



4th Summer Youth Olympic Games Dakar 2026 – information for the media

1) GENERAL INFORMATION

The 4th Summer Youth Olympic Games (YOG) will take place in Dakar, Senegal, marking the first time a country on the African continent is hosting an Olympic sporting event.

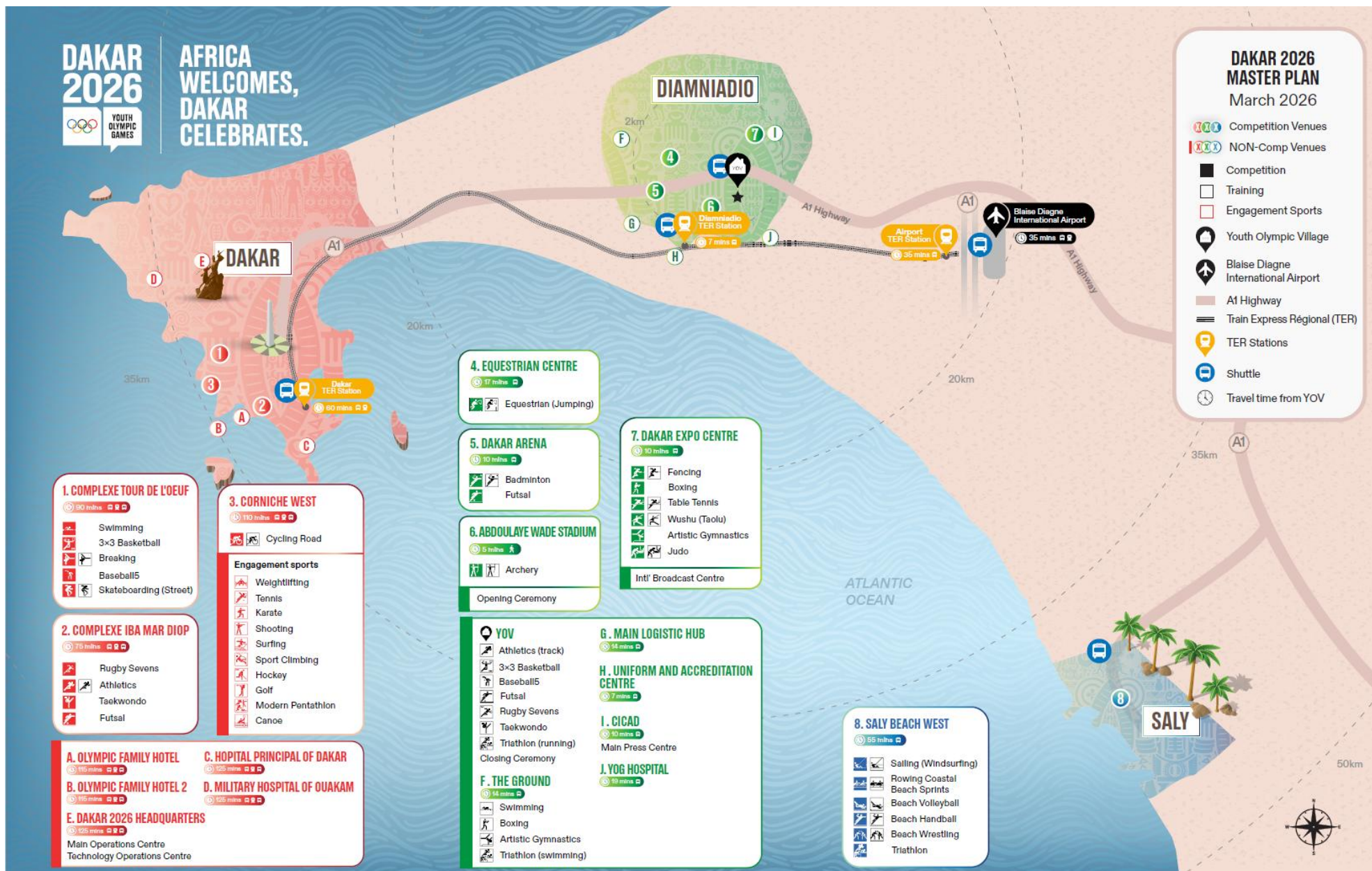
The Youth Olympic Games are a global elite sporting event for athletes aged up to 17, featuring a programme largely based on the Olympic Games, while also introducing newer sports and innovative competition formats. Beyond the competition, the YOG include an educational programme that promotes the Olympic values, cultural exchange and athlete development. Many YOG athletes have gone on to become Olympic champions. Some notable examples include [Chad le Clos](#) (swimming, South Africa), [Tom Daley](#) (diving, Great Britain), [Thiago Braz](#) (athletics, Brazil), [Jessica Fox](#) (canoe slalom, Australia), [Kuo Hsing-chun](#) (weightlifting, Chinese Taipei), [Noah Lyles](#) (athletics, USA) and [Julien Alfred](#) (athletics, Saint Lucia) among many others.

