

VISA INDIA

All nationalities need to obtain a Tourist Visa for entry into India. You must have a machine-readable passport with at least 6 months validity at the time of your arrival in India and your passport must have at least two blank pages.

e-Tourist Visa Application.

We recommend that you use the e-Tourist Visa Application process at <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/tvoa.html>

Most nationalities, including travellers from the UK, USA and many European countries can apply for their Indian Visa online through the e-Tourist Visa system. There are 3 applicable options: 30 days, 1 year or 5 years.

The e-Tourist Visa is valid for entry through 28 designated Airports: Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Thiruvananthapuram, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Cochin, Goa, Ahmedabad, Amritsar, Gaya, Jaipur, Lucknow, Trichy, Varanasi, Calicut, Mangalore, Pune, Nagpur, Coimbatore, Bagdogra, Guwahati, Chandigarh, Visakhapatnam, Madurai, Bhubaneswar and Port Blair.

This visa is cheaper than the Regular Indian Visa and does not require that you send your passport to your nearest India Visa Application Centre (IVAC).

Please note: If you travel on an e-Tourist Visa, your passport will be stamped and your biometric data (fingerprinting and retinal scan) may be processed on arrival in India.

You must make your application a minimum of 4 days before your arrival in India. **You must also remember to print a copy of the e-Tourist Visa and take it with you to India for processing on arrival.**

The validity of the e-Tourist Visa starts from the date the visa was issued.

The visa fee for UK and US visitors is currently as follows: 30 days (\$10 April to June or \$25 July to March), 1 year (\$40) or 5 years (\$80).

Please note that the 30 day eTourist Visa has different high and low season prices. There may be a bank transaction charge of 2.5%.

Instructions for making the application are provided in the above link, including details and specifications of the passport and passport photo scans that you need to provide.

Filling out the application form

Where you are asked to state 'Places to be visited in India', please write 'Delhi', 'Leh' or "Kerala" or the destination you are travelling to in India. **Note** that when applying online, most of the questions have 'required fields' (denoted by a red asterisk). This means that you will not be allowed to submit the form without filling in these fields. If the question is not applicable to you, please type 'NA' into these fields.

For 'Sponsor' use KE Adventure Travel; first UK referee use KE Adventure Travel; Second UK referee use a friend or relative. For the first Indian referee please use the name and address of our Ground Agent as listed on your Booking Confirmation. For 'address in India' and also for second referee in India, please use the name and address of the group hotel as listed on your Booking Confirmation.

Restricted Area Permit Form

For our 'Sikkim – Beneath Kangchenjunga' and 'Sikkim – Tosha Lake Reconnaissance' trips, as well as an Indian e-Visa, you will also require a Restricted Area Permit, which our agents will apply for on your behalf. You must fill in, sign and return the Restricted Area Permit Application Forms sent with your booking confirmation. Please fill in only your personal details on this form. **Do not answer questions 10, 11, 12, 13, or 14.** Our agent in Delhi will add route details etc. before making the application. For question 7 (address in India), use your first night's hotel in your joining instructions which are part of your booking confirmation. You can scan the signed form and send this to us by email if you prefer. We also require two photocopies of the

information pages of your passport, two copies of the page showing your Indian visa and a total of three passport photographs. Return these to us at least three weeks before the trek departure date. Failure to do so may result in the cancellation of your place on the trek. Note that we DO NOT require your passports.

If you need help with your e-Tourist Visa Application

A visa processing company such as Travcour <http://www.travcour.com> can help with your application. Travcour charge £30 to process your application and a further £9 (for postage) if you want them also to handle the scanning of your passport and photo.

If you travel to India from Pakistan, Israel, Kenya, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Afghanistan or Somalia you will be required to hold a valid polio vaccination certificate. Please contact your nearest Indian Embassy or High Commission for further information.

We do keep our information up to date but be advised visa requirements and charges are subject to change. Please visit <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/tvoa.html> for the most up-to-date information.