



## How to Access Online Banking Abroad

Protecting your information and funds is our number one priority, that's why we have limited online and mobile banking access outside of the U.S. When traveling abroad and accessing public Wi-Fi networks, hackers can gain complete access to your accounts in minutes. If this happens, they can quickly drain your funds and even steal your identity.

However, there is a way you can stay safe and access your accounts from anywhere on the globe. With a VPN, you can safely encrypt all your internet usage to securely access online banking or the Primis app.

### What's a VPN?

Virtual Private Networks (VPNs) are programs that reroute your web traffic through a remote server and encrypts it in the process, protecting your information from cyber criminals. When you visit a website normally, the internet service provider receives the request and then directs you to your destination. VPNs add an extra, more secure step in that process; so instead of going from A to B, you go from A through a very strong C, and then to B.

### What VPN should you use?

There are many VPN providers out there and all have their pros and cons, which can range from cost to number of servers they offer. Here are a few of the highest regarded ones available:



What about the free VPNs? Absolutely not. Expecting a free VPN to offer strong, secure connections that will allow you to safely bank is just too good to be true. Most free VPNs have shady security that's below average at the very best. For your protection it's best to bite the small bullet and sign up for a reputable VPN service.

### How can you access online banking internationally?

1. Subscribe to a secure VPN service.
2. Install the VPN on your device.
3. Log in and connect to a United States server.
4. Go to [digital.primisbank.com](https://digital.primisbank.com) or open the Primis mobile app.

It's truly that easy! Once you have VPN access your accounts overseas just as you would if you were sitting in your own living room stateside (and just as secure, too).

It's important to remember that even though you will be able to access online and mobile banking, your Primis debit card is still only functionable in the U.S., and there is no workaround for that.

For more cybersecurity tips on how to keep your accounts, money and information safe online, visit our blog to read more resources.