Overview and key facts

- Dates: Saturday 31 October to Friday 13 November 2026.
- First Olympic sporting event to be held in Africa.
- Competition venues: three clusters in Dakar, Diamniadio and Saly.
- Sports programme: 25 competition sports, 10 engagement sports, 153 medal events.
- Number of athletes: 2,700 (aged up to 17 years old) and, for the first time, a Youth Refugee Olympic Team.
- 100% gender balanced.

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- Competition Venues
- NON-Comp Venues
- Competition
- Training
- Engagement Sports
- Youth Olympic Village
- Blaise Diagne International Airport
- A1 Highway
- Train Express Régional (TER)
- TER Stations
- Shuttle
- Travel time from YOV



Competition Schedule

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COMPETITION SCHEDULE BY SESSION AND VENUE

DAKAR

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

	sub-venue	30	31	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13
Complexe Iba Mar Diop · CID																
Rugby Sevens	IMD			10:30-12:00 13:14-14:42 15:58-17:26	11:30-17:50	09:40-11:08 13:08-14:36 15:52-17:50										
Athletics											14:30-17:30	10:00-13:00	10:00-13:00			
Futsal	IMA			10:00-14:00 15:30-19:30	10:00-14:00 15:30-19:30	10:00-14:00 15:30-19:30	10:00-14:00 15:30-19:30	10:00-14:00 15:30-19:30								
Taekwondo											11:00-13:40 16:00-18:00	11:00-13:40 16:00-18:00	11:00-14:40 16:00-19:00	11:00-14:40 16:00-19:00	11:00-12:40 15:00-18:15	
Complexe Tour de l'Œuf · CTO																
Baseball5	COC	10:00-12:45 15:00-17:45	08:30-14:15	10:30-13:15 15:00-17:45	10:30-13:15 15:00-17:45	10:30-13:15 15:00-17:45										
3x3 Basketball									10:00-12:40 15:00-17:40	10:00-12:40 15:00-17:40	11:30-13:10 15:00-16:40	11:30-13:10 15:00-16:40				
Breaking															11:00-13:30 15:00-17:30	10:00-12:45
Skateboarding (Street)	CSP						12:45-14:30 16:00-17:20	12:45-14:30 16:00-17:20								
Swimming	CAD			11:00-13:00 15:00-17:00	11:00-13:00 15:00-17:00	11:00-13:00 15:00-17:00	11:00-13:00 15:00-17:00	11:00-13:00 15:00-17:00	10:00-12:30 15:30-17:30							
Corniche West · COR																
Cycling Road	COR										09:00-13:30		09:00-12:20			

