**META Description**: Are you split on which VPN to use between CyberGhost and NordVPN? Then, here's an in-depth comparison to help you make an informed decision.

# CyberGhost vs. NordVPN

More Servers & Better for Gaming	Faster & Better for Torrenting	
CyberGhost - 4.6/5	NordVPN - 4.9/5	
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<u>CyberGhost</u> was launched in 2004, while <u>NordVPN</u> entered the market in 2012. Both are now among the most used VPNs. But how do they compare?

I tested both VPNs on **speeds, streaming, torrenting, gaming,** and **other core features**, and the results were interesting. For example, one was significantly faster at streaming, while the other was superior in user privacy. There were so many differences, which is what this article is about.

Ready to know how the head-to-head battle between CyberGhost and NordVPN went down?

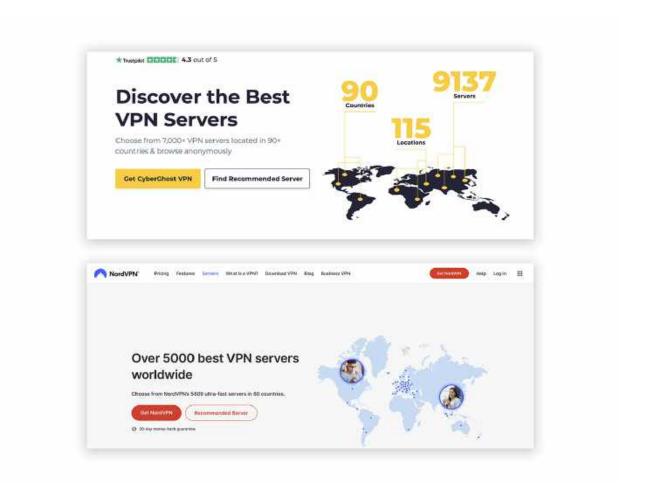
## CyberGhost vs. NordVPN (Overview Table)

	CyberGhost	NordVPN
Servers:	9,100+ servers	5,600+ servers

Speed:	11 Mbps drop	6 Mbps drop
Protocols:	OpenVPN, IKEv2, WireGuard	OpenVPN, IKEv2, NordLynx
Streaming:	Netflix, BBC iPlayer, SlingTV,	Netflix, Hulu, Disney+, NRK,
	Paramount+, Disney+, NHK,	Pandora Radio, Qobuz,
	Prime Video, HBO Max, etc	Prime Video, Sling TV, etc
Torrenting:	On all servers, no seeding	On all servers, no seeding
Gaming:	11 ms ping + 0% packet loss	21 ms ping + 1% packet loss
Logs:	Verified no-logs policy	Verified no-logs policy
Security:	AES 256-bit encryption, kill	AES 256-bit encryption, two
	switch, Public WiFi protection	kill switches, Double VPN,
		obfuscation, Onion Over
		VPN, WiFi Protection
Devices:	Windows, macOS, iOS,	Windows, macOS, iOS,
	Android, Linux, Smart TVs,	Android, Linux, Smart TVs,
	routers, consoles, Fire Stick	routers, consoles, Raspberry
		Pi, Fire Stick
Simultaneous Connections:	7	6
Customer Support:	Live Chat	Live Chat
Best Deal:	CyberGhost	<u>NordVPN</u>

### **Server Locations**

CyberGhost has 9,100+ locations in 90 countries and 116 locations, while NordVPN offers 5,500+ servers in 60 countries. So, finding a server closer to you or overseas is easier with CyberGhost.



Furthermore, CyberGhost and NordVPN have servers in regions like North America, Europe, Oceania, and the Middle East. But CyberGhost edges out NordVPN when it comes to African and Asian servers.

For example, in Africa, it offers servers in **Kenya, Algeria, Morocco, Egypt, Nigeria,** and **South Africa**, while NordVPN only offers one South African server. While in Asia, NordVPN only has servers in 9 countries, while CyberGhost has servers in 21 countries.

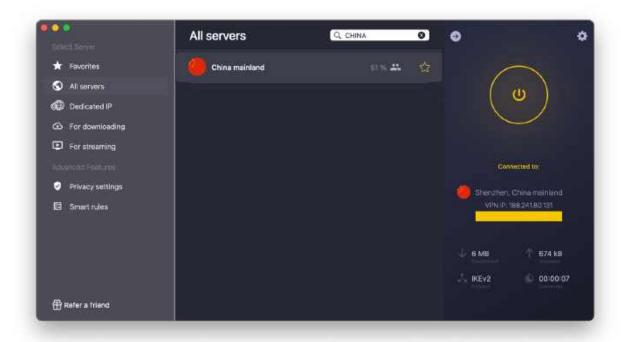
As of 2023, CyberGhost has **1,362 servers** in the United States, while NordVPN has about **1,800 US servers**. This makes accessing US-only content like **Sling TV**, **HBO Go**, or **NFL Game Pass** with both VPNs possible. But since NordVPN has better coverage, it's likely to get you what you need better than CyberGhost.

Moving on, both CyberGhost and NordVPN have <u>RAM-only servers</u>. However, NordVPN only upgraded to **RAM-only** servers in 2019 following a **vulnerability incident** involving the old third-party servers it was using.

Audits of these servers on both VPNs didn't detect anything unusual.

### China

Getting past the <u>Great Wall of China</u> can be challenging. Thankfully, CyberGhost offers **12** servers that give you a mainland Chinese IP address, while NordVPN has none. Connecting to the **Hong Kong** and **Taiwan** servers is the closest you get with NordVPN.



However, despite having Chinese servers, **CyberGhost lacks obfuscation**, **unlike NordVPN**, which is necessary for hiding your VPN activity from Chinese authorities and bypassing harsher content censorship. **I'll talk more about obfuscation in the security section**.

