

To get an Indian Visa, the invitation letter sent by Chair of the Conference will be sufficient.

The following is additional information to the participants

Entry/Exit Requirements for travel to India

U.S. citizens require a valid passport and valid Indian visa to enter and exit India for any purpose. Visitors, including those on official U.S. Government business, must obtain visas at an Indian Embassy or Consulate abroad prior to entering the country, as there are no provisions for visas upon arrival. Those arriving without a valid passport and valid visa are subject to immediate deportation. The U.S. Embassy and Consulates in India are unable to assist when U.S. citizens arrive without proper documentation. Each visitor should carry photocopies of the bio-data page of the traveler's U.S. passport and the page containing the Indian visa in order to facilitate obtaining an exit visa from the Indian government in the event of theft or loss of the passport. Replacing a lost visa in order to exit the country takes up to three business days.

Americans wishing to visit India are responsible for requesting the correct type of visa from the Indian Embassy or Consulate, as there generally are no provisions for changing one's immigration category (e.g., from tourist to work visa) once admitted. As of October 1, 2007, the Indian Embassy and Consulates in the U.S. outsourced the visa application process to Trivisa Visa Outsourcing: <http://indiavisa.trivisaoutsourcing.com>. Diplomatic and Official visa applications, however, are still accepted directly at the Indian Embassy and Consulates.

If a foreign citizen (e.g., an American) overstays his or her Indian visa, or otherwise violates Indian visa regulations, the traveler may require a clearance from the Ministry of Home Affairs in order to leave the country. Such travelers generally must pay a fine, and in some cases, may be jailed until their deportation can be arranged. Visa violators seeking an exit clearance can visit the following office any weekday from 10 a.m. - 12 noon: Ministry of Home Affairs, Foreigners Division, Jaisalmer House, 26 Man Singh Road, New Delhi 110 011 (tel. +91-11-2338-5748).

For the most current information on entry and exit requirements, please contact the Embassy of India at 2536 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20008, telephone (202) 939-9806 (<http://www.indianembassy.org>) or the Indian Consulates in Chicago (<http://chicago.indianconsulate.com>), New York (<http://www.indiacgny.org>), San Francisco (<http://www.cgjsf.org>) or Houston (<http://www.cgihouston.org>). Outside the United States, inquiries should be made at the nearest Indian embassy or consulate.

Welcome to the India Visa Center - Trivisa Outsourcing

Travisa Outsourcing handles all India visa requests from inside the United States as a private contractor to the Indian Embassy. More information is available in a message from the Ambassador of India regarding [streamlining of consular work and outsourcing of visa services](#). Our [online application](#) insures fewer mistakes, in addition [real time passport tracking](#) provides confidence that your passport is handled safely and efficiently. If applying by mail, we will keep you notified by email as your visa is processed.

Visa Fee Change Alert

On June 30, 2008 at 11:59pm, there will be new rates for certain types of visas. Click here for a [full list of visa fee changes](#). For United States citizens, the rates for Business, Employment, Transit and Missionaries visas will change. Non-US citizens should check the [visa fee changes](#). Applications received by Travisa Outsourcing after June 30, 2008 will be charged the new rates.

Outsourcing Exceptions: Indian Passports, OCI, PIO and other consular services will be handled by the [local consular offices](#). Diplomatic and Official passports will continue to be received directly at the Embassy and Consulates between 9:30am-12:30pm on all working days. Fees will not be charged for the service and visas will be granted Gratis.

Obtaining an India Visa

Getting a visa for the first time can be confusing. Our [clear instructions](#) help guide you along every step of the way. Applying for a visa can be done in person or through the mail. We recommend applying through the mail to avoid waiting time and for greater convenience.

Start or Continue - India Visa Application

Please select below if your starting a new visa application, or if you want to continue a saved application started previously.

Start New Application

Start a New Application

Select this option if your starting a new India Visa Application.

Continue Saved Application

Continue Saved Application

If you have already started an application, and wish to come back to complete it. You will need the Application Id and Temporary Password to

sign back in. If you have already completed the application, or wish to track the progress of your application, please go to [Track Your Passport](#).

