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NORDIC STATES URGE EU TO BLOCK RUSSIAN TOURISTS, AS VISA APPROVALS SURGE FOR SECOND YEAR IN A ROW

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Sweden, alongside 10 other European nations, has raised concerns over the recent rise in European visas granted to Russian citizens.

In a letter addressed to EU foreign policy chief Kaja Kallas and migration commissioner Magnus Brunner, Poland, the Czech Republic, the Netherlands, the Baltic states, Sweden, Finland, and Denmark, as well as non-EU countries Norway and Iceland, slammed the practice of visa shopping by Russian tourists.

It is deeply troubling to witness increasing numbers of Russian tourists enjoying leisure travel on European beaches and in European resorts while missiles and drones continue to strike civilians and civilian infrastructure in Ukraine, they said.

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