#### **WRAPPING UP**

CyberGhost may have Chinese servers, but the lack of obfuscation makes it hard to use within China. On the other hand, NordVPN provides a reliable obfuscation to bypass government blocks on VPNs. However, CyberGhost has the superior server network overall and even offers more African and Asian servers, winning this round.

## Is CyberGhost Faster Than NordVPN?

NordVPN is faster than CyberGhost, **winning 5 out of the six tests** I conducted with similar servers on each VPN.

This was well within my expectations, considering that NordVPN has a proprietary protocol called **NordLynx**, one of the fastest in the industry. CyberGhost's **WireGuard protocol** didn't stand a chance.

But again, although NordLynx has consistently performed better in my past tests, **IKEv2** outperformed NordLynx.



Regarding additional protocols, both VPN providers are equipped with **OpenVPN** (*TCP & UDP*) and **IKEv2**.

For my internet speed tests, I used the following:

- WireGuard for CyberGhost and NordLynx for NordVPN on my Mac.
- OpenVPN UDP (faster than TCP) from both providers on my Windows PC.
- **IKEv2** from both providers on my Android device.

Plus, I used specific servers that both VPN services provide for uniformity purposes:

South Africa (the closest).

- United States.
- Australia (the furthest).

The only time CyberGhost won the speed test was with the WireGuard protocol on the South African server.



## **Speed & Performance Tests**

Instead of testing how much speed each VPN recorded, which could be biased regards your initial connection speed, I checked how much of a speed drop they caused instead.

	US Server	South Africa Server	Australia Server
CyberGhost (WireGuard)	18 Mbps drop	2 Mbps drop	12 Mbps drop
NordVPN (NordLynx)	10 Mbps drop	5 Mbps drop	10 Mbps drop
CyberGhost (IKEv2)	17 Mbps drop	5 Mbps drop	12 Mbps drop

NordVPN (IKEv2)	7 Mbps drop	3 Mbps drop	6 Mbps drop
CyberGhost (OpenVPN	7 Mbps drop	5 Mbps drop	14 Mbps drop
UDP)			
NordVPN (OpenVPN UDP)	14 Mbps drop	15 Mbps drop	6 Mbps drop

### **WRAPPING UP**

CyberGhost had an average speed loss of 10.3 Mbps. In contrast, NordVPN's average was 8.4 Mbps. CyberGhost may have pulled ahead in some instances, but overall, NordVPN had the upper hand and won this section.

# **Streaming**

NordVPN and CyberGhost had no problems unblocking all the streaming services I tested.

The process was smoother on CyberGhost VPN as it has specialized servers dedicated to streaming, including a Norwegian server that helped me access NRK.

Streaming Service	CyberGhost Works?	NordVPN Works?
Hulu	Yes	Yes
BBC iPlayer	Yes	Yes
Disney+	Yes	Yes
NRK	Yes	Yes

France.TV	Yes	Yes

Furthermore, you can find CyberGhost servers specific to certain streaming services. It even provides servers for non-mainstream streaming services you might not think of. Streaming speeds were fast enough to handle **HD and 4K streaming** without buffering.

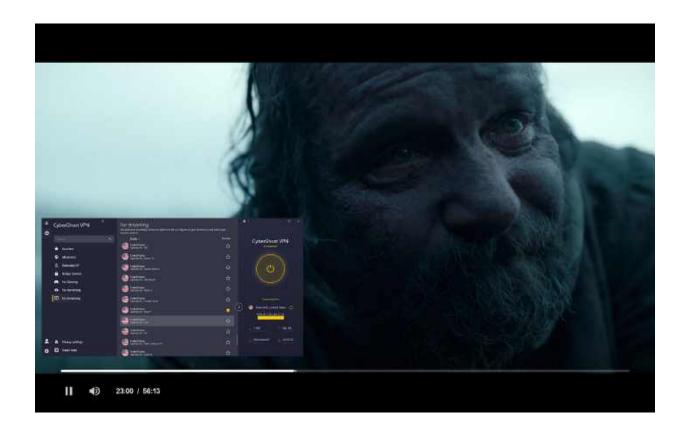
Although NordVPN doesn't have servers dedicated to streaming, the ones I chose manually didn't disappoint. Additionally, through <u>NordVPN's SmartDNS</u>, I watched *Gintama* episodes on Crunchyroll directly from my SmartTV. CyberGhost also offers SmartDNS with **Hulu US** addresses, Netflix US addresses, and Netflix UK addresses.

In addition, NordVPN is equipped with a feature called **SmartPlay** to optimize your content streaming experience while protecting your connections with solid encryption.

### Hulu

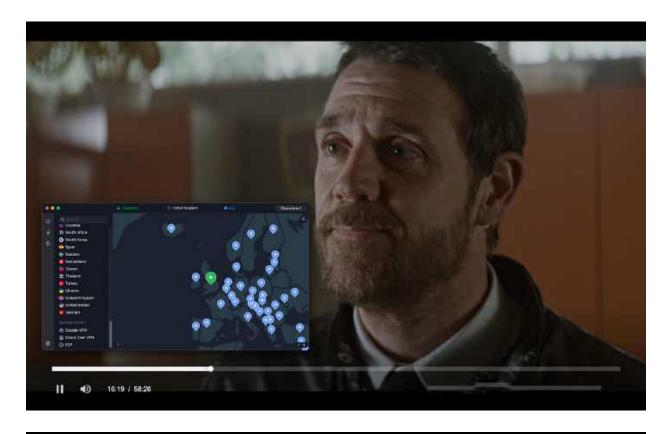
I tested both VPNs with the new TV show called **Great Expectations**.

