

# Best VPN Services

## VPN Reviews & In-Depth Comparisons



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With the help of [John & Andrey](https://thebestvpn.com/contact-us/) (https://thebestvpn.com/contact-us/), we've put together a list of best VPNs. We compared their download/upload speed, support, usability, cost, servers, countries and features. We also analyzed their TOS to see if they keep logs or not and whether they allow P2P and work with Netflix.

1	VPN NAME	DL SPEED (EU)	DL SPEED (US)	SUPPORT	Netflix	Torrent	USABILITY	OVERALL	PRICE
2	1 EXPRESSVPN	83.10	60.04	Chat	Yes	Yes	10	86	\$5.32
3	2 IGA	64.46	77.56	Tickets	Yes	Yes	9	88	\$3.33
4	3 TRUSTZONE	73.14	60.61	Tickets	Yes	Yes	9	84	\$3.33
5	4 VPIRVPN	74.48	51.99	Chat	Limited	Yes	8	82	\$5.00
6	5 BAKERSVPN	79.23	57.67	Chat	Limited	Limited	9	82	\$3.48
7	6 IGA	63.34	58.98	Chat	Yes	Yes	7	82	\$5.99
8	7 HOTSPOT SHIELD	62.28	28.66	Tickets	Yes	Yes	8	80	\$6.99
9	8 ASTRILL	69.08	78.95	Chat	Yes	Yes	5	80	\$5.83
10	9 ZENMATE	63.44	57.03	Chat	Yes	Yes	6	80	\$4.99
11	10 IGA	53.04	48.86	Chat	Yes	Yes	8	80	\$4.08
12	11 BUFFERED	46.78	51.49	Chat	Yes	Yes	8	80	\$8.25
13	12 IVANGUI	62.67	34.71	Chat	No	Yes	9	78	\$6.49
14	13 VPNSECURE ME	63.62	27.18	Chat	Yes	Yes	8	76	\$6.88
15	14 IGA	53.63	31.66	Chat	Limited	Yes	8	74	\$9.99
16	15 AWAST SECURELINE	65.97	67.94	Tickets	No	Yes	10	74	\$5.66
17	16 IVPN	63.89	32.2	Chat	No	Yes	8	70	\$8.33
18	17 CYBERGHOST	51.1	18.41	Tickets	Yes	Yes	8	68	\$4.16
19	18 IGA	27.8	17.17	Chat	Yes	Yes	7	64	\$4.99
20	19 NORDVPN	14.33	49.37	Tickets	Yes	Yes	10	64	\$3.78

here's a link to the spreadsheet  
([https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/11IZdVCBjVvbdakX2HKz2hKB4F\\_Z\\_I8nRJXXubX4FaQj4/](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/11IZdVCBjVvbdakX2HKz2hKB4F_Z_I8nRJXXubX4FaQj4/))

You want to start using a VPN, but don't know which software/service to use?

In this page, we've reviewed 30+ most popular VPN services (on going process).

In order to find out which are best VPNs, we spent some time on research and speed testing:

1. **Installed 30+ VPN software** on our personal devices, such as Windows, Mac, Android and iOS and compared their usability.
2. **Performed Download/Upload speed tests** on speedtest.net to see which had best performing servers.
3. **Double checked** if they work with Netflix and allow P2P.
4. **Read their TOS** to verify if they keep logs or not.
5. **Compared security** (encryption and protocols).

That means we've dug through a large number of privacy policies (on logging), checked their features, speed, customer support and usability.

If you know a good VPN provider that is not listed here, please contact us and we'll test it out as soon as possible.

## 5 Best VPNs for Online Privacy and Security

Here are the top 5 VPN services of 2017 after our research, analysis, monitoring, testing, and verifying.

### 1. ExpressVPN: Best VPN Overall (\$8.32/mo)



(<https://thebestvpn.com/recommends/expressvpn/>)**1st out of 31**

ExpressVPN (<https://thebestvpn.com/recommends/expressvpn/>) is probably your best all around VPN for different purposes and activities.

### ExpressVPN Pros

Founded in 2009 and being one of the most popular VPN provider, ExpressVPN comes with many features and perks such as:

- **No Logs**
- **Large server park** (1500 servers, 96+ countries)
- **Works for both torrenting and Netflix**
- **Fast servers**
- **Good encryption**
- **Works on all devices**

In short, ExpressVPN does it all – hides your IP, keeps your connection encrypted and allows you to get access to geo blocked sites and torrenting.

