

Putin Orders Unilateral Visa-Free Travel

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Russian President Vladimir Putin has [ordered](#) to allow visa-free travel from countries regardless of their visa policies toward Russian citizens.

A Kremlin decree dated Oct. 30 instructs Putin's cabinet to facilitate visa-free tourism, business, educational, sports and cultural travel even if these countries require visas for Russians to visit.

Ukraine, for example, introduced [visa requirements](#) for Russian nationals as Kyiv cut diplomatic ties with Moscow and shut its borders with Russia in response to the Kremlin's Feb. 24 invasion.

Putin set a June 2023 deadline for his prime minister, foreign and interior ministers, as well as the head of the Federal Security Service (FSB), to report on his proposals.

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