

Exodus Visa Information for Travel to India

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Country: India
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VISA APPLICATION PROCESS SUMMARY

Visa required in advance: Yes. You can either apply for an Indian eVisa or a Standard Visa which includes a visit to a branch of the Indian High Commission's Visa Facilitation Service (VFS).

Visa cost:

E-Tourist Visa

30 days validity visa

- US \$10 (if travelling between April to June)
- US \$ 25 (if travelling between July to March)

1 Year validity visa

- US \$ 40
- Plus 2.5 % bank transaction fee

Standard 1 Year (single or multiple entry) validity visa

£ 116 plus VFS service charge of £15 and £3 Consular Surcharge (Extra £15 Courier fees if not collecting passport in person)

(Prices may be hire it you are using visa service agency, for example Travcour)

IMPORTANT NOTE IF APPLYING FOR E VISA:

For e-Tourist Visa (**01 year / 05 years**), applicants of the eligible countries/territories may apply online minimum **4 days in advance** of the date of arrival. Such application can be made **120 days in advance from proposed date of travel**.

For e-Tourist Visa (**30 days**), applicants of the eligible countries/territories may apply online minimum **4 days in advance** of the date of arrival. Such application can be made **30 days in advance from proposed date of travel**.

To avoid any confusion, we recommend applying for the **1-year Validity E-visa**.

Photo required:

Yes (2x2 size)

Other information needed:

- Yes, supplied by Exodus, details below
- Photocopy of your passport bio page
- Reference number of previous India visa (if applicable)

When to apply:

30 days before travel – eVisa – 30 days validity eVisa
At least 12 to 8 weeks before travel - standard visa & 1 year validity eVisa

****Please note if apply in-person at a branch of the Indian High Commission's Visa Facilitation Service (VFS/BLS)), lengthy delays have been reported for standard visa processing appointments so please ensure you book your in-person appointment as soon as possible as soon as possible****

Processing time

Once payment is made, immediate confirmation email and then up to 72 hours for eVisa to be issued.

7 – 10 working days – standard visa (from appointment date)

NOTES FOR VISA

There are two ways to apply for your Indian visa – either online through their e-tourist visa service **which Exodus highly recommends**, or through the Indian High Commission's Visa Facilitation Service (VFS).

You can also choose to apply through our recommended visa service agency [Travcour](#) please note for standard visas, **you will still need to attend an in-person appointment for your visa application** even if you use an agency service.

***Clients with a Pakistani passport or of Pakistani descent will need extra time and additional documents for visa processing.**

1. E-TOURIST VISA

- **30-day eVisa**

This is a double entry visa and is valid for entry within 30 days from the date the E-visa is granted. You can only apply for this type of visa only within 30 days of travel.

- **1-year eVisa**

This is a multiple entry visa and is only valid for 1 year from the date the visa is issued. You can apply for this type of visa within 180 days of travel

2. VISA FACILITATION SERVICE (VFS Global)

All applicants applying for a visa through VFS must ****complete the [online form](#)** and have it handed in to a branch of the Indian High Commission's Visa Facilitation Service (VFS) to complete the process. This can either be done in person, via a nominated person on behalf of the applicant or using the service of a visa service agency.

***Filling or submitting the online form on the Government website does not complete the process - you are required to submit the physical application form and supporting documents to the VFS Application Centre in person.*

Completing the online application form includes the requirement to enter two referee details (one at home and one in India) plus details of your start hotel; we provide details below on a trip-by-trip basis. British passport holders whose parents were not born in the UK should contact their nearest Indian Embassy to check the visa application conditions.

The photos required for the visa must measure 2" x 2" (50mmX 50mm) and are available from most Post Office/superstore photo booths.

Some local governments provide guidance on what visas their citizens need. To help, we've gathered a selection of useful links below.

- Australia: www.smartraveller.gov.au/destinations/asia/india
- Canada: www.travel.gc.ca/destinations/india
- United Kingdom: www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/india/entry-requirements
- USA: www.travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages/India.html

APPLYING FOR YOUR VISA

USING THE INDIA E-VISA SERVICE

Normal process

1. Visit this link: <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/tvoa.html>

- Read the instructions to ensure you meet all the requirements, especially around the entry points and type of visa available.
- Check the documentation required, including the digital photograph info, which is very specific.
- Read through this Sample eVisa form to be familiar with the information you will need for the document: <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/images/SampleForm.pdf>
- Reference Name in India section, please see below relating to your Trip Code

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USING THE INDIA VISA FACILITATION SERVICE (VFS Global/Other)

