

Tourist Visa Information

A Tourist Visa can only be granted to a foreigner who does not have a residence or occupation in India and whose sole objective of visiting India is recreation, sightseeing, casual visit to meet friends and relatives etc. No other activity is permissible on a Tourist Visa. The Tourist Visa is non-extendable and non-convertible.

There shall be a gap of at least 2 months between two visits to India on a Tourist Visa subject to following guidelines:-

1. Some foreign nationals holding Tourist Visas, after initial entry into India, plan to visit another country largely on account of neighborhood tourism and need to re-enter India within 60 days, before finally exiting. Such persons may be permitted up to three entries (need based) by the Indian Missions/Posts subject to their submission of a detailed itinerary and supporting documentation (ticket bookings). If the foreign national is already outside his/her country of origin, he/she can also get such an endorsement on his/her passport from the nearest Indian Mission/Post.
2. The Immigration authorities in all the Immigration Check Posts in the country may also allow such foreign nationals on Tourist Visas arriving in India without the specific authorization from the Indian Missions/Posts (as mentioned in sub-para (I) above) to make maximum three entries into the country (need based) subject to production of travel itinerary and supporting documentation (ticket bookings).
3. Once such a foreign national finally exits the country after availing the facility of three entries (within the visa validity period or the stay stipulation period), there shall be a gap of at least 2 months from the date of final exit before he/she can come again to the country.
4. If any foreign national falling in the category as mentioned above is required to visit India again within a period of 2 months after his/her last departure availing the facility of three entries due to any exigent situation, such foreign national should obtain special permission from the Mission/Post for a re-entry. Such re-entry within the stipulated gap of two months may be permitted by the Missions/Posts only in emergent situations like death/serious illness in the family, non-availability of connecting flights to return to his/her country of origin or travel to another country using India as a transit point or any other exigent situation which can be duly justified with proper documentation to the satisfaction of the Mission/ Post granting the permission subject to the following conditions:-
 - The applicant should furnish an undertaking on the following lines:-
 - That the purpose of his/her visit is because of emergency situation.
 - That he is not engaged in Business activities, nor in Employment or pursuing studies/research etc. in India.
 - In all such emergent cases the foreign national shall register with the FRRO/FRO concerned within 14 days of arrival. This registration may be done with the FRRO/FRO concerned preferably at the first place of entry.

Requirements (Checklist)

1. Online visa application (printed, signed)
2. Passport (passport must be valid for minimum 6 months from the date you arrive back from India. Note that your passport at the time of submission must hold at least two empty pages). All Non-Norwegians (i.e. foreign passport holders) should submit the copy of their residence permit. If an applicant holds dual nationality, then he/she should submit preferably both the passports. If not, should at least submit copy of the second passport. (First & last page, visa pages)
3. Photograph (colored with white background and 50 * 50 mm in size)

4. Telex form for visa clearance for Non-Norwegian (place of birth in different country or holds previous nationality or has different nationality)
5. Visa fees (you can pay by cash or an EFT)

Double Entries:

If you are travelling to any neighboring countries, you should enclose copy of the copies of the tickets with each application. If you are applying for Multiple entries, then a detailed letter addressed to the Embassy the reason behind applying for multiple entries.

Applications for children :

1. Parent Declaration, which is listed in our website, should be signed be filled along with the applications of children below the age of 15.
2. All children need their own passport and their own visa.

Journalists & professionals :

Note that Journalists who apply for a tourist visa will have to fill in the visa type as Journalist Visa and mention the purpose of visit to be Tourism. The fee to be paid is Journalist Visa fee only. (We follow this as per the instructions of the Indian Embassy, Oslo.)

The applicants who are photographers, media professionals (other than journalists) and freelancers should also enclose an undertaking that the trip is only for tourism and will not take part in activities related to their profession, while applying for Tourist Visa. The format for this undertaking is also listed in our website.

Kindly note that any booking arrangements prior to receiving visa is always on the applicants own risk.