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WASHINGTON, WA, UNITED STATES, April 23, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The number of countries offering Digital Nomad Visas continues to grow. One recent addition is Slovenia, which introduced its visa in late 2025. A new Passportivity report identifies the best countries based on measurable criteria, including income requirements, cost of living, safety, internet access, and English proficiency.



New Zealand ranks first due to its low income requirement of just \$610 per month combined with excellent safety and connectivity indicators. Malaysia stands out as one of the most practical options”

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[The Passportivity Digital Nomad Visa Index](#) compares 48 jurisdictions and provides a comprehensive view of Digital Nomad Visas, highlighting where relocation is easiest and where quality of life is highest.

Comparison of Digital Nomad Visa countries
To provide a structured overview, Passportivity compiled a full list of countries comparing key programme parameters.

According to the ranking, the top destinations for remote professionals in 2026 are New Zealand, Dominica, Malta, Australia, and Malaysia. These countries combine visa accessibility with strong infrastructure and stable living conditions.

Why some Digital Nomad countries outperform others

While many countries offering Digital Nomad Visas promote themselves as remote work hubs, not all offer a balanced combination of affordability and liveability.

Passportivity’s analysis shows that the strongest performers share several characteristics:

- relatively low or moderate income requirements;
- high levels of safety and political stability;
- reliable internet infrastructure;
- widespread use of English;
- reasonable cost of living relative to income thresholds.

Regional leaders among countries offering Digital Nomad Visas

☐☐Europe.

Malta leads due to its balanced conditions, followed by Hungary and the Netherlands. However, higher income thresholds and cost of living reduce overall accessibility in some European countries with Digital Nomad Visas.

Asia.

Malaysia ranks first, offering the best balance between affordability and infrastructure.

Kazakhstan and South Korea follow, although language barriers and high income requirements affect their positions.

North America.

Costa Rica leads thanks to strong safety indicators and internet accessibility, while Belize requires higher income.

South America.

Argentina ranks first due to moderate income requirements and strong connectivity, followed by Brazil and Ecuador.

These differences reflect a broader trend: digital nomads are increasingly prioritising practical relocation conditions over purely lifestyle-driven destinations.

Key trends shaping the Digital Nomad Visa market

The research identifies several trends influencing the popularity of the best digital nomad countries:

1☐☐Affordability is becoming a decisive factor. Countries with lower income thresholds and lower living costs are gaining popularity, even if they are less well-known destinations.

2☐☐Infrastructure matters more than lifestyle branding. Fast internet and stable connectivity are now essential, outweighing purely recreational appeal.

3☐☐Europe remains attractive but less accessible. Many European countries with Digital Nomad Visas offer high quality of life but require higher income levels, limiting accessibility for a broader audience.

4☐☐Demand is shifting toward balanced destinations. Countries like Malaysia or Costa Rica demonstrate that a balance between cost, safety, and infrastructure is more important than premium positioning.

Digital Nomad Visa Countries Ranking, Sorted by Total Score, Ascending

| No | Country | Total Score | Monthly Income | Cost of Living | Safety Level | Internet Access | Internet Speed (Mobile/Home) | English Proficiency |
|----|-------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 10 | Namibia | 78,1 | 2000 | \$\$\$\$ | High | 64 | 27 / 16 | Native / Official Language |
| 9 | Norway | 78,5 | 3495 | \$\$\$\$ | High | 99 | 156 / 161 | Very High Proficiency |
| 8 | Netherlands | 78,7 | 1761 | \$\$\$ | High | 97 | 163 / 218 | Very High Proficiency |
| 7 | Hungary | 80,8 | 3522 | \$\$\$ | High | 93 | 85 / 230 | High Proficiency |
| 6 | Grenada | 81,0 | 3620 | \$ | Very High | 74 | – / 91 | Native / Official Language |
| 5 | Malaysia | 82,9 | 2000 | \$\$ | High | 98 | 139 / 161 | High Proficiency |
| 4 | Australia | 84,8 | 3300 | \$\$\$\$ | High | 97 | 128 / 135 | Native / Official Language |
| 3 | Malta | 85,1 | 4109 | \$\$\$ | High | 92 | 125 / 187 | Native / Official Language |
| 2 | Dominica | 85,3 | 4167 | \$\$\$ | Very High | 83 | – / 47 | Native / Official Language |
| 1 | New Zealand | 87,3 | 610 | \$\$\$\$ | Very High | 96 | 128 / 217 | Native / Official Language |

The table allows users to compare countries offering digital nomad visas based on objective criteria

These trends indicate a broader shift in how remote professionals evaluate relocation options. Rather than choosing destinations based on lifestyle appeal alone, digital nomads focus on long-term affordability.

Outlook: where digital nomads will relocate next

As more governments introduce remote work visas, competition between Digital Nomad Visa countries is intensifying. Passportivity analysts expect demand to continue growing in countries that combine:

- moderate income requirements;
- lower cost of living;
- stable political and economic environments;
- strong digital infrastructure.

At the same time, countries with high entry thresholds or rising living costs may see slower demand growth, even if they remain attractive lifestyle destinations.

About Passportivity and its support for Digital Nomads

[Passportivity is an international law company](#) specialising in global mobility solutions for entrepreneurs, remote professionals, and internationally mobile families. The company helps digital nomads choose and obtain residence permits and long-term visa options in Malta, Portugal, Spain, and other jurisdictions.

The company works with licensed lawyers, developers, and financial professionals to ensure compliance, transparency, and strategic investment alignment.

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