Two stage process

1. Complete the online application form:
 - To apply for the Indian visa, you need to go through the relevant Indian High Commission's Visa Facilitation Service VFS/BLS website:
 - UK: <http://www.vfsglobal.com/India/UK/>
 - USA: <https://visa.vfsglobal.com/usa/en/ind/apply-visa>
 - Canada: <https://www.blsindia-canada.com/>
 - Australia: <https://visa.vfsglobal.com/aus/en/ind/apply-visa>
 - Complete the application and declaration forms. You can choose to pay for the visa online or at the appointment.
 - At the end of the online application process, you will need to make an appointment at your nearest branch to submit the application.
2. Visit your chosen visa application Centre at the time of the appointment:
 - Submit the documents
 - Pay the visa fee (if not already paid online)
 - You are also now required to submit a photocopy of the photo page of your passport attached to the printed online application form, the signed declaration, and a hard copy photo.
3. A family member or nominee is entitled to submit a visa application on behalf of the applicant, provided they have a letter of authorization signed by the applicant

VFS costs

The visa fee is: **£116 /US\$ 160 plus £3/US\$3** Counselor Surcharge

The VFS service charge is: **£15 / US\$15.90** (includes VAT and bank charges)

Total cost: **£134 / US\$178.90** (plus possible fee to use VFS courier service)

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EXODUS ASSISTANCE

If you have any questions about this form or the application process, please our Customer Operations team on 020 8772 3747 or email customerops@exodus.co.uk.

INFORMATION REQUIRED TO COMPLETE YOUR FORM

Please see below for information to complete your visa application.

- You will be asked for a reference in your country of origin, you should put the name and address of a friend or family member.
- You will be asked for contact details **your accommodation in India** on the visa application form. Please put the address and phone number of your start hotel. These vary on a trip-by-trip basis, so please check the following list for your relevant trip details.
- You will be asked for details of an **Indian Reference/inviting organization** or referee on the visa application form. These vary on a trip-by-trip basis, so please check the following list for your relevant trip details and point of contact below each section.

TRIP CODE	TRIP NAME	START HOTEL DETAILS
MIK	Cycle Kerala & Tropical India	Hotel Pai Vista , 35/A Bangalore-Nilgiri Road, Mysore, Karnataka, 570001. Phone +91 0821 2521111 (for travel on 21 Sep 2024, 10 Nov 2024 & 16 Nov 2024) Hotel Sandesh The Prince , 3, Nazarbad Main Road, Mysore, Karnataka, 570010. Phone +91 821 243 6777
MIT	Southern India coast to Coast Ride	Hotel Athithi , No126 S.V Patel Salai Pondicherry 605 001. Phone +91 9789 443186
MIA	Cycle the Coast of Kerala	Casino Hotel , 585 Willingdon Island, Kochi, Kerala- 682003 Phone +91 484 2668 421

Reference in India for all the above:

Mr. Ranju Joseph, Pioneer Travels, Pioneer House, G V Iyer Road, Cochin 682003. Tel: +91 4842 666 148

TRIP CODE	TRIP NAME	START HOTEL DETAILS
TGL	In Search of the Snow Leopard	Hotel Regent Grand , East Patel Nagar, Opposite Metro Pillar No 167 New Delhi – 110008 Phone: +91 1146 011 111
TBS	Darjeeling Sikkim & the Singalila Ridge	Hotel Deventure , Bp -11, Opposite Metro Pillar No 221, New Delhi 110002, India Phone +91 9996 117 770 - (for departures travelling in 2024) Bloom Hotel Karol Bagh 17A/32, Gurudwara Road, Near Pusa Road, Metro Pillar No: 98-99, Opposite Jessaram Hospital, WEA, Karol Bagh, New Delhi, 110005 Tel: +91 11 4641 3759 - (for departures travelling in 2025)
TGV	Peaks of Ladakh	
TGD	Ladakh: Nubra Valley Trek	Hotel Deventure , Bp -11, Opposite Metro Pillar No 221, New Delhi 110002, India Phone +91 9996 117 770
TGX	Ladakh: Trails of Little Tibet	

Reference in India for TGL, TBS, TGV, TGD, TGX departures:

Mr. Ramesh Wattal, Welcome Travels, 209 Skipper Corner, 88 Nehru Place, New Delhi 110019. Tel: +91 1126 424 638