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DIAMNIADIO

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

	sub-venue	30	31	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13
Abdoulaye Wade Stadium · SAW																
Archery	SAW								09:30-12:00	09:00-12:45 14:00-17:45	10:00-12:00 14:00-16:30	10:00-12:00 14:00-16:30	09:00-12:00 14:00-17:30			
Equestrian Centre of Diamniadio · CED																
Equestrian Jumping	CED					09:00-10:30		09:00-11:00	09:00-12:00							
Dakar Arena · DAR																
Badminton	DAR			09:00-12:40 14:30-18:55	09:00-12:40 14:30-18:55	09:00-12:40 14:30-18:55	09:00-12:35 14:30-18:45	14:00-18:45								
Futsal											10:00-14:00 15:30-19:30	11:00-13:00 15:00-17:00	11:00-13:00 15:00-17:00		11:00-13:00 15:00-17:00	11:00-13:00 15:00-17:00
Dakar Expo Centre · DEX																
Table Tennis	DPA		10:00-13:00	09:30-13:00 14:30-19:30	10:00-12:20 14:30-19:00	10:00-12:45 14:15-19:15	10:00-13:15 15:00-18:00	10:00-13:00 16:00-19:20								
Fencing												09:00-12:35 14:00-16:15	09:00-12:35 14:00-16:15	09:00-12:35 14:00-16:15	09:00-12:35 14:00-16:15	09:00-12:35 14:00-16:15
Wushu Taolu	DPC			09:30-11:30 14:30-16:30	09:30-11:30 14:30-16:30	09:30-12:00 14:30-18:00										
Boxing											12:00-14:30 17:00-19:30	12:00-14:30 17:00-19:30	12:00-14:00 17:00-19:00	12:00-15:00 17:00-20:00	12:00-14:30 17:00-19:30	12:00-14:00 17:00-19:00
Judo	DPE			10:00-12:30 16:00-17:40	10:00-12:30 16:00-17:40	10:00-12:00 16:00-17:10										
Artistic Gymnastics									10:00-12:30 13:00-15:30	10:00-13:45 14:45-16:30	10:00-12:30 14:00-16:30	10:00-13:45 15:15-17:00	10:30-13:00 17:00-19:00	11:30-14:00 16:15-19:00	17:00-19:13	

Qualifiers Finals Rest day

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COMPETITION SCHEDULE BY SESSION AND VENUE

SALY

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

	sub-venue	30	31	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13
Saly Beach West · SBW																
Beach Volleyball	BCT		08:30-15:10	08:30-16:50	09:00-11:00 13:00-17:00	09:00-17:00	11:00-13:00 14:00-16:30									
Beach Wrestling										10:30-12:30 15:00-17:50	10:30-12:30 15:00-17:50					
Beach Handball											09:30-12:50 15:00-17:30	10:00-13:20	10:00-12:30 15:30-17:10	10:00-13:20 15:30-17:10	10:00-13:20 15:30-17:10	09:30-14:06
Rowing Coastal Beach Sprints	WPK		10:00-12:00	10:00-12:10	10:00-12:50	10:00-12:20										
Triathlon								09:00-10:45	09:00-10:45							
Sailing (Windsurfing)											14:00-17:00	14:00-17:00	14:00-17:00	14:00-17:00	14:00-17:20	

Qualifiers Finals Rest day

Please note that the competition schedule may change.

2) ACCREDITATION

Media representatives interested in covering the Dakar 2026 Summer Youth Olympic Games should submit their accreditation application on the [Media Registration Portal](#) that will open on 13 April 2026.

The application period is **from 13 April to 12 June 2026**, until 23:59 GMT.

The registration is open for rights-holding and non-rights holding media, written press and photographers, as well as writers and photographers working for publications and/or websites of National Olympic Committees and International Federations.

NOC press attachés will be accredited as NOC E and should follow the NOC accreditation process. Only bona fide press attachés working in that role for their NOC can receive an NOC E press attaché accreditation, and these accreditations should not be allocated to any other person working in another role.

Please also note that photographers working for NOCs at the Dakar 2026 YOG should not be accredited as NOC E. Writers and photographers working for NOCs should apply for an “E” press accreditation using the above-mentioned Media Registration Portal.