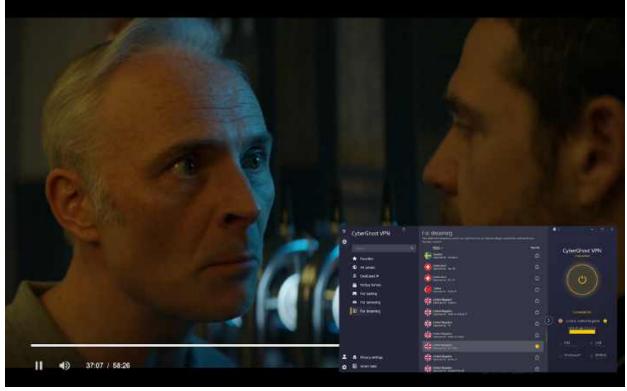




# **BBC** iPlayer

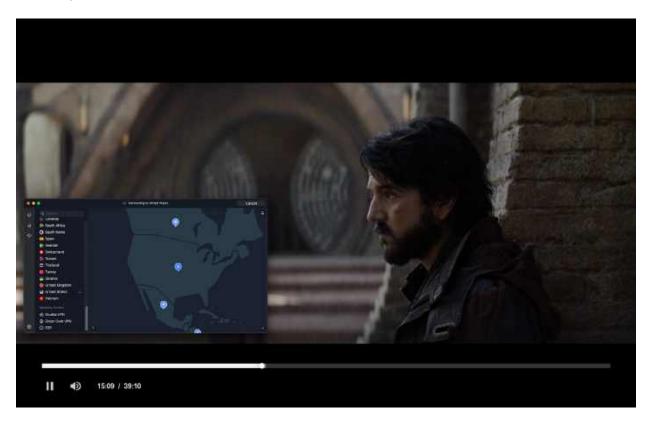
For BBC iPlayer, I tested CyberGhost and NordVPN unblocking capabilities with the TV show **Guilt.** 

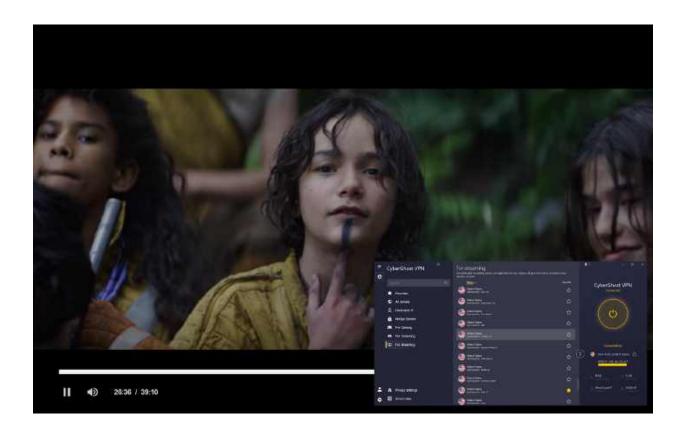




# Disney+

For this, I decided to revisit my favorite **Disney+** show, **Andor,** to check if both VPNs delivered what they promised.





# NRK

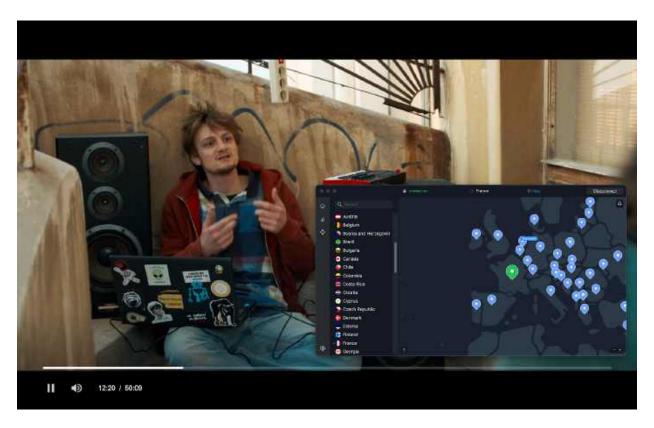
I tested both VPNs with **Narvik**, a movie I streamed on the NRK channel.

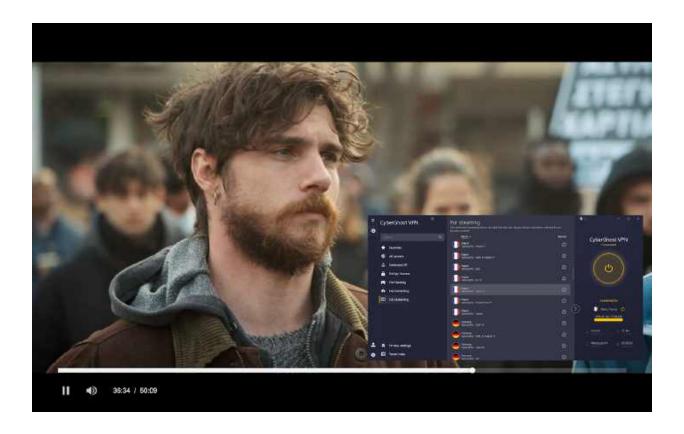




# France.TV

The last test was France.TV and both VPNs unblocked the platform allowing me to watch **The**Greek Salad.





