

“TOURIST VISA ON ARRIVAL” SCHEME

Introduction

Government of India has introduced Tourist Visa on Arrival (TVOA) scheme for the nationals of eleven countries, namely, Japan, Singapore, Philippines, Finland, Luxembourg , New Zealand , Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, Myanmar and Indonesia.

The TVOA is allowed for a maximum validity of 30 days with single entry facility by the Immigration Officers at Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata Airports on payment of a fee of US \$ 60/- or equivalent amount in Indian rupees per passenger (including children). TVOA is allowed for a maximum of two times in a calendar year to a foreigner with a minimum gap of two months between two visits. TVOA shall be non-extendable and non-convertible.

The foreigners of above mentioned countries may avail of TVOA for a period up to 30 days for tourism, medical treatment, casual business or to visit friends/relatives, etc. The TVOA facility is not applicable to the holders of Diplomatic/Official Passports. Further, TVOA shall not be granted to the foreigners who have permanent residence or occupation in India. Such persons can visit India on normal visa, as applicable.

Eligibility

A Tourist Visa-on-Arrival can be granted to a foreigner who is a national of Finland, Japan, Luxembourg, New

Zealand, Singapore, Cambodia, Vietnam, Philippines, Laos, Indonesia or Myanmar and:

- i. whose sole objective of visiting India is recreation, sight seeing, casual visit to meet friends or relatives, short duration medical treatment or casual business visit etc. and no other purpose/ activity;
- ii. who does not have a residence or occupation in India;
- iii. who holds a passport with a minimum validity of six months and a re-entry permit, if that is required under the law of the country of nationality of the applicant;
- iv. who is a person of assured financial standing (the production of a return ticket and availability of sufficient money to spend during his stay in India may be considered sufficient for this purpose).

Note:

(i) A citizen from the above-named countries who wants to come to India for purposes other than as mentioned above or for a longer duration should be granted a visa of the appropriate category by the Indian Mission / Post concerned.

Validity

A Tourist Visa-on-Arrival will be valid for entry and stay in India within the period of its validity subject to the conditions specified. The Immigration officer may grant single entry Tourist Visa-on-Arrival valid up to 30 days to the nationals of Finland, Japan, Luxembourg, New Zealand, Singapore, Cambodia, Vietnam, Philippines, Laos, Indonesia

or Myanmar. Tourist Visa-on-Arrival shall be non-extendable and non-convertible.

Entry Points

The Tourist Visa-on-Arrival will be provided only at designated international airports namely, Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata and **NOT** at any other Immigration Check Post (ICP).

Fee for Tourist Visa-on-Arrival

A fee of Indian Rupees equivalent to US \$ 60/- per passenger (including children), will be charged from each foreigner for the grant of a Tourist Visa-on-Arrival.

Form

The visitors are required to fill a simple Visa application Form on arrival at the concerned airport. One Passport size photograph is required with the application.

Repeat visits

Tourist Visa-On-Arrival may be allowed for a maximum of two times in a calendar year to a foreigner with a minimum gap of two months between two visits.

The Tourist Visa-on-Arrival facility shall not be applicable to holders of Diplomatic/Official passports. Existing procedures/ guidelines, as applicable to these countries for this category, shall continue to apply.

The extant laws / rules / procedures governing entry, stay and exit of the foreigners will apply to the holders of Tourist Visa-on-Arrival. There shall be no deviation from conditions/ procedures outlined above.