ExpressVPN speed is also one of the best, boating a download speed of **83.15 Mbps** (our raw connection is 100 Mbps)

As you can see, they don't throttle your connection speed much (less than 17% which is quite rare when using a VPN).

They also offer quick 24/7 live chat and according to their TOS – they **don't keep log files**. After all their are located in British Virgin Islands – so it's a pretty safe bet.

### ExpressVPN Cons

- **High price** (for month-to-month users)

To be brutally honest, there's not much to complain about their service/software. If any, it's their relatively high price compared with main competitions. Their monthly package costs \$12.95 which certainly isn't the cheapest.

However, if you decide to opt in for 12 months, you can get a better deal for \$8.32/mo. After you've signed up, you'll instantly get access to ExpressVPN download.

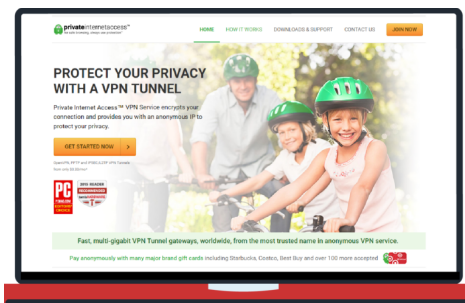
Do we recommend ExpressVPN? Yes.

**Download/Install:** [www.ExpressVPN.com](http://www.ExpressVPN.com) (<https://thebestvpn.com/recommends/expressvpn/>)

**Read more:** [ExpressVPN Review](https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/expressvpn/) (<https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/expressvpn/>)

## 2. Private Internet Access: Best Cheap VPN (\$3.33/mo)

**2nd out of 31**



(<https://thebestvpn.com/recommends/pia/>)Private Internet Access (<https://thebestvpn.com/recommends/pia/>) (London Trust Media) is a good VPN option as it reliable and cheap.

### PIA Pros

Founded in 2009 by Andrew Lee, they've managed to grow PIA into a real SAAS business.

In short, there's a lot to like about Private Internet Access:

- **No Logs**
- **LOT of servers** (3,272+)
- **Cheap pricing** (\$3.33/mo)
- **Works on all devices**
- **Allows torrenting and Netflix access**

PIA is also widely recommended by the Reddit (/vpn/) community by having more positive reviews than any other VPN service.

PIA download speed is also on par with ExpressVPN and IPVanish which are one of the highest. According to our tests, PIA managed to achieve a download speed of **84.46 Mbps** (with out 100 Mbps Internet connection).

They are affordable, work with all of the devices and you can get access to torrenting as well as Netflix. PIA comes with 30-day money back guarantee, too.

### PIA Cons

- **No live chat**
- **Only 25 countries**

Unfortunately, cheap price comes by cutting off live chat and server locations.

For example, unlike ExpressVPN and many others – PIA does not provide 24/7 live chat option. If the VPN software is running on your background all the time, live chat may come handy when something goes wrong.

Furthermore, while they have a lot of servers, they've *only* 25 different countries to choose from. That's less than others (but probably enough for an average user).

Do we recommend Private Internet Access? Yes.

Download/Install: [www.PrivateInternetAccess.com](http://www.PrivateInternetAccess.com) (<https://thebestvpn.com/recommends/pia/>)

Read more: [Private Internet Access Review \(https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/private-internet-access/\)](https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/private-internet-access/)

### 3. Trust.Zone VPN: Best Usability VPN (\$3.33)



3rd out of 31

Trust.Zone is a good value, featured-packed VPN client.

### Trust.Zone Pros

Founded in 2014 and located in Singapore (Extra Solutions Ltd), this VPN service provider have some great features like:

- **No Logs**
- **Netflix/Torrenting availability**
- **Stable connection**
- **Free trial**

They don't offer anything new, but they've surely packed their service well.

For \$3.33 (12 month package) you'll get access to 3 simultaneous connections, Apps for Win, Mac, iOS and Android. Their monthly option is \$6.99/mo.

Trust.Zone allows torrenting and claims to work with Netflix.

In addition to their good speed and affordability, they also offer 3 day free trial and 10-day money back guarantee.