# **Netflix Tests**

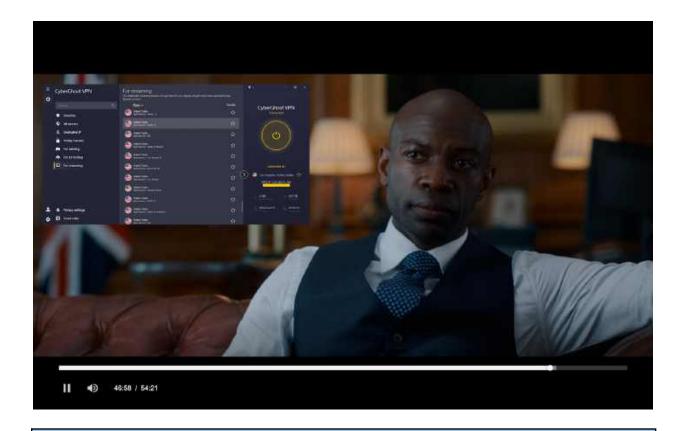
I tested CyberGhost and NordVPN with 5 Netflix libraries: **The US**, **the UK**, **Japan**, **Australia**, **and Brazil**. Here are the Results

	Unblocks Netflix US?	Unblocks Netflix UK?	Other Netflix Libraries?
CyberGhost	Yes	Yes (UK - London)	Netflix BR AU, JP
NordVPN	Yes (USA-2)	Yes (UK-1)	Netflix BR, AU, JP

Again, both VPNs were tied in these tests because they unblocked **all five libraries**. But like in the previous streaming tests, finding the specific Netflix server for each country was easier on CyberGhost. I needed two attempts in a few situations when testing NordVPN. But once I was in, everything was smooth to the end.



Regards buffering, both VPNs performed very well for **HD**, and **4K Netflix shows**. I got so lost in streaming *The Diplomat* that I forgot I was supposed to be conducting serious tests.



### **WRAPPING UP**

CyberGhost and NordVPN unblocked all the streaming sites I tested, including Netflix US, UK,

Japanese, Australian, and Brazilian libraries. There wasn't any buffering either since both

VPNs are fast enough to handle HD content. So this was a tie.

## **Torrenting**

CyberGhost and NordVPN are suitable for torrenting. Both have servers dedicated to torrenting. But NordVPN blows CyberGhost out of the water with **4,500+ P2P servers**.

On top of this, NordVPN offers a SOCKS5 proxy, which granted me faster torrenting speeds. The only challenging bit is the setup, but once it runs, you'll have shorter download times. CyberGhost doesn't offer SOCKS5 Proxy, so NordVPN edges it out here.

But thanks to the **audited** and **strict no-logs policy** on both providers, you can rest easy knowing copyright trolls won't touch you.

However, both VPNs don't allow port forwarding due to security reasons. Therefore, seeding isn't possible. This was very apparent in my tests, but I still double-checked with both support teams, and they confirmed it.

CyberGhost's policy on torrenting focuses on **protection against any potential threats** rampant on torrenting sites. The service maintains no problem as long as the user isn't downloading copyright material. Here's a snippet of its policy:

#### Is it illegal to download from uTorrent?

No, as long as you aren't downloading copyright material. Torrenting is just a way to exchange files between peers. If you use it to illegally download copyright material, you'll break local laws. Reach out to our 24/7 **customer support team** for further questions about using CyberGhost as your ulforrent VPN.

NordVPN is very particular about illegally downloading copyrighted material. Its **General Terms**of Service explicitly prohibits using its services to infringe on other people's intellectual property:

 violate, infringe, or misappropriate Nord, our licensors and/or any other third parties' copyright, other intellectual property rights, privacy, or other legal rights;

To better understand how each VPN performed for torrenting, let's get to my tests.

### **P2P Tests**

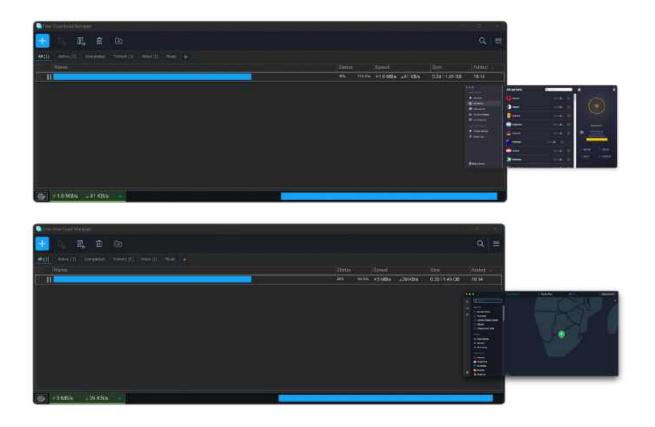
I tested CyberGhost's and NordVPN's **P2P capabilities** by downloading the same 1.4GB file for a copyright-free classic movie, *Sita Sings the Blues*. I used a torrent client called **Free Download Manager** for this test, but both VPNs are compatible with Vuze, Deluge, uTorrent, BitTorrent, and other torrent clients.

I set CyberGhost to WireGuard and NordVPN to IKEv2, then used a South African server for both downloads.

Here's a breakdown of my results:

	Average Download Speed	Max Download Speed	Download Completion Time
CyberGhost	1.9 MiB/s	3 MiB/s	98 minutes, 14 seconds
NordVPN	3 MiB/s	3.9 MiB/s	47 minutes, 51 seconds

NordVPN performed better than CyberGhost with a higher average speed.



### **WRAPPING UP**

CyberGhost and NordVPN offer P2P support and even have servers dedicated to torrenting.

However, NordVPN had the upper hand, as it's faster and offers a SOCKS5 proxy. Therefore,

NordVPN was the best VPN in this round.

# **Gaming**

To get a better idea of how CyberGhost and NordVPN would perform with any game, I ran ping and packet tests:

Server	Protocol	Ping	Packet Loss

CyberGhost	South Africa	WireGuard	25 Mbps	0%
NordVPN	South Africa	IKEv2	27 Mbps	2.7%

As you can see, there wasn't much separating the two VPNs.

But things were slightly different when I tested CyberGhost and NordVPN with **Asphalt 9: Legends.** CyberGhost performed a lot better than NordVPN, with the least lag and the least packet loss.

With NordVPN, the same game felt slightly different, **with noticeable lags**. The game was still playable, but I struggled to keep up with other racers at some turns.

