

Visa requirements SYRIA

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The visa policy of Syria is now extremely unstable, and there is no exact data on the visa policy of this country. This data is taken from open sources and may become outdated or irrelevant

The authorities in Syria set and enforce entry rules. Entry and exit measures for Syria may change without notice. You should also consider checking with your transport provider or travel company to make sure your passport and other travel documents meet their requirements.

Visa not required

Despite the official statements of the Syrian government that since 2014, citizens of absolutely all countries must obtain a visa in advance to enter Syria, citizens of the following countries are de facto allowed to enter Syria without a visa:

Bahrain	Lebanon	Qatar
Jordan	Oman	United Arab Emirates
Kuwait		

Citizens of the following countries de facto can also visit Syria without a visa, but most often some of them are denied entry and asked to obtain a visa in advance:

Algeria	Saudi Arabia	Turkey
Comoros	Sudan	Yemen
Mauritania	Tunisia	

Only female citizens of these countries can de facto visit Syria without a visa:

Morocco

Citizens of the following countries who are non-residents (non-permanent residents) of their countries can de facto enter Syria without a visa, or for transit to a third country:

Iraq	Libya	Somalia
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Visa on arrival

Syrian government's officially stated need to obtain a visa in advance, a visa on arrival is still de facto valid for citizens of below listed countries, , but after the intensification of the Civil war, some citizens of these countries are denied a visa on arrival "for security reasons" and ask citizens of these countries to obtain a Syrian visa in advance:

Armenia	Iran	Russia
Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic
Belarus	Kyrgyzstan	Tajikistan
China	Laos	Turkmenistan
Cuba	Macau	Uzbekistan
Djibouti	Malaysia	Venezuela
Egypt	Nicaragua	Vietnam
Hong Kong	North Korea	

Requirements for obtaining a Visa

Traveling without a tourist guide is not possible in Syria.

You are not able to enter independently crossing the Lebanese-Syrian border and do require the support of a travel agency (who handle the pre-authorisation and one phone call at the border to confirm/translate a last few questions on entry).

The tourist visa are issued by the cooperation between the Ministry of Tourism, Immigration and Passports. There are conditions to obtain them including having a tourist guide facilities and overnight in the hotel and transportation.

Therefore, you cannot travel independently.

Note it is not possible to get a visa for Syria at the border without pre-arranged security clearance.

The visa is valid for one entry for a period not exceeding 15 days (tour)

Visa is available for all nationalities(except Indonesia and Philippine) but for some nationalities (Thailand, India, Singapore, Serbia, Africa, USA) you need special Permit, which takes 6 7 weeks to the get the security clearance results.

Nationalities who do not need special Permit are Europe, Canada, South America, Australia, China, Japan, Korea, Russia. Due to political reasons, for USA citizens, there is a 30% chance of obtaining a visa.

The travel agency needs between 12 to 20 workdays to issue the security clearance and arrange the trip requirements.

When the travel agency issues a security clearance, you will get a visa upon arrival at the border.

Sometimes, the border authorities raise the price of the visa so you should have more cash, just in case.

The approximate visa charges are:

European	\$	72,00
USA	\$	150,00
South America	\$	20,00
China	\$	31,00
Hong Kong	\$	75,00
Japan	\$	31,00
UK	\$	140,00
Canada	\$	90,00
Malaysia	\$	-
Jamaica	\$	30,00
Georgia	\$	35,00
Hungary	\$	85,00
Russia	\$	60,00
Belarus	\$	205,00
Turkey	\$	30,00
India	\$	35,00
Brazil	\$	10,00
Thailand	\$	35,00
Mexico	\$	60,00
Australia	\$	135,00
Argentina	\$	105,00
Serbia	\$	-

Admission denied

State of Israel	Republic of Somaliland	Donetsk People's Republic
Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus	Republic of Artsakh	Luhansk People's Republic
Republic of Kosovo	Transnistrian Moldavian Republic	

You cannot enter Syria (or Lebanon) with a stamp from Israel in your passport.

They are very thorough in checking and will also check your passport for an exit-only stamp from Jordan.

You will be refused entry.

If you have travelled to Israel, even though they do not stamp your passport, when leaving Israel, they place a yellow barcode sticker placed inside your passport. If you have this sticker, you will be refused entry.