#### Trust.Zone Cons

- **No Live Chat**
- **Only 130 servers**

Every legitimate VPN business should include a live chat option. Unfortunately, trust.zone doesn't offer that. Instead, they've chosen to provide support via tickets. We tested them out and they replied with 15 hours. Not too bad, but still doesn't beat the 365/24/7 live chat option which many VPNs have included for their paid clients.

While 131 servers (and 30+ countries) sounds a lot, in VPN niche you should expect to see a number of 500+ server. For example, PIA has 3250+ and ExpressVPN 1000+ servers.

Do we recommend Trust.Zone VPN? Yes.

**Download/Install:** [www.Trust.Zone \(https://www.trust.zone\)](https://www.trust.zone)

**Read more:** [Trust.Zone Review \(https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/trust-zone/\)](https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/trust-zone/)

#### 4. VyprVPN: Best Free Trial VPN (\$5.00/mo)



(<https://www.vyprvpn.com>) 4th out of 31

Founded in 1996 by Golden Frog GmbH., [VyprVPN \(https://www.goldenfrog.com/vyprvpn\)](https://www.goldenfrog.com/vyprvpn) is the only service that offers 3-day free trial.

#### VyprVPN Pros

- **No Logs**
- **700+ servers, 64 countries**
- **24/7 live chat**
- **Free trial**

VyprVPN is a solid VPN provider who does not keep any logs and have a medium sized network. Like many in our TOP 5, VyprVPN also offers 24/7 live chat.

VyprVPN's proprietary Chameleon™ technology is proven to help users that live in or travel to countries such as China, Russia, India, Turkey, Iran and Syria from being blocked.

Their download speed is good, too – we managed to achieve a download speed of **74.78 Mbps** (out of 100 Mbps connection).

Lastly, they offer 3-day free trial so you can test their service out yourself.

They have a few cons, though:

#### VyprVPN Cons

- **Only 2 simultaneous connections**
- **Netflix doesn't work on mobile**

Most VPNs we've tested and reviewed allow 5-6 simultaneous connections. Meaning you can connect you can download/install their software to Android, iOS, Windows, Mac etc. However, VyprVPN limits this to only 2.

Secondly, you can't get access to Netflix on mobile. According to their website, it should work on a browser, though.

They are (60%) cheaper than ExpressVPN, though and cost \$5.00/mo. So you might be able to get over those minor issues if budget-friendly is at the top of your list.

Do we recommend VyprVPN? Yes.

Download/Install: [www.VyprVPN.com](https://www.vyprvpn.com) (<https://www.goldenfrog.com/vyprvpn>)

Read more: [VyprVPN Review](https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/vyprvpn/) (<https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/vyprvpn/>)

### 5. SaferVPN: Best Newcomer VPN (\$3.49/mo)



5th out of 31

[SaferVPN](https://www.safervpn.com) (<https://www.safervpn.com>) is a Tel Aviv, Israel-based VPN provider founded in 2013 by Amit Bareket and Sagi Gidali.

#### SaferVPN Pros

- No Logs
- Full compatibility (Win, Mac, iOS, Android)
- AES 256-bit encryption
- Cheap price
- User-friendly

SaferVPN, like many others are available on Win, Mac, Android and iOS. You can choose from three different protocols: OpenVPN, IPSec, PPTP.

It uses AES 256-bit encryption and the customer support team is available for you via Live Chat 24/7/365.

They come at rather cheap price – \$3.49/mo if you opt in for two years. Monthly option is higher, costing you \$9.99/mo.

While doing speed-tests, our tests came in at **79.23 Mbps**. Not as good as ExpressVPN or PIA, yet they boast decent speeds (definitely in top 5).

#### SaferVPN Cons

- Torrenting not allowed
- Not working with Netflix

SaferVPN has officially stated that they don't allow torrenting. If you want to [use VPN for torrenting](https://thebestvpn.com/vpn-torrenting/) (<https://thebestvpn.com/vpn-torrenting/>), don't go with SaferVPN. What's more – they don't work it Netflix. Netflix is actively blocking IP's from VPN providers and only few still work with them.

If you need a VPN for safe browsing and not for Netflix/torrenting, SaferVPN is probably on of the best budget friendly options you can choose from.

Do we recommend SaferVPN? Yes.