There wasn't much difference when I engaged both VPNs to play **Fortnite** on my M1 MacBook either. This was a heavier game than **Asphalt 9: Legends** but CyberGhost still performed better than NordVPN.

Here are the overall packet loss results:



### **WRAPPING UP**

CyberGhost had the least lag and the least packet data loss when gaming. The difference wasn't so huge but was enough to edge out NordVPN to win this category.

## **Privacy**

CyberGhost and NordVPN are very serious about user privacy, so they never collect sensitive information that could undermine their users' privacy.

For example, when signing up for both services, you only need to provide **your email address** to create your account. This email address will only be used for future communication when necessary.

Furthermore, both VPNs save your **payment info** solely for processing payments and refunds when necessary. If you're skittish about sharing your billing information (*especially your credit card*), CyberGhost and NordVPN offer cryptocurrency payments. CyberGhost takes only **Bitcoin**, while NordVPN accepts **Bitcoin**, **Ethereum**, and **XRP**.

Additionally, both VPNs are based in countries that aren't affiliated with surveillance alliances.

CyberGhost is headquartered in Romania, while NordVPN is based in Panama. In other words, they can't be compelled by anyone, governments or otherwise, to share your data.

### **Logging Policies**

I looked at CyberGhost and NordVPN's logging policies, and here's a quick summary of my findings.

	Traffic Logs?	Connection Logs?	IP Address?	Server Location?
CyberGhost	No	No	No	No
NordVPN	No	No	No	No

The hallmark of a reliable VPN is audits, and CyberGhost and NordVPN have been audited. In fact, **NordVPN has undergone three audits**, the last conducted between November and December 2022. In all, there weren't any signs of NordVPN violating their no-logs promises.

CyberGhost only underwent its first-ever audit in 2022 by **Deloitte Romania**, and like NordVPN, nothing out of place was detected regarding its logging policies.

Furthermore, NordVPN is tending towards becoming fully open-source and recently released **three new products** under the open-source license. This shows their commitment to transparency and community collaboration is more than just talk.

In contrast, **CyberGhost isn't open-source**, as confirmed by its support, with a response captured in the Customer Support section.

NordVPN also constantly updates its <u>Warrant Canary</u>, assuring that the VPN service hasn't been subjected to gag orders or warrants from any government organization. Conversely, CyberGhost also confirmed receiving **thousands of requests** to disclose the identity of its users (264,000+ in 2021 alone) but keeps rejecting these requests.

However, CyberGhost stopped publishing the transparency reports in 2021, but NordVPN updates the Warrant Canaries daily.

#### **WRAPPING UP**

Both CyberGhost and NordVPN offer a no-logs policy and IP masking, and they're both based in countries with no data retention laws. But NordVPN pulls ahead because it continues to update its Warrant Canary. So the winner is NordVPN.

### **Security**

CyberGhost and NordVPN are evenly matched where standard VPN security features are concerned. Both use **AES 256-bit encryption** that works automatically across all VPN protocols, so it's not something you can switch on and off at will.

I used WireShark to test the encryption on both VPNs, and the results confirmed that it worked. Here are my findings, revealing an unreadable mix of texts and symbols. That's what anyone who tries to snoop on your secured VPN traffic sees.

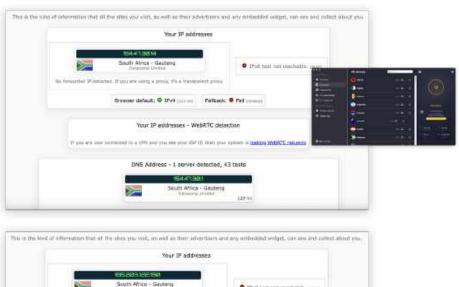




On top of this, both VPNs are equipped with a system-wide **kill switch** across all platforms. However, NordVPN offers a second app kill switch on Windows and macOS, giving it an edge over CyberGhost.

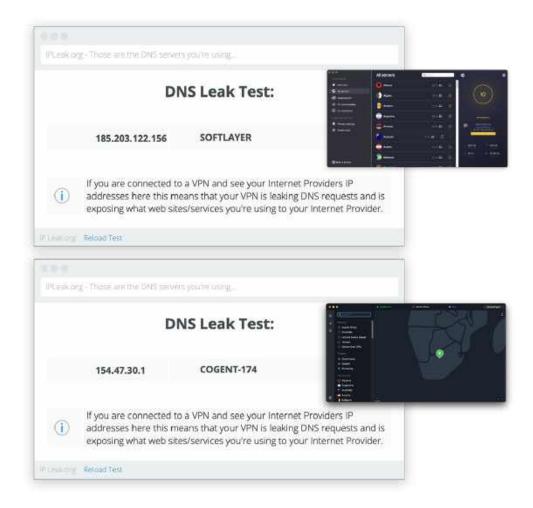
IP and DNS leaks are other big problems that both VPNs sufficiently address. I conducted **IP**, **DNS**, **WebRTC**, **and IPv6 leak tests** to verify their claims using a South African virtual server, and here are the results.

### WebRTC & IP Leak Test





### **DNS Leak Test**

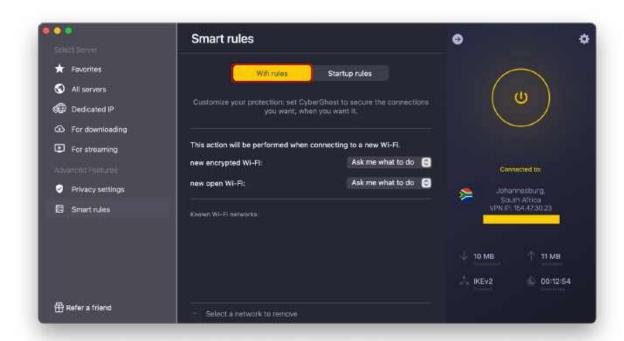


But how did CyberGhost and NordVPN fare with advanced security features? Let's take a look in the next section.

