

Visa requirements SYRIA



Almost all travelers need a visa to enter Syria, whether arriving by land or air. While citizens of Jordan, Malaysia, and Mauritania can still enter visa-free, all other nationalities must obtain a visa.

As of July 2025, visa fees are required at all borders and airports (and this is still in effect in 2026). This is a major change: land border travelers are no longer exempt from visa fees.

Visa not required

Jordan	Malaysia	Mauritania
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Admission denied - Entry and transit are strictly refused for:

Israeli passport holders	Israeli entry/exit records
Any passport containing:	Jordanian or Egyptian border stamps issued at borders with Israel
Israeli visas or stamps	Any indication of previous travel to or connection with Israel

You cannot enter Syria (or Lebanon) with a stamp from Israel in your passport. You will be refused entry. They are very thorough in checking and will also check your passport for an exit-only stamp from Jordan. 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.

The Visa Process

For most travelers, you don't need to visit a Syrian embassy. In practice, visas are issued and paid for upon arrival at the border or airport.

However, some travelers must obtain visa approval in advance (security clearance), especially:

- Those flying into Syria, and
- Restricted nationalities (see the restricted list below)

If you're joining one of our tours, we can assist with the visa steps that require advance approval and help ensure everything is arranged correctly before you travel.

Visa on arrival

By land

If you're entering Syria by land through Lebanon or Jordan, the process is usually super straightforward for most nationalities:

- You'll get a visa on arrival right at the border.
- No prior visa application or document is needed for most travelers.
- Visa fees are required now when entering by land.
- Your passport will be stamped at the border (both entering and exiting).
- You'll just fill out a short form at the Syrian border post, and if you're with a tour, your guide will handle all the steps with you.

Important note: Travelers from restricted nationalities must obtain visa approval in advance, even if entering by land (see below).

By air – Visa Document Required

- If you're flying into Syria (for example to Damascus or Aleppo airports), you must have a visa approval document arranged in advance. Airlines usually will not let you board without this.
- If you're joining one of our tours, we can arrange the necessary visa document for you. This pre-approval makes everything smoother at the airport.

Visa on Arrival (By Allowed Duration)

30-day Maximum stay

Austria	Greece	Norway
Belgium	Hungary	Poland
Bulgaria	Iceland	Portugal
Croatia	Ireland	Romania

Cyprus	Italy	Slovakia
Czech Republic	Latvia	Slovenia
Denmark	Liechtenstein	Spain
Estonia	Lithuania	Sweden
Finland	Luxembourg	Switzerland
France	Malta	United Kingdom
Germany	Netherlands	United States of America

15-day Maximum stay

Russia	Georgia	Tajikistan
Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Turkmenia
Belarus	Kyrgyzstan	Uzbekistan

Note on Russia: Russian passport holders must secure an “OK to Board” confirmation from their respective airline at least 48 hours prior to flight departure.

Restricted nationalities (Visa approval required before entry)

If you hold a passport from any of the countries listed below, entering Syria is restricted. This means you must obtain visa approval (security clearance) in advance before you travel, whether you plan to enter Syria via Lebanon, Jordan, or by flying directly to Damascus.

Processing time: Visa approval typically takes **3–4 working weeks** (and may take longer during busy periods). We strongly recommend applying early and avoiding non-refundable bookings until your approval is confirmed.

Afghanistan	Iraq	Pakistan
Bangladesh	Kenya	Philippines
Chad	Libya	Russia
China	Mali	Somalia
Egypt	Mauritania	South Africa
Ethiopia	Myanmar (Burma)	Sri Lanka
Ghana	Nepal	Sudan
Guinea	Nigeria	Vietnam
India	North Korea	Yemen
Iran		

Visa Fees (Effective July 2025 – still in effect in 2026)

Visa fees now apply at all entry points and must be paid in cash (USD) upon arrival.

Below are some sample fees for popular nationalities:

Country/Region	Single (1 month)	Double (3 months)
EU Countries	\$75	\$110
United Kingdom	\$150	\$225
United States	\$200	\$300
Canada	\$100	\$150
Australia	\$150	\$225
New Zealand	\$150	\$225
Brazil	\$50	\$75

Payment Info

Visa fees must be paid in cash, in US Dollars (USD) at the border or airport.

ATMs do not work in Syria and credit cards are not accepted.

Make sure to exchange your money to USD before arriving, especially if you’re coming from Lebanon (we recommend stopping in Chtoura for currency exchange).

What You Need to Bring

Passport (valid for at least 6 months)

Visa approval document (if flying)

Visa fee in USD cash

Travel confirmation from your tour (if applicable)