Download/Install: [www.SaferVPN.com](https://www.safervpn.com) (<https://www.safervpn.com>)

Read more: [SaferVPN Review](https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/safervpn/) (<https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/safervpn/>)

## All (31) VPN Reviews

Below is a chart of our most important findings – speed, cost and support. For more detailed review of each VPN cons and pros can be found by clicking on the *review* link.

VPN NAME	DL SPEED (EU)	DL SPEED (US)	NETFLIX	TORRENT	COST	SUPPORT	DEVICES	USABILITY & RATING
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<b>1</b>	<b>EXPRESSVPN</b> <a href="https://thebestvpn.com/recommends/expressvpn/">https://thebestvpn.com/recommends/expressvpn/</a> <a href="https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/expressvpn/">ExpressVPN review</a> ( <a href="https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/expressvpn/">https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/expressvpn/</a> )	<b>83.15</b> mbps	<b>60.04</b> mbps	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>\$8.32</b> /mo	Live Chat 24/7	Win, Mac, Android, iOS	<b>9.6/10</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>PRIVATE INTERNET ACCESS</b> <a href="https://thebestvpn.com/recommends/pia/">https://thebestvpn.com/recommends/pia/</a> <a href="https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/private-internet-access/">PIA review</a> ( <a href="https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/private-internet-access/">https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/private-internet-access/</a> )	<b>84.46</b> mbps	<b>77.56</b> mbps	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>\$3.33</b> /mo	Tickets	Win, Mac, Android, iOS	<b>8.8/10</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>TRUST.ZONE</b> ( <a href="https://trust.zone">https://trust.zone</a> ) <a href="https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/trust-zone/">Trust.Zone review</a> ( <a href="https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/trust-zone/">https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/trust-zone/</a> )	<b>73.14</b> mbps	<b>60.61</b> mbps	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>\$3.33</b> /mo	Tickets	Win, Mac, Android, iOS	<b>8.4/10</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>VYPRVPN</b> ( <a href="https://www.goldenfrog.com/vyprvpn">https://www.goldenfrog.com/vyprvpn</a> ) <a href="https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/vyprvpn/">VyprVPN review</a> ( <a href="https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/vyprvpn/">https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/vyprvpn</a> )	<b>74.48</b> mbps	<b>51.09</b> mbps	<b>LIMITED</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>\$5.00</b> /mo	Live Chat 24/7	Win, Mac, Android, iOS	<b>8.2/10</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>SAFERVPN</b> ( <a href="https://www.safervpn.com">https://www.safervpn.com</a> ) <a href="https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/safervpn/">SaferVPN review</a> ( <a href="https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/safervpn/">https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/safervpn/</a> )	<b>79.23</b> mbps	<b>57.47</b> mbps	<b>LIMITED</b>	<b>LIMITED</b>	<b>\$3.49</b> /mo	Live Chat 24/7	Win, Mac, Android, iOS	<b>8.2/10</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>HIDEMYASS VPN</b> ( <a href="https://www.hidemyass.com">https://www.hidemyass.com</a> ) <a href="https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/hidemyass/">HideMyAss review</a> ( <a href="https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/hidemyass/">https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/hidemyass</a> )	<b>63.34</b> mbps	<b>58.98</b> mbps	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>\$5.99</b> /mo	Live Chat 24/7	Win, Mac, Android, iOS	<b>8.2/10</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>HOTSPOT SHIELD</b> ( <a href="https://www.hotspotshield.com/">https://www.hotspotshield.com/</a> ) <a href="https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/hotspot-shield/">HotSpot