

Can I use Claude with UK/EU data?

One page. Four questions. Where Claude actually runs and stores your data.

There are **two independent controls**, and treating them as one is where teams go wrong. `inference_geo` sets where the model runs your prompt. **Workspace geo** sets where data is stored at rest. They have separate, short option lists, and they do not move together. Work down these four questions in order.

The decision map

SKIP IF NO

1 Do you actually need data residency?

Many workloads do not. If not, use `global` (the default), pay standard price, and stop here. Don't buy a constraint you don't need.

FIRST-PARTY, ONE LINE

2 Is "keep inference in the US" enough?

Then it is a single parameter: `inference_geo: "us"` on the Claude API. Model must be **4.6 or later**, and US-only is priced at **1.1x** standard tokens. Storage is US regardless.

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3 Do you need the data in the EU or UK?

The first-party API **cannot do this**. Route Claude through **AWS Bedrock in an EU region** or **Google Vertex in an EU region**: the region is set by the endpoint, and the provider keeps the data in-region. Microsoft Foundry EU is listed as expected in 2026.

DIFFERENT LEVER

4 Is it really about retention, not location?

Then you want **zero data retention**, a separate control from geography. Don't conflate "where" with "how long"; set them independently.

The facts, checked 14 Aug 2026

inference_geo values	us, global (default). No eu / uk.
Workspace geo (at rest)	us only. Fixed at workspace creation.
Model floor	Claude 4.6+. Older models return 400.
Price	us = 1.1x tokens. global = standard.
Scope	Claude API + Platform on AWS. Not on the OpenAI-compatible endpoint.

The one thing to remember. A "region" setting from a model vendor is not the same as data residency. Where it runs and where it rests are two separate knobs, and for the EU or UK, residency comes from the cloud provider's region, not from an Anthropic flag.

Sources. Claude Platform docs, verified 14 August 2026: platform.claude.com/docs/en/manage-claude/data-residency (`inference_geo` values, workspace geo, model support, pricing) and [/release-notes/overview](https://platform.claude.com/docs/en/release-notes/overview) (7 August 2026 Managed Agents update). Not legal advice; confirm your own DPIA against the current docs before relying on it.