Please be aware that no Youth Olympic Accreditation Cards (YOACs) will be issued or delivered prior to the YOG. Media representatives will pick up their YOAC upon arrival in Dakar at designated accreditation facilities. In order for the YOAC to be issued, the same passport/photo ID submitted for the accreditation application must be presented.

3) ENTRY VISA

Senegal usually operates a three-category visa system for foreign nationals, each subject to specific entry and visa requirements, detailed as follows: cf. [Annex 1](#)

Category A	Category B	Category C
<i>Countries that do not require a visa to enter Senegal</i>	<i>Countries that require a visa on arrival at the DSS airport (no pre-approval by the Senegalese Ministry of interior required)</i>	<i>Countries that require a visa prior to departure (approval of the Senegalese Ministry of Interior)*</i> *Participants holding passports from Category C countries must obtain a visa prior to travel from the nearest Senegalese embassy or consulate. Visa issuance is subject to prior authorisation by the Senegalese Ministry of Interior.

For the purpose of the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games, the Senegalese authorities will ensure entry to the host country to all persons accredited for the YOG as stipulated in the Host City Contract.

The list of countries and their relevant category can be found in [Annex 1](#) at the end of this document.

No pre-valid accreditation cards will be sent prior to the Games. All participants will receive an invitation letter to identify them as Games participants and allow them to use YOG transport upon arrival in Senegal. For Category B and C countries, an e-Visa will also be issued by the Ministry of the Interior for entry into Senegal.

For detailed information on the accreditation and visa process, please refer to the Media Accreditation Guide via the Media Registration Portal.

Passport validity

To enter Senegal, passports must be valid for at least 6 months from the date of arrival.

4) ACCOMMODATION

Dakar 2026 has pre-selected dedicated hotels for the media. These hotels are located in the different clusters of Dakar, Diamniadio and Saly, all of which are hosts of Dakar 2026 YOG events. A transport service via the Common Shuttle Service (CSS) will be provided at all official accommodations.

Accredited media will be able to book their rooms via [the Accommodation Management System \(AMS\)](#), which will be open for bookings from 13 April until 17 July 2026. Please note that only approved accredited media can book media accommodation.

Procedure for accessing the AMS

Media personnel wishing to access the Accommodation Management System (AMS) for hotel reservations must first complete the online User Access Acceptance Form (UAAF) available on the above-mentioned AMS website.

During this process, they must nominate a designated representative authorised to act on their behalf for contractual obligations, including payment, and accept the AMS Terms and Conditions.

Once the form has been submitted, the designated representative will receive an email with the username and password required to access the AMS platform and make reservations online.

For detailed information on accommodation, please refer to the Media Accommodation Guide via the Media Registration Portal.

For any questions related to accommodation requests, please contact the Dakar 2026 Organising Committee by email at the following address: booking@dakar2026.org

5) TRANSPORT

Arrivals and departures

Accredited media in need of arrival and departure services will need to submit their arrival and departure data in advance via the Media Registration Portal.

The official port of entry for the YOG is the Blaise Diagne International Airport (DSS), where arrival and departure desks will be in operation from 23 October to 16 November 2026.

Transport

A comprehensive YOG Transport network (Common Shuttle Services – CSS and Train Express Régional - TER) which serves all competition, non-competition and official hotels has been developed by Dakar 2026 and will be operational from 23 October to 16 November 2026.

In addition to the YOG transport network, accredited media will have access, free of charge, to the Bus Rapid Transit public transport system.

For detailed information on transport, please refer to the Transportation Guide via the [Media Registration Portal](#).

6) MEDIA FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Media facilities and services will be provided in every competition venue.

Main Press Centre (MPC)

The Main Press Centre is located at the Abdou Diouf International Conference Centre, also commonly known as the CICAD, in the Diamniadio cluster.

The MPC will be in operation from 27 October to 14 November 2026.