Shield review</a> ( <a href="https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/hotspot-shield/">https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/hotspot-shield</a> )	<b>92.28</b> mbps	<b>28.66</b> mbps	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>\$6.99</b> /mo	Tickets	Win, Mac, Android, iOS	<b>8.0/10</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>ASTRILL VPN</b> ( <a href="https://www.astrill.com">https://www.astrill.com</a> ) <a href="https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/astrill/">Astrill VPN review</a> ( <a href="https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/astrill/">https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/astrill/</a> )	<b>69.08</b> mbps	<b>78.85</b> mbps	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>\$5.83</b> /mo	Live Chat 24/7	Win, Mac, Android, iOS	<b>8.0/10</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>ZENMATE</b> ( <a href="https://zenmate.com/">https://zenmate.com/</a> ) <a href="https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/zenmate/">Zenmate VPN review</a> ( <a href="https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/zenmate/">https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/zenmate/</a> )	<b>63.44</b> mbps	<b>57.03</b> mbps	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>\$4.99</b> /mo	Live Chat 24/7	Win, Mac, Android, iOS	<b>8.0/10</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>IVACY VPN</b> ( <a href="https://www.ivacy.com">https://www.ivacy.com</a> ) <a href="https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/ivacy/">Ivacy VPN review</a> ( <a href="https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/ivacy/">https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/ivacy</a> )	<b>53.04</b> mbps	<b>45.86</b> mbps	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>\$4.08</b> /mo	Live Chat 24/7	Win, Mac, Android, iOS	<b>8.0/10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>BUFFERED</b> ( <a href="https://buffered.com/">https://buffered.com/</a> ) <a href="https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/buffered/">Buffered review</a> ( <a href="https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/buffered/">https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/buffered</a> )	<b>46.78</b> mbps	<b>51.49</b> mbps	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>\$8.25</b> /mo	Live Chat 24/7	Win, Mac, Android, iOS	<b>8.0/10</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>IPVANISH VPN</b> ( <a href="https://www.ipvanish.com">https://www.ipvanish.com</a> ) <a href="https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/ipvanish/">IPVanish review</a> ( <a href="https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/ipvanish/">https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/ipvanish</a> )	<b>82.67</b> mbps	<b>34.71</b> mbps	<b>NO</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>\$6.49</b> /mo	Live Chat 24/7	Win, Mac, Android, iOS	<b>7.8/10</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>VPNSECURE.ME VPN</b> ( <a href="https://www.vpnsecure.me">https://www.vpnsecure.me</a> ) <a href="https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/vpnsecure-me/">VPNSecure review</a> ( <a href="https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/vpnsecure-me/">https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/vpnsecure-me/</a> )	<b>53.62</b> mbps	<b>27.18</b> mbps	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>\$6.66</b> /mo	Live Chat 24/7	Win, Mac, Android, iOS	<b>7.6/10</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>TORGUARD VPN</b> ( <a href="https://www.torguard.com">https://www.torguard.com</a> ) <a href="https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/torguard/">Torguard review</a> ( <a href="https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/torguard/">https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/torguard</a> )	<b>53.83</b> mbps	<b>31.66</b> mbps	<b>LIMITED</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>\$9.99</b> /mo	Live Chat 24/7	Win, Mac, Android, iOS	<b>7.4/10</b>

