

Henley Passport Index for 2024

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Key Facts

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The recently released Henley Passport Index for 2024 reveals notable shifts in passport rankings globally.

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Key Highlights of the index:

France Leads the Pack:

- In 2024, **France** claims the coveted **top position on the Henley Passport Index**, offering visa-free access to an **impressive 194 countries**.
- **France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Singapore, and Spain**: Visa-free or visa-on-arrival access to 194 countries.
- **Finland, South Korea, and Sweden**: Visa-free or visa-on-arrival access to 193 countries and territories.

India's Ranking Decline:

- **India slips from 84th to 85th position** in the passport rankings, despite an increase in **visa-free access from 60 to 62 countries**.
- Recent announcements from **Iran, Malaysia, and Thailand** offering visa-free entry for Indian tourists do not prevent the overall slip in India's passport ranking.
- The discrepancy underscores the **complexity of factors influencing passport** strength and global mobility.

Regional Insights:

- **Pakistan** maintains its 106th position, while **Bangladesh** experiences a slight decline from 101st to 102nd place.
- **Maldives** continues to possess a robust passport, securing 58th place with visa-free travel to 96 countries.

Global Mobility Trends:

- The Henley Passport Index data, spanning 19 years, indicates a significant global mobility shift, with the number of countries accessible visa-free nearly doubling from 58 to 111.

Methodology:

- The index derives its rankings from **International Air Transport Association (IATA) data** covering **199 passports and 227 travel destinations worldwide**.
- Updated monthly, the Henley Passport Index serves as a global standard, reflecting changes in citizens' travel freedom over the past two decades.

Henley Passport Index:

- The Henley Passport Index is a **global ranking of countries** based on the number of destinations their citizens can **access without a visa**.
- It was originally called the Henley & Partners Visa Restrictions Index when it began in 2006 and was renamed in 2018.
- The index is updated monthly and is based on data from the **International Air Transport Association (IATA)**.