

Official languages in individual countries



Before setting off on a journey, it is worth knowing what language applies in the destination country. It is also good to be aware of what language you will speak during any transfers you might have. See which languages are recognised as official in each country.

EUROPE	
Country	Official language
Albania	Albanian,
Alderney	English,
Andorra	Catalan,

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Austria	German, locally: Burgenland-Croatian and Slovenian
Azores	Portuguese,
Belgium	French, Dutch, German,
Belarus	Belarusian, Russian,
Bosnia and Herzegovina	none, de facto: Bosnian, Croatian, Serbian,
Bulgaria	Bulgarian,
Croatia	Croatian,
Montenegro	Montenegrin,
Czech Republic	Czech,
Denmark	Danish,
Estonia	Estonian,
Finland	Finnish, Swedish,

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France	French,
Gibraltar	English,
Gran Canaria	Spanish,
Greece	Modern Greek,
Guernsey	English,
Spain	Spanish, locally: Catalan, Galician and Basque,
Netherlands	Dutch, locally: Frisian,
Ireland	English, Irish
Iceland	Icelandic,
Jan Mayen	Norwegian,
Jersey	English, Jèrriais,
Kazakhstan	Kazakh, Russian,

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Kosovo	Albanian, Serbian,
Lichtenstein	German,
Lithuania	Lithuanian,
Luxembourg	Luxembourgish, French, German,
Latvia	Latvian,
Northern Macedonia	Macedonian, Albanian,
Madera	Portuguese,
Malta	Maltese, English,
Moldova	Romanian, locally: Gagauz, Russian, Ukrainian,
Monaco	French,
Transnistria	Moldovan, Russian, Ukrainian,
Germany	German,

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Norway	Norwegian,
Poland	Polish,
Portugal	Portuguese,
Russia	Russian,
Romania	Romanian,
San Marino	Italian,
Serbia	Serbian,
Slovakia	Slovak,
Slovenia	Slovene, locally: Hungarian and Italian,
Svalbard	Norwegian,
Switzerland	German, French, Italian, Romansh,
Sweden	Swedish,

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Tenerife	Spanish,
Turkey	Turkish,
Ukraine	Ukrainian,
Vatican	Latin, Italian,
Hungary	Hungarian,
United Kingdom	English,
Italy	Italian, locally: French, Ladin, German, Sardinian and Slovenian
Isle of Man	English, Manx,
Faroe Islands	Danish, Faroese,

ASIA

Country	Official language
Abkhazia	Abkhazian, Russian,

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Afghanistan	Dari, Pashto,
Saudi Arabia	Arabic,
Armenia	Armenian,
Azerbaijan	Azeri,
Bahrain	Arabic,
Bangladesh	Bengali,
Bhutan	Dzongkha,
Brunei	Dzongkha,
China	Mandarin,
Cyprus	Modern Greek, Turkish,
Northern Cyprus	Turkish,
Philippines	Filipino, English,

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Nagorno-Karabakh	Armenian,
Georgia	Georgian,
India	Hindi, English,
Indonesia	Indonesian,
Iraq	Arabic, Kurdish,
Iran	Persian,
Israel	Hebrew,
Japan	Japanese,
Yemen	Arabic,
Jordan	Arabic,
Cambodia	Khmer,
Qatar	Arabic,

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Kazakhstan	Kazakh, Russian,
Kyrgyzstan	Kyrgyz, Russian,
South Korea	Korean, Korean sign language
North Korea	Korean,
Kuwait	Arabic,
Laos	Laotian,
Lebanon	Arabic,
Maldives	Maldivian,
Malaysia	Malay,
Myanmar/Burma	Burmese,
Mongolia	Mongolian,
Nepal	Nepali,

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Oman	Arabic,
South Ossetia	Ossetian, Russian,
Pakistan	Urdu, English,
Palestine	Arabic,
Russia	Russian,
Singapore	English, Mandarin, Malay, Tamil,
Sri Lanka	Sinhala, Tamil, English,
Syria	Arabic,
Tajikistan	Tajik,
Thailand	Thai,
Taiwan	Mandarin,
East Timor	Tetum, Portuguese,

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Turkey	Turkish,
Turkmenistan	Turkmen,
Uzbekistan	Uzbek,
Vietnam	Vietnamese,
United Arab Emirates	Arabic,

NORTH AMERICA

Country	Official language
Anguilla	English,
Antigua and Barbuda	English,
Aruba	Dutch, Papiamentu,
Bahamas	English,
Barbados	English,