<b>15</b>	<b>AVAST SECURELINE VPN</b> ( <a href="https://www.avast.com/secureline-vpn">https://www.avast.com/secureline-vpn</a> ) <a href="https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/avast-secureline/">Avast SecureLine Review</a> ( <a href="https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/avast-secureline/">https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/avast-secureline/</a> )	<b>65.97</b> mbps	<b>67.94</b> mbps	<b>NO</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>\$6.66</b> /mo	Tickets	Win, Mac, Android, iOS	<b>7.4/10</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>IVPN</b> ( <a href="https://www.ivpn.net">https://www.ivpn.net</a> )	<b>63.89</b> mbps	<b>32.20</b> mbps	<b>NO</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>\$8.33</b> /mo	Live Chat 24/7	Win, Mac, Android, iOS	<b>7.0/10</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>CYBERGHOST VPN</b> ( <a href="https://www.cyberghostvpn.com/en_US/">https://www.cyberghostvpn.com/en_US/</a> ) <a href="https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/cyberghost/">CyberGhost review</a> ( <a href="https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/cyberghost/">https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/cyberghost/</a> )	<b>51.10</b> mbps	<b>18.41</b> mbps	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>\$4.16</b> /mo	Tickets	Win, Mac, Android, iOS	<b>6.8/10</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>HIDE.ME VPN</b> ( <a href="https://hide.me/en/">https://hide.me/en/</a> ) <a href="https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/hide-me/">Hide.me review</a> ( <a href="https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/hide-me/">https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/hide-me/</a> )	<b>27.60</b> mbps	<b>17.17</b> mbps	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>\$4.99</b> /mo	Live Chat 24/7	Win, Mac, Android, iOS	<b>6.4/10</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>NORDVPN</b> ( <a href="https://nordvpn.com/">https://nordvpn.com/</a> ) <a href="https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/nordvpn/">NordVPN review</a> ( <a href="https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/nordvpn/">https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/nordvpn/</a> )	<b>14.33</b> mbps	<b>49.37</b> mbps	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>\$5.75</b> /mo	Tickets	Win, Mac, Android, iOS	<b>6.4/10</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>AIRVPN</b> ( <a href="https://airvpn.org/">https://airvpn.org/</a> )	<b>61.48</b> mbps	<b>27.79</b> mbps	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>\$5.38</b> /mo	Tickets	Win, Mac, Android, iOS	<b>6.2/10</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>ZOOGVPN</b> ( <a href="https://zoogvpn.com/">https://zoogvpn.com/</a> ) <a href="https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/zoogvpn/">ZoogVPN review</a> ( <a href="https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/zoogvpn/">https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/zoogvpn/</a> )	<b>57.99</b> mbps	<b>24.82</b> mbps	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>\$2.49</b> /mo	Tickets	Win, Mac, Android, iOS	<b>6.2/10</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>TIGERVPN</b> ( <a href="https://www.tigervpn.com/">https://www.tigervpn.com/</a> )	<b>33.60</b> mbps	<b>14.53</b> mbps	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>\$6.67</b> /mo	Tickets	Win, Mac, Android, iOS	<b>6.2/10</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>TUNNELBEAR</b> ( <a href="https://www.tunnelbear.com/">https://www.tunnelbear.com/</a> ) <a href="https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/tunnelbear/">TunnelBear review</a> ( <a href="https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/tunnelbear/">https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/tunnelbear/</a> )	<b>52.26</b> mbps	<b>33.38</b> mbps	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>\$4.99</b> /mo	Live Chat 24/7	Win, Mac, Android, iOS	<b>5.8/10</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>VPNAREA</b> ( <a href="https://vpnarea.com/">https://vpnarea.com/</a> ) <a href="https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/vpnarea/">VPNArea review</a> ( <a href="https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/vpnarea/">https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/vpnarea/</a> )	<b>47.36</b> mbps	<b>10.05</b> mbps	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>\$4.92</b> /mo	Tickets	Win, Mac, Android, iOS	<b>5.8/10</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>VPN UNLIMITED</b> ( <a href="https://www.vpnunlimitedapp.com/en/">https://www.vpnunlimitedapp.com/en/</a> ) <a href="https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/vpn-unlimited/">VPN Unlimited review</a> ( <a href="https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/vpn-unlimited/">https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/vpn-unlimited/</a> )	<b>47.13</b> mbps	<b>25.69</b> mbps	<b>NO</b>	<b>LIMITED</b>	<b>\$2.50</b> /mo	Live Chat 24/7	Win, Mac, Android, iOS	<b>5.6/10</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>PUREVPN</b> ( <a href="https://www.purevpn.com/">https://www.purevpn.com/</a> ) <a href="https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/purevpn/">PureVPN review</a> ( <a href="https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/purevpn/">https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/purevpn/</a> )	<b>35.49</b> mbps	<b>29.41</b> mbps	<b>NO</b>	<b>LIMITED</b>	<b>\$2.95</b> /mo	Live Chat 24/7	Win, Mac, Android, iOS	<b>5.6/10</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>PRIVATEVPN</b> ( <a href="https://privatevpn.com/">https://privatevpn.com/</a> )	<b>19.83</b> mbps	<b>4.7</b> mbps	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>\$4.50</b> /mo	Live Chat 24/7	Win, Mac, Android, iOS	<b>5.4/10</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>FROOTVPN</b> ( <a href="https://frootvpn.com/">https://frootvpn.com/</a> ) <a href="https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/frootvpn/">FrootVPN review</a> ( <a href="https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/frootvpn/">https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/frootvpn/</a> )	<b>18.59</b> mbps	<b>19.47</b> mbps	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>\$2.99</b> /mo	Live Chat 24/7	Win, Mac, Android, iOS	<b>5.2/10</b>

