Almost Half of all Global Destinations Now Offer Digital Nomad Visas

Madrid, Spain, 8 November 2023 - The number of destinations offering Digital Nomad Visas has risen significantly over recent years, with almost half now offering visas for at least one year.

According to a new analysis by the World Tourism Organization covering 54 destinations, the rise in Digital Nomad Visas (DNVs) has gone hand-in-hand with an increase in digital nomads, with destinations in all regions working to meet the market trend.

Destinations Welcoming Digital Nomads

The UNWTO Brief examines the DNV programmes in seven areas: Application process, Duration of visa, Taxation, Insurance, Accommodation, Minimum income requirements and criminal records check. The brief looks at the background and current state of digital nomadism trends and provides an analysis of existing DNVs worldwide in five regions. Key findings include:

• 47% of destinations offer visas for up to one year.
• 39% of destinations exempt digital nomads from tax payments.
• 17% of destinations do not have minimum income requirements.
• 76% of destinations have online applications for DNV programmes.
• 80% of destinations process applications within one-month period.
• Only 6% of destinations have no visa fees for application.

Embracing the future of work

A DNV allows individuals to live and work in a foreign country while maintaining employment or conducting freelance work for employers or clients in their home or another country. With this visa, digital nomads can continue their professional pursuits while embracing the opportunity to immerse themselves in the host destination's unique lifestyle in line with much of the trends of the future of work. Furthermore, destinations use DNVs to attract professionals from creative and technology areas to stimulate these areas nationally.
**Flexibility and digital access key**

At the same time, the UNWTO Brief highlights the key considerations for destinations when offering or expanding their DNV programmes:

- **Digitalization of destination**: Due to the importance of well-connectivity and productivity, the host destinations tend to invest in robust digital infrastructure. High-speed internet, co-working spaces, and comfortable accommodations are available to facilitate optimal remote work conditions.

- **Balancing Work and Lifestyle**: By offering a flexible visa framework, host destinations empower digital nomads to create the work environments while immersing themselves in local culture and lifestyle.

- **Future Impact Assessment**: The brief underscores the importance of establishing impact assessment for DNV programmes as a new mechanism.

The full UNWTO Brief is available to read online.

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