International Broadcasting Centre (IBC)

The International Broadcast Centre will be located at Dakar Expo Centre in Diamniadio, in close proximity to the MPC, and will serve as the main hub for the broadcast operation.

Competition venues

Media facilities and services will be provided in every competition venue. The following media facilities will be available:

- Media Workroom
- ENG Camera Positions
- Mixed Zone
- Photo Positions
- Accredited Stand

7) SCHEDULE OF IOC MEDIA EVENTS

Media events are currently planned as follows, and remain subject to change:

Date	Event
30 October 2026	IOC Executive Board press conference

Interviews and other media opportunities with IOC and Dakar 2026 representatives will be available upon request on-site. All requests should be addressed to pressoffice@olympic.org

8) OLYMPIC INFORMATION SERVICE (OIS)

The Olympic Information Service is a professional sports reporting and information service designed to ensure the best possible coverage of the Dakar 2026 YOG.

The OIS text coverage will include detailed sports reports on the competitions, feature stories on the athletes, and interviews with the medalling athletes.

All OIS-produced content will be published on a dedicated page of the Dakar 2026 official website and will be made available license-free for republishing and distribution for editorial purposes by the media, NOCs, IFs, National Federations, etc.

OIS Photo is a professional sports photography service designed to capture the best moments of the Dakar 2026 YOG and share them with a global audience. All photos produced by the OIS photo team will be made available license-free via www.oisphotos.com to media worldwide, as well as to the NOCs, IFs and the athletes.

KEY CONTACTS

IOC Media Relations

Email: pressoffice@olympic.org

Dakar 2026 Media Relations

Email: media@dakar2026.org

IOC Media Operations

Email: media.operations@olympic.org

Dakar 2026 Media Operations

Email: mdoteam@dakar2026.org

Olympic Broadcasting Services (OBS), Host Broadcaster of the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games

Email: OBSinfo@obs.tv

9) RESOURCES

Website

[Youth Olympic Games](#)

Photos

IOC Media Flickr: [IOC MEDIA | Flickr](#)

Image and footage requests: Please fill out the following form [Search Request Form \(salesforce-sites.com\)](#).

Follow-up questions or any footage-related inquiries: please direct these to the IOC Content Licensing team at images@olympic.org.

Broadcast quality footage

Video content will be made available on the [IOC Newsroom](#) including preview footage, sports action, interviews, athlete soundbites and medal ceremonies.

Videos

[IOC Media](#) YouTube channel

Social media

All Olympic social media handles: [Olympic Social Media feeds](#)

Annex 1



VISA CATEGORIES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRY INTO SENEGAL

With reference to entry into Senegal, please note that Senegal usually operates a three-category visa system for foreign nationals, each subject to specific entry and visa requirements, detailed as follows:

CATEGORY A	CATEGORY B	CATEGORY C
<i>Countries that do not require a visa to enter Senegal</i>	<i>Countries that require a visa on arrival at the DSS airport (no pre-approval by the Senegalese Ministry of Interior required)</i>	<i>Countries that require a visa prior to departure (approval of the Senegalese Ministry of Interior)</i>
Participants holding passports from Category A countries are exempt from visa requirements for short stays (less than 90 days).	Participants holding passports from Category B countries can obtain a visa directly upon arrival at Blaise Diagne International Airport (DSS).	Participants holding passports from Category C countries must obtain a visa prior to travel from the nearest Senegalese embassy or consulate. Visa issuance is subject to prior authorisation by the Senegalese Ministry of Interior.

Before consulting the table below, please note the following:

Please note that the visa information contained in this document reflects the latest official information currently available at the time of publication and may be subject to further updates.

