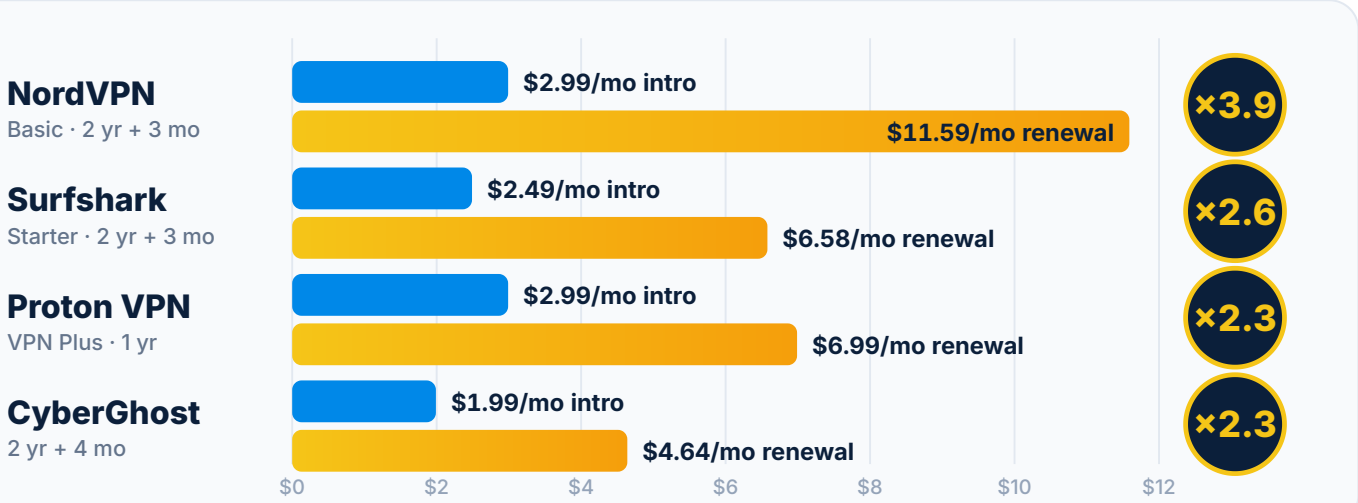
The 2026 VPN Renewal Trap & Setup Sheet

The cheap price is only for the first term. Here is what four big VPNs really cost — and what they jump to.

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1 The renewal jump, at a glance



2 Real-cost & renewal matrix

PROVIDER	PLAN TERM	INTRO PRICE	24-MONTH CASH OUTLAY	RENEWAL PRICE	MONEY-BACK	
NordVPN	Basic · 2 yr + 3 mo 27 months prepaid NordVPN checked 14 Nov 2026	$2.99 /mo	$80.73 paid upfront	$11.59 /mo · $139.08/yr	30 days	Check Current Deal →
Surfshark	Starter · 2 yr + 3 mo 27 months prepaid	$2.49 /mo	$67.23 paid upfront	$6.58 /mo · $79.00/yr	30 days	Check Current Deal →
Proton VPN	VPN Plus · 1 yr 12 months prepaid Proton VPN checked 17 Nov 2026	$2.99 /mo	$119.76 incl. 1 renewal	$6.99 /mo · $83.88/yr	30 days	Check Current Deal →
CyberGhost	2 yr + 4 mo 28 months prepaid CyberGhost checked 18 Nov 2026	$1.99 /mo	$55.72 paid upfront	$4.64 /mo · $55.72/yr	45 days	Check Current Deal →

Prices checked 11–18 Nov 2026 in US dollars and may change. Always confirm the current price on the provider's official website before you buy.

Why the renewal jump matters

Every plan above auto-renews at a much higher price once the first term ends — up to **×3.9** per month. The best deal is the one you can live with in year three, not just year one. Note your renewal month the day you buy.

All prices in USD · Checkout price is shown in your local currency. Prices vary by region, change often, and tax may apply. Surfshark says renewal prices may be A/B tested.

The Setup & Streaming Matrix

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3 Which devices and features each VPN supports

PROVIDER	SMART TV APP	ROUTER	CONSOLE	KILL SWITCH	SPLIT TUNNELLING	DEVICES
NordVPN	✓ Fire TV · Android TV Apple TV	✓ official setup guide	✓ via router / shared connection	✓	✓ Android, Android TV, Windows	10 at once
Surfshark	✓ Fire TV · Apple TV Android TV	✓ official setup guide	✓ PlayStation & Xbox setup guides	✓	✓ "Bypasser" · Android; Windows (apps)	Unlimited at once
Proton VPN	✓ Android TV · Apple TV Fire TV	✓ official setup guide	Not verified not found on official site	✓	✓ Paid plans · Win, macOS*, Linux, Android, Android TV	10 at once
CyberGhost	✓ Android/Google TV · Fire TV (Apple TV via router)	✓ official setup guide	✓ via router (PS, Xbox, Switch)	✓	✓ Android only	7 at once

✓ = stated on the provider's official site · **Not verified** = we could not confirm it on the official site, so we don't claim it either way. Where console support is shown, it is via a router or setup guide, not a native console app. *macOS split tunnelling is experimental (exclude apps only).

4 Public Wi-Fi in 3 steps

Do this once in your VPN app before you work from a café, hotel or airport.

STEP 1

Turn on Kill Switch

If the VPN drops, your internet stops instead of leaking your traffic. All four VPNs here have one.

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STEP 2

Set up Split Tunnelling

Send work and banking through the VPN; let trusted apps (like a printer) skip it. Platforms vary — see the matrix.

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STEP 3

Verify a Secure Protocol

Leave the app on its recommended or automatic protocol, or a modern one like WireGuard or OpenVPN. Avoid old PPTP. Check it says "Connected".

The 7-Day Renewal Check

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The day you buy, put a reminder in your calendar **7 days before** your plan auto-renews. Then decide: keep it, switch, or turn off auto-renew — no surprise charge.

First renewal on these plans: NordVPN **month 27** · Surfshark **month 27** · Proton VPN **month 12** · CyberGhost **month 28**.

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