

TOURIST VISA

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This visa allows you to travel to India for holidays, visit monuments, meet friends, attend a wedding...

Generally, the Embassy of India issues a visa valid for 6 months. A 1-year visa is also possible, but each stay may not exceed 90 days. The 5-year validity visa remains exceptional. Please note that the Tourist visa cannot be exchanged and cannot be extended in India; furthermore, **2 visits to India with a Tourist visa must be separated by a 2-month break**. Exemption from this 2-month rule can be granted on a case-by-case basis. Furthermore, **you must wait 1 month after the date of your last exit from India before being allowed to re-apply for a fresh Tourist Visa**.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR TOURIST VISAS:

- 1 Certain professions require a "journalist" visa. The sectors of activity concerned by this requirement are: cinema, television, media, writing, publishing, press, photography, communication, advertising... (non-exhaustive list). Please refer to the Journalist Visa checklist.

LIST OF DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR A TOURIST VISA

- 1 Original passport valid for a minimum of 6 months (or for the validity requested, if greater) and having at least 3 blank visa pages (of which 2 must be side by side)
- 2 A photocopy of the data page of the passport
- 3 Two photographs conforming to prescribed specifications stuck side by side on the visa application form
- Please note that a photo booth is available in our Paris office
- 4 A visa application form duly filled in online, signed and dated by the applicant
- 5 **If requesting 1-year validity:**
- Motivation letter written in English justifying the need for a validity greater than 6 months and details of the specific trips planned
- 6 **If you are a person of Indian origin, a spouse or a descendant of a person of Indian origin:**
- Persons of Indian origin, their spouse and their children are strongly advised to apply for Entry visas instead of Tourist visas. Should you wish to go against this recommendation, please fill and sign the « Person of Indian Origin Undertaking for a Tourist Visa » form.
- 7 **If you already have a Tourist visa and wish to re-enter India before the 2-month break period:**
- Please apply for a re-entry permit directly at the Embassy – detailed procedure on the FAQs page of our website (www.vfs-in-fr.com)
- 8 **If you are about to apply for a Tourist visa and plan to re-enter India before the 2-month break:**
- Please apply for your Tourist visa at the India Visa Application Centre. Once you have returned from your first trip, you can request a single re-entry permit at the Embassy of India – detailed procedure on the FAQs page of our website (www.vfs-in-fr.com)
- 9 **If you are about to apply for a Tourist visa and will be visiting other Asian countries and then re-entering India (i.e. organised tours, cruises, trip to Nepal etc):**
- Please apply for your visa at the India Visa Application Centre and request a double / triple entry to India. Please attach the following documents to your application: the form "2-month Rule Exemption Request on Account of Neighbouring Tourism" and full detailed travel itinerary for this (i.e. travel tickets or letter from a tour operator is compulsory)
- 10 The service fees, additional consular charges, the ICWF fee and the visa fees

LIST OF ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

If you are sending your visa application by post

- Checklist for postal applications

If the applicant is a minor

- Photocopy of the French livret de famille (pages: father, mother, relevant child) or birth certificate
- Photocopy of an ID proof of each parent
- Authorisation letter for a minor to travel signed by both parents

If you are holding a non-French passport or a French travel document

- Reference Form as per your current or previous nationality
- If resident in France: copy of your resident card or an EDF/France Télécom bill (optional but recommended)
- Additional documents as per your current or previous nationality, as applicable

If you are holding a French passport being of Pakistani, Chinese, Bangladeshi or Afghan origin

- Reference Form as per your origin
- Additional documents as per your origin, as applicable

I hereby certify that I have submitted a complete application and that I know and accept the minimum processing times required for my visa application.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

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