- The below-mentioned list of countries and corresponding visa requirements is provided for indicative purposes only and does not constitute an official or legally binding confirmation. Such information remains subject to change.
- Country marked with an “*” have been identified as affiliated to countries/territories that do not deliver their own national passport. In such cases, individuals are invited to refer to their own passport.
- For the purpose of Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games, Senegalese authorities will ensure free entry to the host country to all persons accredited for the Youth Olympic Games Dakar 2026, according to the Host City Contract. For Category B and C countries, a Facilitation Letter will be issued by the Ministry of the Interior which will serve as a visa waiver for entry into Senegal. Category A will receive an invitation letter.

VISA CATEGORIES PER PASSPORTS

Please find below the detailed list of countries falling under each of the above-mentioned categories.

PASSPORT	TYPE OF PASSPORT	VISA CATEGORY
Afghanistan	ALL	C
Albania	ALL	C
Algeria	Diplomatic / Service	A
	Regular	B
American Samoa*	n/a	n/a
Andorra	ALL	B
Angola	ALL	B
Antigua and Barbuda	ALL	C
Argentina	ALL	B
Armenia	ALL	B
Aruba*	n/a	n/a
Australia	ALL	B
Austria	ALL	A
Azerbaijan	ALL	C
Bahamas	ALL	B
Bahrain	ALL	B
Bangladesh	ALL	C
Barbados	ALL	B
Belarus	ALL	C
Belgium	ALL	A
Belize	ALL	C
Benin	ALL	A
Bermuda*	n/a	n/a
Bhutan	ALL	C
Bolivia	ALL	C
Bosnia and Herzegovina	ALL	C

PASSPORT	TYPE OF PASSPORT	VISA CATEGORY
Botswana	ALL	B
Brazil	ALL	A
Brunei Darussalam	ALL	B
Bulgaria	ALL	A
Burkina Faso	ALL	A
Burundi	ALL	B
Cabo Verde	ALL	A
Cambodia	ALL	C
Cameroon	ALL	B
Canada	ALL	A
Cayman Islands*	n/a	n/a
Central African Republic	ALL	A
Chad	ALL	B
Chile	ALL	C
Chinese Taipei*	n/a	n/a
Colombia	ALL	C
Comoros	ALL	B
Congo	ALL	A
Cook Islands*	n/a	n/a
Costa Rica	ALL	B
Côte d'Ivoire	ALL	A
Croatia	ALL	A
Cuba	ALL	C
Cyprus	ALL	A
Czechia	ALL	A
Dem. People's Rep. of Korea	ALL	C
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	ALL	B
Dem. Rep. of Timor-Leste	ALL	C
Denmark	ALL	A
Djibouti	ALL	A

PASSPORT	TYPE OF PASSPORT	VISA CATEGORY
Dominica	ALL	C
Dominican Republic	ALL	B
Ecuador	ALL	C
Egypt	Diplomatic / Service	A
	Regular	B
El Salvador	ALL	B
Equatorial Guinea	ALL	B
Eritrea	ALL	C
Estonia	ALL	A
Eswatini	ALL	B
Ethiopia	ALL	B
Federated States of Micronesia	Regular	B
Fiji	ALL	B
Finland	ALL	A
France	ALL	A
Gabon	Diplomatic / Service	A
	Regular	B
Gambia	ALL	A
Georgia	ALL	C
Germany	ALL	A
Ghana	ALL	A
Great Britain	ALL	A
Greece	ALL	A
Grenada	ALL	B
Guam*	n/a	n/a
Guatemala	ALL	B
Guinea	ALL	A
Guinea-Bissau	ALL	A
Guyana	ALL	C
Haiti	ALL	B

PASSPORT	TYPE OF PASSPORT	VISA CATEGORY
Honduras	ALL	B
Hong Kong, China	ALL	B
Hungary	ALL	A
Iceland	ALL	B
India	ALL	A
Indonesia	Diplomatic / Service	A
	Regular	C
Iraq	ALL	C
Ireland	ALL	A
Islamic Republic of Iran	Diplomatic	A
	Regular / Service	C
Israel	ALL	B
Italy	ALL	A
Jamaica	ALL	B
Japan	ALL	A
Jordan	ALL	C
Kazakhstan	ALL	C
Kenya	Diplomatic / Services	A
	Regular	B
Kiribati	ALL	B
Kosovo	ALL	C
Kuwait	ALL	B
Kyrgyzstan	ALL	C
Lao People's Dem. Rep.	Regular	C
Latvia	Regular	A
Lebanon	ALL	C
Lesotho	ALL	B
Liberia	ALL	A
Libya	Diplomatic / Service	A
	Regular	B