### **Public WiFi Protection**

CyberGhost and NordVPN offer **public WiFi protection**, and I set out to test them at a nearby coffee shop.

First was CyberGhost which has WiFi rules that give you customizable options regarding how you want the VPN to act when you connect to a new network. This feature is available across all CyberGhost apps (under different names).



NordVPN's **public WiFi protection** can also be automatically triggered when you connect to an untrusted network. Furthermore, NordVPN allows you to choose between automatically connecting to the fastest, closest, specialty, or specific server when it senses an untrusted WiFi network. That's pretty convenient.

Each VPN again passed the Wireshark test using a public hotspot, proving they delivered what they promised.

### **DDoS Protection**

Another feature offered by both CyberGhost and NordVPN is **protection against DDoS attacks**. This is particularly important if you're an avid gamer.

In P2P gaming, opponents may see your IP address and use it to bombard your device with requests to slow you down. By encrypting your connections and using a virtual IP address, attackers will have more difficulty directing their attacks toward your devices.

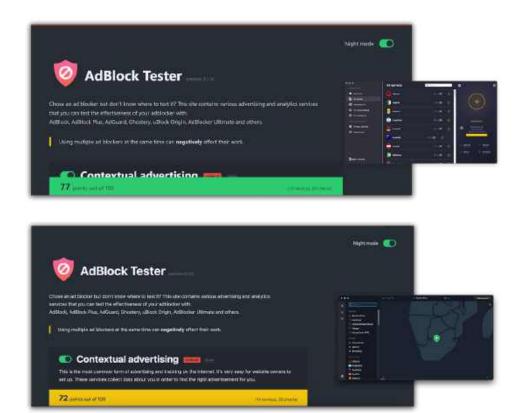
Fortunately, **DDoS** protection costs you nothing extra on both **VPNs**; once the VPN starts running, you're completely covered.

### Ad Blocker

CyberGhost and NordVPN offer ad blockers that yielded different results in my tests.

NordVPN has a <u>Threat Protection</u> ad blocker that filters ads and malicious domains, protecting your device from threats and interruptions. Once tested, this tool scored **39/100**.

CyberGhost's ad blocker is called **Block Content**, and it keeps tabs on ads, trackers, and malware, preventing them from executing on your device. Block Content scored **77/100**, outperforming NordVPN by miles.



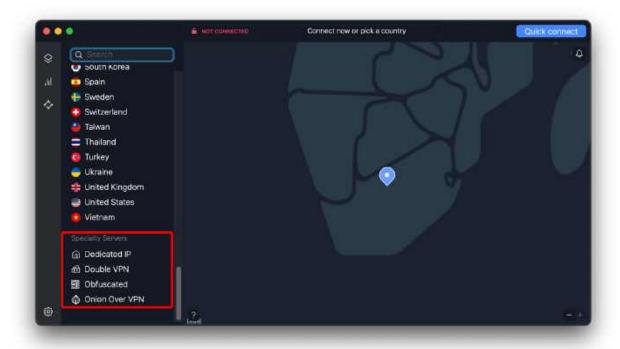
## **Extra Security Features**

There are some additional security features unique to each VPN.

For example, CyberGhost offers **NoSpy servers** that give users an untraceable online presence. These servers are owned and operated by CyberGhost, rather than in shared data centers, but you must pay extra to get them.

Comparing our NoSpy Servers			
Features	Without NoSpy	With NoSpy	
Anonymous browsing		~	
Block online tracking	:W:	v	
Dedicated torrenting servers	,	-	
Super high premium hardware	5M5	~	
Dedicated uplink	×	~	
Operated independently	(86)	-	
Bigger bandwidth	×	~	
Better speeds	(8)	~	
Pricing	\$4.15/MO Billed yearly	\$4.99/MO Billed yearly	
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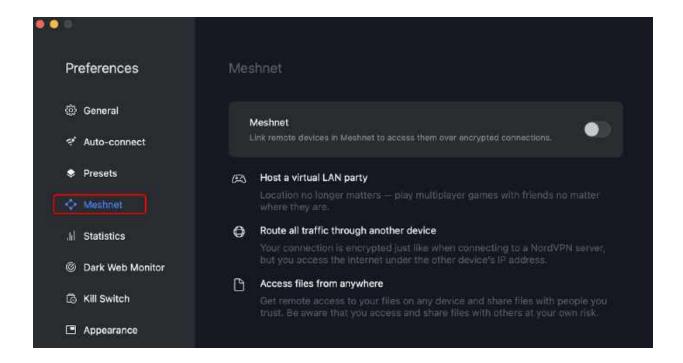
But NordVPN edges out CyberGhost with several special security features. The VPN offers **obfuscated servers** that work with OpenVPN protocol and hide all traces of VPN use from your traffic. This is handy in regions like China, Russia, and Vietnam, where VPNs are blocked and their use monitored.



You also get <u>Double VPN servers</u> that route traffic through two VPN servers, encrypting everything twice. It also works with fast protocols like NordLynx and IKEv2 and the relatively slower OpenVPN protocols.

Likewise, there are <u>Onion Over VPN</u> servers to access the **Tor network** with extra privacy without needing a standalone Tor browser. This specialty server feature works with NordLynx, IKEv2, and OpenVPN protocols like Double VPN servers.

Additionally, there's Meshnet which works like a very secure Local Area Network, allowing users to safely access other devices anywhere in the world without losing any speed. This is ideal for multiplayer gaming, work collaborations, or file sharing.



