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Passport Index 2025

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Context

- **Passport Index 2025** released in **December 2025**.
- Publisher: **Arton Capital**, a **Canada-based global financial advisory firm**.
- Ranks passports based on **global mobility access**.

Methodology

- **Mobility Score (MS)** =
- Number of destinations offering:
- **Visa-Free access**
- **Visa-on-Arrival (VoA)**
- **Tie-Breaker:**
- If Mobility Scores are equal, ranking is decided using the **UNDP Human Development Index (HDI)**.

Top Rankings

Rank 1 – United Arab Emirates (UAE)

- **Position:** 1st (for **7th consecutive year**)
- **Mobility Score:** **179**
- Visa-Free: **126 destinations**
- Visa-on-Arrival: **45 countries**
- Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA): **8 countries**
- Reflects UAE's strong **diplomatic outreach and bilateral agreements**.

Joint Rank 2 – Singapore & Spain

- **Mobility Score:** **175**
- Demonstrates Asia–Europe leadership in travel freedom.

Rank 3 (Shared by 18 Countries) – MS: 174

Includes:

- **Western & Northern Europe:** Belgium, France, Sweden, Germany, Netherlands, Finland, Luxembourg, Denmark, Portugal, Switzerland, Greece, Austria, Italy
- **Non-European:** Malaysia

India's Position

- **Global Rank:** **67**
- **Mobility Score:** **74**
- **Visa-Free Access:** **74 countries**

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- Covers about **37% of the world's destinations**
- Ranked alongside countries like **Norway, Ireland, South Korea, and Japan** (cluster positioning).

Individual Ranking System (Top 3)

1. **UAE**
2. **Singapore**
3. **Spain**

Key Observations

- **European countries dominate** the top 20 rankings due to:
- Regional agreements (Schengen Area)
- High HDI scores
- Stable diplomatic relations
- Increasing use of **ETA systems** as an intermediate travel facilitation tool.

Bottom 5 Countries

- **Afghanistan:** Rank **94** (lowest)
- Mobility Score: **38**
- **Syria:** 93
- **Iraq:** 92
- **Pakistan:** 91
- **Somalia:** 91