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Liechtenstein	ALL	B
Lithuania	ALL	A
Luxembourg	ALL	A
Madagascar	ALL	B
Malawi	ALL	B
Malaysia	ALL	A
Maldives	ALL	C
Mali	ALL	A
Malta	ALL	A
Marshall Islands	ALL	B
Mauritania	ALL	A
Mauritius	ALL	A
Mexico	ALL	C
Monaco	ALL	B
Mongolia	ALL	C
Montenegro	ALL	C
Morocco	ALL	A
Mozambique	ALL	C
Myanmar	ALL	C
Namibia	ALL	B
Nauru	ALL	C
Nepal	ALL	B
Netherlands	ALL	A
New Zealand	ALL	B
Nicaragua	ALL	C
Niger	ALL	A
Nigeria	ALL	A
North Macedonia	ALL	C
Norway	ALL	B
Oman	ALL	B

PASSPORT	TYPE OF PASSPORT	VISA CATEGORY
Pakistan	ALL	B
Palau	ALL	B
Palestine	ALL	B
Panama	ALL	C
Papua New Guinea	ALL	B
Paraguay	ALL	C
People's Republic of China	Diplomatic / Service	A
	Regular	B
Peru	ALL	C
Philippines	ALL	B
Poland	ALL	A
Portugal	ALL	A
Puerto Rico*	n/a	n/a
Qatar	ALL	C
Republic of Korea	ALL	A
Republic of Moldova	ALL	C
Romania	ALL	A
Russian Federation	ALL	B
Rwanda	ALL	A
Saint Lucia	ALL	B
Saint Kitts and Nevis	ALL	B
Samoa	ALL	B
San Marino	ALL	B
Sao Tome and Principe	ALL	C
Saudi Arabia	ALL	C
Senegal	ALL	A
Serbia	Diplomatic / Service	A
	Regular	C
Seychelles	ALL	B
Sierra Leone	ALL	A

PASSPORT	TYPE OF PASSPORT	VISA CATEGORY
Singapore	ALL	A
Slovakia	ALL	A
Slovenia	ALL	A
Solomon Islands	ALL	B
Somalia	ALL	C
South Africa	Diplomatic / Service	A
	Regular	B
South Sudan	ALL	C
Spain	ALL	A
Sri Lanka	ALL	C
St Vincent and the Grenadines	ALL	B
Sudan	ALL	C
Suriname	ALL	B
Sweden	ALL	A
Switzerland	ALL	A
Syrian Arab Republic	ALL	C
Tajikistan	ALL	C
Thailand	ALL	B
Togo	ALL	A
Tonga	ALL	C
Trinidad and Tobago	ALL	B
Tunisia	ALL	A
Türkiye	Diplomatic	A
	Regular / Service	B
Turkmenistan	ALL	C
Tuvalu	ALL	B
United Arab Emirates	ALL	A
United Rep. of Tanzania	ALL	B
Uganda	Diplomatic / Service	A
	Regular	B

PASSPORT	TYPE OF PASSPORT	VISA CATEGORY
Ukraine	ALL	B
United States of America	ALL	A
Uruguay	ALL	C
Uzbekistan	ALL	C
Vanuatu	ALL	B
Venezuela	ALL	C
Vietnam	ALL	C
Virgin Islands, British*	n/a	n/a
Virgin Islands, US*	n/a	n/a
Yemen	ALL	C
Zambia	ALL	B
Zimbabwe	ALL	B