On top of that, NordVPN has a <u>Dark Web Monitor</u> that alerts you anytime it detects your credentials anywhere in the dark web. The feature is available across all platforms and can be activated in the settings.

### **WRAPPING UP**

CyberGhost and NordVPN offer encryption, IP leak protection, and DDoS protection. But overall, NordVPN outperforms CyberGhost and wins with many more features like Dark Web Monitor and double encryption.

### **Devices & Connections**

CyberGhost and NordVPN have native apps for various devices, including commonly used ones like **Android**, **iOS**, **macOS**, **and Windows**. Furthermore, both CyberGhost and NordVPN Linux versions are **terminal-based**, with some manual tweaking needed to make things run.

Most router installations involving these two VPNs **are manual**, and only a select few can work with them. Alternatively, they offer routers that come with pre-installed VPN apps. Here's a table showing all the devices compatible with CyberGhost and NordVPN.

	CyberGhost	NordVPN	
Native App Support?	Windows, macOS, iOS,	Windows, macOS, iOS,	
	Linux, Android	Linux, Android	
Smart TVs?	Android TV, FireTV, +	Android TV, FireTV, +	
	SmartDNS	SmartDNS	
Router Support?	Yes (manual + app)	Yes (manual + app)	
Browser Extensions?	Chrome, Firefox	Chrome, Firefox, Edge	

Regarding simultaneous connections, you can connect a maximum of seven devices on CyberGhost and six devices on NordVPN. That's enough to share with friends and family members who may need to secure their devices.

### **SmartDNS**

CyberGhost and NordVPN offer SmartDNS, meaning you can change locations on devices that don't have VPN support, like some Smart TVs and gaming consoles.

Some SmartDNS servers offered by CyberGhost include Hulu US, Netflix US, and Netflix UK.

On the other hand, SmartDNS-supported streaming services on NordVPN include ABC Go US,

Amazon Prime US, Disney Plus US, Fox Now US, HBO Now US, and Netflix Originals.

CyberGhost may have fewer SmartDNS servers, but it's more flexible as it has UK servers compared to NordVPN, which is limited to the US.

Setting up SmartDNS on devices with these VPNs is almost similar. All you need to do is access your account, enable the SmartDNS feature, pick the DNS corresponding to the service you want to unblock and enjoy unrestricted content.

### **WRAPPING UP**

Both VPNs are compatible with common devices like Windows, macOS, Android, iOS, Linux, gaming consoles, routers, and some smart TVs. Both also offer SmartDNS. But CyberGhost slightly pulls ahead of NordVPN as it provides more simultaneous device connections, 7 against 6.

### **Dedicated IP**

If you want an exclusive IP address not shared by anyone else, you'll be happy to know that CyberGhost and NordVPN offer dedicated IP addresses. But the offerings are different in various ways.

However, NordVPN offers more <u>Dedicated IP address</u> locations than CyberGhost, with ten: **the**US, the UK, the Netherlands, Germany, France, Canada, Japan, Italy, Australia, and

Sweden.

On the other hand, you'll get Canada, Germany, the US, the UK, and France with CyberGhost.

That said, NordVPN's Dedicated IP address feature costs more than CyberGhost.

## **Split Tunneling**

CyberGhost and NordVPN **offer split tunneling**, but it differs with platforms. For instance, NordVPN doesn't have the feature on macOS and iOS, the same as CyberGhost. But both have variations of the feature on Windows and Android.

The CyberGhost Android app has the feature listed as **App Split Tunnel** but **App Rules** on Windows.

I tested the split tunneling feature on both VPNs with my PayPal app, and I didn't receive any alert from PayPal, which usually happens whenever you make a drastic location change.

#### **WRAPPING UP**

This was a tie since CyberGhost and NordVPN offer dedicated IP addresses and split tunneling across multiple devices.

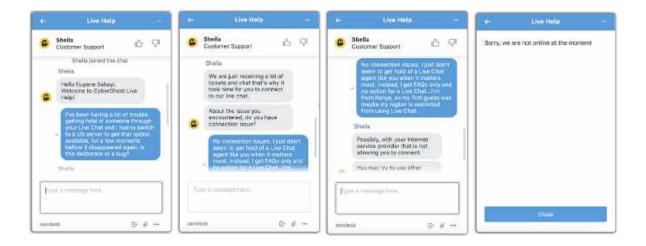
## **Customer Support**

CyberGhost and NordVPN have 24/7 live chat, but NordVPN is more reliable.

First, CyberGhost may be restricting their Live Chat in some regions. I had to switch to a US server for the option to become available, but it was smooth after that.

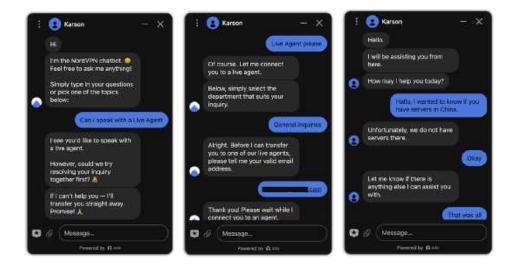
Then I asked the CyberGhost agent why their Live Chat was hard to get hold of at times.

Although their response was swift, it didn't offer a proper solution.



Using the NordVPN Live Chat was simpler. First, I was connected to a bot, then to a Live Agent. I didn't have to switch to a US server to get it working, either.

The NordVPN agent swiftly answered all the questions I had to the best of their ability.



The bottom line is that CyberGhost's Live Chat option can be unreliable at times, but it works well when you eventually reach a Live Agent. Meanwhile, NordVPN's live chat works anywhere, anytime.

It's possible the Zendesk Live Chat service is causing issues with CyberGhost. Still, CyberGhost is responsible for sorting this out because I experienced similar problems with an Indian and Kenyan server.

If you can't connect to a Live Agent on both VPNs, you can try the direct mail option. It may take longer, especially on weekends, but eventually, they will respond.

