

Countries and Cities that Legalized Marijuana



Alaska took a slow, brave step out of their smokey VW van and officially became the third state to declare weed legal for recreational use. Jamaica legalized weed—shocking everyone who thought it had happened centuries ago—and in our nation's capital, a law passed allowing citizens of Washington D.C. to legally carry up to two ounces of the sticky icky diggity-dank bud.

WASHINGTON STATE

You need to buy a \$250 license application fee before you even think about producing or retailing weed at home, but—once you legally obtain your bud—there's no issue with smoking at home.



URUGUAY

Uruguayan president, Jose Mujica, has completely legalized pot. While Mujica hasn't yet specified certain amounts or mandated any rules on transporting or selling, you do have to be over the age of 18 to buy it.

SWITZERLAND

In an effort to curb illegal buying, the Swiss are generously allowing cultivation of up to four marijuana plants per person. And an indoor plant can yield around two pounds of herb alone, making the quality of life not the only thing that's super high in Switzerland.



RUSSIA

Of course you can smoke pot in Russia. Haven't you seen Putin? That guy's always rocking an illegal smile and suspiciously squinted eyes. Just make sure you don't have more than six grams, or you'll totally go to Siberia.

PORTUGAL

The Peter Tosh of countries, Portugal became the first nation in the world to legalize all drugs in 2001. Every single one. You're allowed to carry 25 grams of weed on you at all times, and that weighs in at almost a full ounce. That's a lot of green.



PAKISTAN

Pakistan is tricky, because the "legality" relies on the laziness of the local police force—while it's illegal to possess pot, it's widely tolerated. However, cultivating marijuana has been decriminalized, which explains the large tracts of cannabis growing freely throughout the country.

NORTH KOREA

Surprised? We are too. The famously hermetic country has a shockingly liberal stance on marijuana. You can quite literally walk into a grocery store and pick up a bag of weed (if they have it) and then smoke it to your heart's content. All fun and games until you remember you're in North Korea.



MEXICO

Mexico decriminalized weed in 2009 and likely experienced a widespread piñata shortage shortly after, when everyone stopped violently hitting them with bats and instead just ate all the candy beforehand.



JAMAICA

You're probably not shocked to see Jamaica on this list, but you might be shocked to know they just recently decriminalized the stuff. Possession of up to two ounces will only be counted as a petty offense and citizens can now grow up to five plants for use of religious purposes.



COLUMBIA

Pot has actually been decriminalized in Columbia since 1994 and up to 22 grams is fine under the eyes of the law. However, if you're caught with over 20 plants—which is a bit much—you will have to face some unpleasant music.

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