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Belize	English,
Bermuda	English,
British Virgin Islands	English,
Curaçao	Dutch, Papiamentu,
Dominica	English,
Dominican Republic	Spanish,
Grenada	English,
Greenland	Danish, Greenlandic,
Guatemala	Spanish,
Guadeloupe	French,
Haiti	Haitian, French,
Caribbean Netherlands	Dutch, Papiamentu, English,

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Honduras	Spanish,
Jamaica	English, Jamaican,
Canada	English, French,
Cayman Islands	English,
Costa Rica	Spanish,
Cuba	Spanish,
Martinique	French,
Mexico	none, de facto: Spanish,
Montserrat	English,
Navassa	English,
Nicaragua	Spanish,
Panama	Spanish,

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Puerto Rico	Spanish, English,
Saba	Dutch, English,
Saint Kitts and Nevis	English, Creole,
Saint Lucia	English,
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	English,
Saint-Barthelemy	French,
Saint-Martin	French,
Saint-Pierre and Miquelon	French,
Sint Maarten	Dutch, English,
El Salvador	Spanish,
United States	none, de facto: English,
Turks and Caicos	English,

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United States Virgin Islands

English,

SOUTH AMERICA

Country

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Argentina

Spanish,

Bolivia

Spanish,

Brazil

Portuguese,

Chile

Spanish,

Ecuador

Spanish,

Falkland Islands

English,

Guiana

English,

Columbia

Spanish,

Paraguay

Spanish, guarani,

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Peru	Spanish, Quechua, Aymara,
Surinam	Dutch,
Trinidad and Tobago	English,
Uruguay	Spanish,
Venezuela	Spanish,

AUSTRALIA

Country	Official language
Australia	none, de facto: English,
Fiji	English, Fijian
Guam	English, Chamorro,
Kiribati	English, Kiribati,
Northern Mariana Islands	English, Chamorro, Carolingian,

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Midway	English,
Micronesia	English,
Nauru	English, Nauru,
Niue	English, Niue,
Norfolk	English, Norfuk,
New Caledonia	French,
New Zealand	English, Maori, New Zealand sign language,
Palau	English, Palau, Japanese,
Papua New Guinea	English, Tok pisin, Hiri motu,
Pitcairn	English, Pitcairn,
French Polynesia	French,
Samoa	Samoan, English,

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American Samoa	English, Samoan,
Tokelau	Tokelauan, English,
Tonga	Tongan, English,
Tuvalu	Tuvaluan, English,
Vanuatu	Bislama, English, French,
Wake	English,
Wallis and Futuna	French,
Christmas Island	English,
Cook Islands	English, Maori,
Coconut Islands	English,
Marshall Islands	Marshallese, English,
Solomon Islands	English,

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AFRICA

Country	Official language
Algeria	Arabic, Berber,
Angola	Portuguese,
Benin	French,
Botswana	English, Setswana,
Burkina Faso	French,
Burundi	Kirundi, French, English,
Chad	Arabic, French,
Democratic Republic of Kongo	French,
Djibouti	Arabic, French,
Egypt	Arabic,

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Eritrea	none, de facto: Arabic, English, Tigrinya,
Ethiopia	Amharic,
Gabon	French,
Gambia	Arabic, English,
Ghana	English,
Guinea	French,
Guinea Bissau	Portuguese,
Equatorial Guinea	Spanish, French, Portuguese,
Cameroon	English, French,
Kenia	Swahili, English,
Comoros	Arabic, French, Comorian,
Kongo	French,

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Lesotho	Sotho, English,
Liberia	English,
Libya	Arabic,
Madagascar	Malagasy, French,
Malawi	English, Chichewa,
Mali	French,
Morocco	Arabic, Tamazight,
Mauretania	Arabic,
Mauritius	none, de facto: English and French,
Mozambique	Portuguese,
Namibia	English,
Niger	French,

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Nigeria	English,
Republic of South Africa	Afrikaans, English, Xhosa, Ndebele, Pedi, Soto, Swaziland, Tsonga, Tswana, Venda, Zulu,
Central African Republic	French, Sango,
Cape Verde	Portuguese,
Rwanda	Ruanda, French, English,
Senegal	French,
Seychelles	Seychelles Creole, French, English,
Sierra Leone	English,
Somalia	Somali, Arabic,
Swaziland (Eswatini)	Swazi, English,
Sudan	Arabic, English,
South Sudan	English,

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Tanzania	English, Swahili,
Togo	French,
Tunisia	Arabic,
Uganda	English, Swahili,
Ivory Coast	French,
São Tomé and Príncipe	Portuguese,
Zambia	English,
Zimbabwe	English,

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