CyberGhost offers other support resources such as **product guides**, **FAQs**, **troubleshooting guides**, and **direct email support**. NordVPN offers **FAQs** for common issues, **direct email**, **support guides**, and **tutorials**.

#### **WRAPPING UP**

Despite supporting Live Chat, attempts to get help through this didn't work as I expected it on CyberGhost. NordVPN was a lot smoother on that end and so it won the round.

## **Usability**

I ran all my tests across both VPNs on Windows, macOS, and Android. They offer amazing user-friendly apps with clearly labeled buttons and simple descriptions of what each feature does. Finding a feature you want was easy too.

However, there are a few differences between different apps of the same VPN on various platforms.

For example, CyberGhost for macOS lacks OpenVPN, while the Android equivalent lacks IKEv2. The settings options in CyberGhost for macOS and Android are also minimal compared to the Windows version.

NordVPN, on the other hand, has more features on the Windows version than macOS and Android. For example, **NordVPN for macOS lacks a split tunneling feature,** which is available on Android and Windows.

Furthermore, I quickly checked how long each VPN takes to connect to a server, and NordVPN was a little faster than CyberGhost.

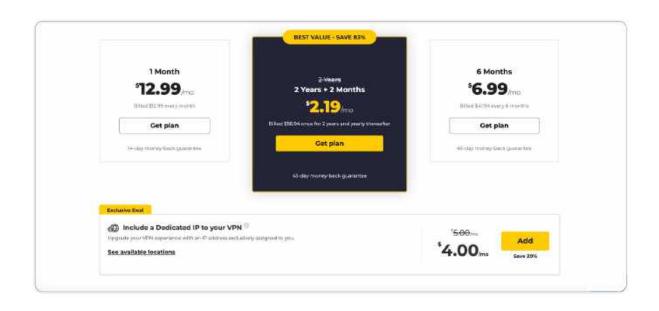
Overall, the native apps these two VPNs provide meet all the basic needs of a VPN.

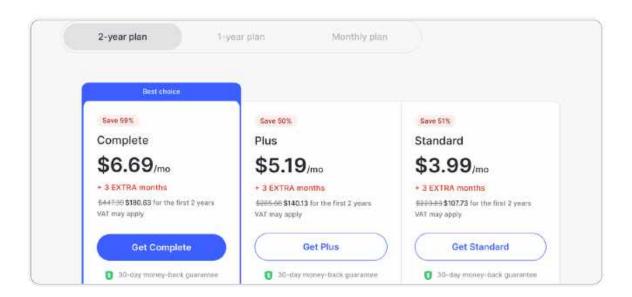
#### **WRAPPING UP**

This was another tie because both VPNs have easy-to-use native apps and a friendly user interface. Furthermore, both VPNs have certain features missing on some platforms, so there was nothing much separating them in this round.

### **Price & Value**

CyberGhost is cheaper than NordVPN:





Another area where CyberGhost edges out NordVPN is its longer refund policy- **45 days**. NordVPN offers a **30-day money-back guarantee** instead, which is common among most premium VPNs. So that extra 15 days by CyberGhost makes a huge difference.

However, NordVPN offers more payment options than CyberGhost. You can pay for your NordVPN subscription through 6 credit/debit card options, **Google Pay, Bitcoin, Ethereum**, and **XRP.** 

CyberGhost, on the other hand, offers three credit/debit card options, PayPal and Bitcoin.

#### **WRAPPING UP**

CyberGhost is cheaper than NordVPN and even provides a 45-day money-back guarantee, longer than NordVPN's 30-day money-back guarantee. So CyberGhost wins this round.

# NordVPN vs. CyberGhost (Overview Table)

Here's the final summary of the head-to-head comparison of CyberGhost and NordVPN.

	CyberGhost	NordVPN	WINNER
Servers:	9,100+ servers	5,600+ servers	CyberGhost
Speed:	10.3 Mbps drop	8.4 Mbps drop	NordVPN
Protocols:	OpenVPN, IKEv2, WireGuard	OpenVPN, IKEv2, NordLynx	Tie
Streaming:	Netflix, BBC iPlayer, SlingTV, Paramount+, Disney+, NHK, Prime Video, HBO Max, etc	Netflix, Hulu, Disney+, NRK, Pandora Radio, Qobuz, Prime Video, Sling TV, etc	Tie
Torrenting:	On all servers, no seeding	On all servers, no seeding	NordVPN
Gaming:	25 ms ping + 0% packet loss	27 ms ping + 2.7% packet loss	CyberGhost
Logs:	Verified no-logs policy	Verified no-logs policy	Tie
Security:	AES 256-bit encryption, kill switch, Public WiFi protection	AES 256-bit encryption, two kill switches, Double	NordVPN

		VPN servers, obfuscation, Onion Over VPN, WiFi Protection	
Devices:	Windows, macOS, iOS, Android, Linux, Smart TVs, routers, consoles, Fire Stick	Windows, macOS, iOS, Android, Linux, Smart TVs, routers, consoles, Raspberry Pi, Fire Stick	Tie
Simultaneous Connections:	7	6	CyberGhost
Customer Support:	Live Chat	Live Chat	NordVPN
Best Deal:	CyberGhost	<u>NordVPN</u>	

# Still a Tough Choice?

To summarize, **NordVPN** is better for people who want the **best security**. It's also well-suited for experienced VPN users because it has many technical features.

CyberGhost, on the other hand, is ideal for **streaming and torrenting** as it comes with a **more extensive server network** that includes specialty options and is almost as fast as NordVPN. It's also the more affordable one with a **longer money-back guarantee**.

Once you decide, grab these fantastic <u>CyberGhost</u> and <u>NordVPN</u> discounts before that offer goes up in smoke!