<b>29</b>	<b>STRONGVPN</b> ( <a href="https://strongvpn.com/">https://strongvpn.com/</a> ) <a href="https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/strongvpn">StrongVPN review</a> ( <a href="https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/strongvpn">https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/strongvpn</a> )	<b>2.43</b> mbps	<b>11.36</b> mbps	<b>MANUAL</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>\$5.83</b> /mo	Tickets	Win, Mac, Android, iOS	<b>4.2/10</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>MULLVAD</b> ( <a href="https://mullvad.net/">https://mullvad.net/</a> ) <a href="https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/mullvad">Mullvad review</a> ( <a href="https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/mullvad">https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/mullvad</a> )	<b>10.48</b> mbps	<b>17.58</b> mbps	<b>NO</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>\$5.98</b> /mo	Tickets	Win, Mac, Android, iOS	<b>4.2/10</b>
<b>31</b>	<b>AVIRA PHANTOM VPN</b> ( <a href="https://www.avira.com/en/avira-phantom-vpn">https://www.avira.com/en/avira-phantom-vpn</a> )	<b>6.98</b> mbps	<b>4.34</b> mbps	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>\$10.00</b> /mo	Tickets	Win, Mac, Android, iOS	<b>3.4/10</b>

**How to Choose a VPN?**

**VPN Logging Policy (their “Terms of Agreement“)**

Let’s not beat around the bush here. The underlying VPN technology is largely the same. From one company to the next. They all encrypt your data.

The differences come in what each company *decides to do with your personal information*.

VPN’s must keep your data private. Sure. But not from the actual VPN company you’re using.

If they want, they can see it all. How? They’ve tied your billing address and email to your internet sessions. If you don’t read carefully, they can actually sell you data to advertisers.

Case in point: **logging of user behaviour by several VPN providers**.

And [free VPNs](https://thebestvpn.com/free-vpn/) were the worst. Hence the reason we can’t recommend them. After all, your privacy should be your number one goal.

If you’re not sure if the VPN you’re using keep log files, read this research we did [on 118 different VPNs](https://thebestvpn.com/118-vpns-logging-policy/).

**VPN Connection Speed**

VPN Name	DL speed (Eu)	UL speed (EU)	Cost (per month)	Support	Devices	Usability
ExpressVPN	83.15	35.18	\$8.32	Live Chat 24/7	Win, Mac, Android, iOS	10/10
Private Internet Access	84.46	40.3	\$3.33	Tickets	Win, Mac, Android, iOS	10/10
Hotspot Shield	92.28	45.09	\$6.99	Tickets	Win, Mac, Android, iOS	10/10
Ipanish	82.67	43.19	\$6.49	Live Chat 24/7	Win, Mac, Android, iOS	9/10
SaferVPN	79.23	27.78	\$3.49	Live Chat 24/7	Win, Mac, Android, iOS	9/10

Here’s the sad truth – in most cases VPN throttles your Internet connection speed.

If you’re running a connection on 100 Mbps, you won’t be getting the same results with a VPN.

We conducted download and upload speed tests of the top 31 VPN services over the course of one month.

The tests were performed from within the Europe, connecting to servers in the USA, China, and Europe. **Our raw benchmark connection is rated at up to 100 Mbps.**

**Fastest VPNs (all above 80 Mbps)**

1. [HotSpot Shield](https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/hotspot-shield/) – 92.28 Mbps Down / 45.09 Mbps Up
2. [Private Internet Access](https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/private-internet-access/) – 83.15 Mbps Down / 35.18 Mbps Up
3. [ExpressVPN](https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/expressvpn/) – 84.46 Mbps Down / 40.3 Mbps Up

**Slowest VPNs (all below 10 Mbps)**

1. [Betternet](https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/betternet/) – 3.18 Mbps Down / 2.98 Mbps Up
2. [StrongVPN](https://thebestvpn.com/reviews/strongvpn/) – 2.43 Mbps Down / 1.41 Mbps Up
3. Avira Phantom – 6.93 Mbps Down / 7.21 Mbps Up

**Usability & Customer Support**

VPNs should be easy and straightforward. They shouldn’t hang when you’re streaming or watching Netflix. In short, they should be really easy to use and they should work seamlessly.



While installing and using different VPNs, we realized that it's not always the case (sadly).

Many VPN services required restart after installation, many failed to connect to US servers. While we tried to fix the problem by contacting their support, we realized that many VPN services don't have 24/7 live customer support.

Getting quick help in these kinds of situations is super important. Thankfully, most VPN providers have realized the importance of click-button chat and phone support.

However, there are a few misfits which have *decided against* offering chat support. Instead, relying on (snail-paced) emails which can take as long as 48 hours to get any response.

That's like a week in internet time. And WAY too long if you're paying them hundreds of bucks a year.