TRIP CODE	TRIP NAME	START HOTEL DETAILS
AIC	Highlights of Northern India	Hotel 7 Apple , Amer Road, Opposite Jalmahal, Jaipur, Rajasthan, India, 302002 Phone +91 8452 982 777
AICA	Highlights of Northern India-Summer Departure	Sariska Safari Lodge Village Amra ka Baas, Tehsil Thanaghazi, Sariska, Rajasthan, India, 301022. Phone +91 9810 726 252
AIK/AIKA	Colors of Rajasthan	Bloom Hotel CR Park , A, 2 & 3, Chittranjan Park Rd, Block A, Chittaranjan Park, New Delhi 110019 Phone: +91 11 4122 5666
AIN	Highlights of Northern India & Nepal	
AIR	India's North & South – Premium Adventure	Maidens Hotel , 7, Sham Nath Marg, Prema Kunj, Civil Lines, New Delhi, 110054, India. Phone +91 1123 885 700 (for departures travelling in 2024) Taj Ambassador , Sujan Singh Park, Subramania Bharti Marg, New Delhi, , 110003, INDIA, Tel: +91 11 6626 1000 (for departures travelling in 2025)
AIX	India's Golden Triangle	Bloom Hotel Karol Bagh 17A/32, Gurudwara Road, Near Pusa Road, Metro Pillar No: 98-99, Opposite Jessaram Hospital, WEA, Karol Bagh, New Delhi, 110005 Tel: +91 11 4641 3759
AID	India's Taj Mahal and Tigers - Premium Adventure	The Metropolitan Hotel & Spa , Sector 4, Gole Market, New Delhi, Delhi 110001. Phone: +91 1142 500 200
MIJ	Cycling through Rajasthan	Hotel Ashok Country Resort, 30 Rajkore Road, Kapashera, New Delhi 110037 Phone +91 1125 064 590
TGK	Spice Trails of Kerala	Hotel Grand , MG Road, Ernakulum, Kochi, 682011, Kerala. Phone: +91 4842 382 061
WIW	India Tiger Safari	Hotel Deventure , Bp -11, Opposite Metro Pillar No 221, New Delhi 110002, India Phone +91 9996 117 770
WIP	India Photography Safari with Paul Goldstein – First	Nature Heritage Resort , Railway ORH, Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve Bandhavgarh, Madhya Pradesh 484664, India. Phone +91 95759 62222
WIP2	India Photography Safari with Paul Goldstein – Second	Irai Safari Retreat , Village Bhamdeli, Near Moharli Gate, Tah. Bhadravati, District, Chandrapur, Maharashtra, India. Phone +91 8799 916 166

Reference in India for all the above:

Mr. Arvind Tickoo, Kash Venture Travels, 805-806 Ansals Kirti Shikhar, District Centre Janakpuri, New Delhi, 110 058. Tel: +91 1125 523 807

TRIP CODE	TRIP NAME	START HOTEL DETAILS
AIU	Discover South India – Premium Adventure	Regenta Central Javaji , Bogadi Road, Near AIFS, Gangotri Layout, Mysore, Karnataka - 570026, India. Phone +91 5624 010 519
AIT	The Tropical South	Hotel Abad Atrium , M G Road, Shenoy's, Kochi 682035 Kerala. Phone: +91 4842 381 122
AIQ	Foothills of the Himalaya	Hotel Bel Morris E-514, Greater Kailash - II, New Delhi, 110048, India. Phone +91 1147 023 544

Reference in India for AIU, AIT & AIQ departures:

Mr. Farooq A. Kolu, SITA, Tower B, Delta Square, M.G. Road, Sector 25, Gurgaon 122001, Haryana, New Delhi Tel: +91 1244 563 000

Guidelines for Resizing Passport Photos for Visa Applications

When preparing your visa application, it's essential to ensure that your passport photos meet the specified requirements. Follow these steps to resize your photos effectively:

1. **Use Image Editing Software:** Instead of struggling with manual resizing, use image editing software. The Paint app on Windows computers or laptops is a suitable choice as well as the Preview App on Mac computers.
2. **Open the Photo in Paint:**
 - a. Launch the Paint app.
 - b. Open the picture you want to resize.
3. **Select the Resize Option:**
 - a. Look for the "Resize" button. It's usually located under the "View" tab.
 - b. Click on it.
4. **Adjust the Dimensions:**
 - a. In the Resize dialog, you'll see percentage fields for both horizontal and vertical dimensions.
 - b. Enter a value lower than 100 (e.g., 80) to reduce the photo size.
 - c. Click "Select" to apply the changes.
5. **Save the Resized Photo:**
 - a. Save the modified photo in a secure file you use often.
 - b. Close the Paint app.
6. **Check the File Size:**
 - a. Navigate to the location where you saved the file.
 - b. Verify that the photo now meets the recommended size (usually 1 MB or below).
 - c. This can be found on the right-hand side of the file if you have files saved under the detailed tab or alternatively if you hover over the document, it will specify the file size.

Remember to follow any additional guidelines provided by the visa website. By adhering to these steps, you'll ensure that your passport photos are professionally resized for your visa application.

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*All nationalities require a full passport that must be valid for 6 months beyond the intended length of stay and need to **be within 10 years from date of issue**. It is your responsibility to have the correct personal documents and to obtain your own visa, if one is necessary, in accordance with the regulations of the country you are to visit.*

If a visa is required prior to travel, it is your responsibility to obtain one. However, we strongly advise you not to do this until your trip has been confirmed as a guaranteed departure. The information above is meant to aid you in getting your visa. Information can change, so if you are at all concerned, please check with the embassy.