

India e-Visa Procedure

Please refer to this document for guidance about visa and entry requirements for India. Please note that visa requirements are subject to change so travelers are urged to check the **Government of India eVisa website** or the **U.S. Department of State website** (for U.S. citizens) for changing requirements.

U.S. Department of State Information (For U.S. Citizens)

Information for U.S. citizens applying for an India visa can be found on the <u>U.S. Department of</u> State website.

Overview of entry requirements:

- Passport validity: Must be valid for six months beyond date of visa application to obtain a visa.
- Blank passport pages: Two pages required.
- **Tourist visa required**: Yes. (On November 15, 2021, India resumes entry of individuals on e-tourist or tourist visas issued on or after October 6, 2021.)
- **Vaccinations**: Yellow fever vaccination is required if the traveler is arriving from an infected area; others are suggested.
- Currency restrictions for entry: The possession of satellite phones is prohibited in India;
 Currency in excess of USD \$5,000 must be declared. Please check with the Indian
 Embassy in Washington if you are planning to carry a large amount of currency into India.
- **Currency restrictions for exit**: Check local law for reporting requirements for exiting with large quantities of foreign currency and Indian rupees.

India eVisa FAQ

What is required for entry into India?

A valid passport and visa are required for entry into India. International Travelers are required to have a return ticket or an onward journey ticket and may be asked at the airport to be furnished.

Who is eligible for an e-Visa?

Citizens of most countries are eligible for an e-Visa. Please visit the <u>Government of India e-Visa</u> <u>website</u> to see list of nationals of countries eligible for an e-Visa.

What type of visa is required?

Most volunteers should apply for a Tourist Visa. Please review the various visa categories on the <u>e-Visa website</u> before beginning your visa application. Once a visa application is submitted, you will not be able to change your visa category.

How long are e-Visas valid?

Most volunteers should apply for a Tourist Visa and tourist visas are valid for 30 days from the date of entry in India.

How far in advance does a visa application need to be submitted?

Applicants of the eligible countries/territories may apply online a minimum 4 days in advance of the date of arrival with a window of 120 days. (Example: If you are applying on 1st Sept then applicant can select arrival date from 5th Sept to 2nd Jan.)

Apply for an e-Visa

Please visit the <u>Government of India e-Visa website</u> to apply for your visa. On the homepage, you will find application instructions, an FAQ section, payment information (for the visa processing fee), specifications about visa categories (tourist, medical, business, etc.), and helpdesk information.

Village Volunteers is also able to help with questions about your e-visa application. Please email Kara Harvin (kara@villagevolunteers.org) or Shana Greene (shana@villagevolunteers.org) with any questions you may have.