## Why use a VPN (5 reasons)

If you're not using a virtual private network (VPN) to protect your online privacy, you should be. A VPN service routes your data through their servers to encrypt your web traffic and mask your IP address. VPNs have long been used by large corporations so that remote workers could securely access corporate resources. Today, VPNs are useful for businesses and individuals alike. Here are five reasons to use a VPN.

### 1. Add Security over Public Wi-Fi

Investing in a good VPN service is a smart move for frequent travelers who often connect to public Wi-Fi. While public networks are certainly convenient, they aren't the safest options for accessing the Internet because they don't encrypt your data.

This makes it easy for even the most novice of hackers to eavesdrop on your activity. Connecting to a VPN when using public Wi-Fi, however, eliminates that problem by encrypting your data and hiding it from potential hackers.

### 2. Access Geographically Restricted Content

In many areas outside the US, media is limited through streaming services like Netflix and Pandora due to copyright agreements. Access to local feeds can also be tricky when you're traveling outside the country.

A VPN can help you get around these geographical barriers. It does so by routing your data through a server based in the US. This changes your IP address and makes it look as if your traffic is coming from a US city, effectively unlocking that content for you.

### 3. Break Out of Restricted Networks

When connecting to the Internet at work or school, you may encounter various restrictions. For example, the network might block you from social media sites or even restrict you from accessing your private email account.

Connecting to a VPN helps you get out of the network and access these restricted sites. Plus, since your activity will be encrypted, your network administrator won't be able to see what you're up to online.

### 4. Surf the Web Anonymously

Search engines and ad networks are constantly tracking users' searches and web activity. They use this data to target advertisements to specific users. Some people find this convenient, but others value their privacy—even when they have nothing to hide.

A VPN prevents these types of networks from tracking you online. That's because ad networks like Google catalog your searches through your IP address. Even Internet service providers are capable of collecting your search data and selling it to advertisers.

A VPN cloaks your IP address so that these networks can't tell the searches are originating from your computer. Your ISP will only be able to see that you're connected to a VPN, but since the data between you and the VPN service is encrypted, they can't see what you're searching, helping keep your private online activity anonymous.

### 5. Keep Your Data Private

Aside from hiding your online searches from advertisers, individuals might want to keep their Internet searches private when conducting sensitive research. You might want to stay anonymous as a reporter, police officer, or company employee running market research on your competitors. Whatever the reason you don't want anyone to track your search history, a VPN can be a good option for keeping your data private.

VPN services can cost as little as \$5 to \$15 per month, but the cost of subscription can be well worth it if you value your online privacy and data security.

## Our VPN Case-Study/Review Conclusion

HERE ARE TOP 5 BEST VPNs:

1. ExpressVPN.com – Best overall, \$8.32/mo
  2. PrivateInternetAccess.com – Best price, \$3.33/mo
  3. Trust.Zone – Best usability, \$3.33/mo
  4. VyprVPN.com – Best free trial VPN, \$5.00/mo
  5. SaferVPN.com – Best new VPN provider, \$3.49/mo
- Additional reading: [Is VPN Legal in Your Country?](https://thebestvpn.com/are-vpns-legal-banned-countries/) (https://thebestvpn.com/are-vpns-legal-banned-countries/)

If you want to help us, leave your own VPN review [here](https://thebestvpn.com/leave-vpn-review/) (https://thebestvpn.com/leave-vpn-review/).



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### Finding a VPN

Finding a simple, easy-to-use and reliable VPN provider can be a daunting task. Hence the reason, we've compiled a list of top VPNs for different devices/software:

- [Best VPN \(https://thebestvpn.com/\)](https://thebestvpn.com/)
- [Best VPN for Mac \(https://thebestvpn.com/best-vpns-macbook/\)](https://thebestvpn.com/best-vpns-macbook/)
- [Best VPN for Android \(https://thebestvpn.com/best-vpns-android/\)](https://thebestvpn.com/best-vpns-android/)
- [Best VPN for iPhone \(https://thebestvpn.com/best-vpns-iphone/\)](https://thebestvpn.com/best-vpns-iphone/)
- [Best VPN for Torrenting \(https://thebestvpn.com/vpn-torrenting/\)](https://thebestvpn.com/vpn-torrenting/)
- [Best VPN for Netflix \(https://thebestvpn.com/vpn-netflix/\)](https://thebestvpn.com/vpn-netflix/)

### Help You Choose a VPN

Our mission is to help you choose a VPN service.

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