai](#)

On 11 August, 2022, Norway's Ministry of Foreign Affairs rescinded the travel advisory against travel to Shanghai due to COVID-19. The ministry issued an advisory in April 2022 asking its citizens to not travel to Shanghai due to increased COVID-19 cases and quarantine requirements. [Read more](#)

Portugal

[Modifications to the Foreigner's Law introduced to facilitate immigration](#)

The Portuguese authorities passed a new law on immigration which provides for a 120-day temporary visa, which can be further extended to 60 days for foreigners seeking work in Portugal. The measure was taken consideration the labor shortage in the country. [Read more](#)

Sweden

[Mandatory checks for travelers by ships extended by Swedish government](#)

The Swedish government has decided to extend the obligation to carry out identity checks on all travelers arriving in the county by ship, until 31 December 2022. The earlier regulations for identity checks were only applicable till 1 September 2022. [Read more](#)

United Kingdom

[Important Changes to Priority Visa Services offered by UKVI from 12 August](#)

The UK Visa and Immigration (UKVI) reintroduced priority services for sponsored work and student visa applicants. From 12 August 2022, applicants under these categories can purchase the Priority Visa (PV) and Super Priority Visa (SPV) services. [Read more](#)

United Kingdom

[Immigration staff guidance on the police registration requirement](#)

On 4 August 2022, the UK Home office suspended the police registration requirement for foreign nationals. Foreign nationals are no longer required to register with the local police stations after entering the UK or while changing their address. [Read more](#)

United
Kingdom

[UK and China to restart direct passenger flights](#)

China and UK agreed to resume direct passenger flights between the two countries aiming to ease the COVID-19 entry restrictions. Initially, China will start direct flights to the UK. [Read more](#)



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