

How to get unrestricted access to Twitter in Europe

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Update (17.08.2025): For most people this is kinda outdated now, you can just install a browser extension called InsensitiveX and basically accomplish the same thing without the need to set anything up:

- [Link to download on Chromium browsers \(Chrome, Edge, Opera \(+ Air and GX\), Brave, Vivaldi, etc.\)](#)
- [Link to download on Firefox and derivatives](#)

That being said, the below guide still applies to those who use Safari, and any other browsers that do not fall into any of the two above categories.

WTF even happened?

British people are stupid and voted the worst people possible into power. These people put together a thing called the Online Safety Act. It basically forces every single website offering NSFW/18+ content to use verification through things like ID, credit cards or AI age estimation based on their online activity.

The law only applies in the United Kingdom. However, Twitter didn't bother to check that and rolled out the policy that enforces it all over Europe. Not even the EU, the entirety of Europe. They also didn't bother to introduce any kind of way to verify your age for free users, you can only verify with ID if you pay for Premium. Cool!

Anyhow. This guide will describe how to bypass the botched requirement by using Tor.

Tor? But why not just use (free VPN name here)?

Technically a free VPN would work, but I discourage the use of them for two major reasons. First, they have a tendency to steal user data and sell it to third parties, sometimes even using it for nefarious purposes - and while I'm not a privacy nut like the likes of Mutahar or Mental Outlaw, I seriously don't want people getting their hands on stuff like my login info.

Second, most of them are only really free on paper - sure, you will (usually) get some kind of basic functionality out of a free VPN without spending a dime, but as soon as you try to do something more advanced like picking the country you want to connect through, you start getting subscriptions and paywalls chucked at you.

Tor, on the other hand, is completely free and open source - both the network itself, which is run by volunteers, and the browser (appropriately named Tor Browser, but I'll be calling it Tor to avoid repetition) you use to connect to it.

Anyways, enough chit chat. Let's get down to business.

The part you all came for

1. Change your account location in your Twitter settings to any country outside of Europe, preferably the US or Canada.
 - Go into Settings -> Your Account -> Account Information -> Country to do this.
2. Log out of your Twitter account on your normal browser. Whilst this is not necessary to make this whole thing work, it could very well save you from a ban or suspension, so it is very heavily recommended.
3. Go to <https://www.torproject.org/download/> and select the OS you use.
 - While Tor Browser is available for Android apart from the three major desktop OSs, the Android port doesn't allow you to directly edit configuration files, meaning it cannot be reliably used to spoof your location to websites. Same goes for the iOS equivalent, Onion Browser - so unfortunately, mobile users are SOL here.
4. Install Tor by opening the file you just downloaded. The installation wizard should guide you through this part well enough.
5. After Tor has finished installing, launch it and open the "three bars" menu in the top right of the window, then enter Settings and choose "Privacy & Security" on the left-hand side of the screen. Scroll down to the "History" section and select "Tor Browser will remember history".
 - By default, Tor Browser effectively acts like a conventional browser permanently stuck in incognito mode, deleting the entirety of your browsing history and data the moment you close it. This is great for privacy, but not so much when you're trying to stay logged in on a site like Twitter - hence why we're disabling this behavior in this guide.
6. (optional) Disable letterboxing (the gray border/frame around every website you visit) using [this guide](#).
 - Do keep in mind that letterboxing, as ugly as it is, is on by default to make it harder for websites to identify you based on your browser window resolution - hence why I marked this step as optional and possibly discouraged.
7. Close the Tor Browser and open the folder where its configuration files are stored:
 - On Windows and Linux, Tor by default installs to a folder called "Tor Browser" on your desktop. Open this folder, or the folder you installed Tor to in step 4, then open Browser -> TorBrowser -> Data -> Tor.
 - On Mac, the situation is a little more complicated. Open Finder, press Command + Shift + G, then paste "~/Library/Application Support/TorBrowser-Data/Tor" into the field and click Go.
8. Once there, open a file named simply "torrc" using your text editor of choice.
9. On the first empty line, type "ExcludeNodes {uk}". Then, create another line using the Enter key and type "ExitNodes {us},{ca},{mx},{br} StrictNodes 1". The changes you just made are going to enforce two rules for how the browser behaves:
 - Never pick routes that go through the UK, just for good measure;
 - Always pick routes that end in either the United States, Canada, Mexico or Brazil; effectively making Twitter think you're visiting from one of those countries.
10. Save, open Tor again, and feel free to enjoy Twitter without being cockblocked by Brits' stupid decisions.

- If you don't want to click "Connect" every single time you open Tor, click the "Always Connect Automatically" switch on the screen you see upon starting the program. From then on, it'll connect for you as soon as you open it.

Notes

Tor Browser is basically Firefox, so it shouldn't be too hard for you to wrap your head around it, especially if you already use (or have used) FF. You can also download and install all the plugins you're already familiar with - granted, the people behind Tor don't recommend it for privacy reasons, but it's not like anyone's going to stop you. You can even [install a Kuromi theme](#) if you're into that sort of thing.

When using Tor, Twitter (and any other websites for that matter) will be a bit slower than it would normally be. This is no cause for concern, and is just an unfortunate byproduct of the way Tor works... that being said, it shouldn't get in your way if you have a decent internet connection.

For the curious, [Tor's official website](#) does a pretty good job at explaining how the whole network works in layman's terms. It also doubles as a manual for the Tor Browser, in case you find anything in this guide confusing or not in-depth enough.

Disclaimer

Whilst the actions described in this guide are not illegal in any jurisdiction I'm aware of, do keep in mind that you do everything here on your own risk. To put it simply, if you get arrested, sued, fired, your car repossessed, your wages garnished, custody taken of your children, or all of the above, you were warned of the risk and accepted it. Cool? Cool.

"I hate this fucking shit!" - Tony Soprano, 2007