Information Needed

- Name (first, middle, last)
- Last Name at Birth(if different)
- Marital Status
- Maiden Name(If Married)
- Date of Birth
- Sex
- Place of Birth(City, State, Country)
- Current Nationality
- Residency Status in the USA
- Nationality at Birth
- Any other Nationality held at present/past
- Present Address
- Phone (Home, Work, Cell)
- Email
- Permanent Address
- Profession
- Employer Name
- Employer Address
- Passport (Number, Issue Date, Valid until Date, Issue Location)
- Father (Nationality and Name)
- Mother (Nationality and Name)
- Spouse (Nationality and Name)
- Type of Visa (Tourist, Business, etc.)
- Places you plan to visit
- Period Of Visa
- Have you ever visited India before (if so address and dates)
- Have you been refused an Indian visa or extension of the same previously (if yes, details)
- Are you holding a valid "No objection to return to India" endorsement (if yes, details)
- Object of Journey
- Are you traveling on behalf of a company (if yes, details)
- Expected date of departure from USA
- Expected date of arrival in India
- Port of Arrival in India
- Are any children in your passport accompanying you (If yes, details) [this question does not apply to US citizens. Children traveling with you will each need a separate application]
- Name and address of reference in India
- Name and address of reference in Applicant's country

Processing Time

Same day visa applications must be submitted in person to the Outsourcing Office between 9:00am and 11:00am. Pickup for same day applications is usually between 5:30pm and 6:00 pm. Note that we do not guarantee the visa will be issued same day. Non-US citizens and US citizens who require a reference have a processing time of 4-6 working days. Applications received after 11:00am will have the visa issued the following working day for non-reference cases.

Non-refundable tickets or reservations should not be purchased until all visas and passports are secured and in your possession. [Terms and Conditions.](#)

Applications sent by mail take about 5 working/business days to process from the date of receipt.

Jurisdiction

Your India visa processing site depends on where in the United States you currently reside, also known as jurisdiction. We provide jurisdiction lookup tools, in addition to the hours, addresses and contact information for each site ([Washington DC](#), [New York](#), [San Francisco](#), [Chicago](#), [Houston](#)).

Tourist Visa - India Visa Requirements

These requirements were generated on 07/08/2008 1:31pm EST.

Valid for 6 months to 10 years. Ten (10) year visa is available only to US citizens under a bilateral arrangement. Irrespective of the duration of validity of visa, on each visit maximum period of stay in India is limited to 6 months (180 days). Multiple entry visas are given.

Application: Complete the online [India Visa Application](#). After the application has been completed, you must print and sign the application.

Passport: Passport must have a minimum validity of six months from the date of application with at least two blank visa pages. Last 2 amendment pages are not acceptable. **Must be the actual passport not a copy.**

Photographs: 2 latest identical passport size photographs (black/white or color) depicting front pose against light background.

Proof of Address: Applicants must submit a photocopy with proof of residence/address while applying for the visa. Photocopy of driver license or

utility bill is acceptable. **For minors, a parent or guardian proof of address may be submitted instead.**

Green Card Holders: Applicants who are not Citizens of USA, but hold long term US visa or a Green Card should submit a copy of the visa or the Green Card. Do not send the original Permanent Residence Card/Green Card. Trivisa Outsourcing cannot be held responsible for loss or damage to original Permanent Residence Card/Green Card **(Non US Citizens - Permanent Resident/Green Card Holders Only)**

Short Term Visa Holders: Applicants who are not citizens/residents of the USA and hold a tourist or other short-term visa for the USA should normally apply for Indian visas in the country of their permanent residence. In case of emergency or special circumstance, an application could be made at the Indian Embassy in Washington DC or Consulates General of India in the USA. In addition to the relevant visa fee there is a reference fee of \$20.00 for reference to be made to the country of their original residence. The processing time in such cases is usually 5-7 working days. **(Non US Citizens - Short Term Visa Holders Only)**

Special Pakistan Application: In addition to the requirements above, Special Visa application form (<http://www.indianembassy.org/newsite/consular/Pakistan.pdf>) should be filled in by citizens of Pakistan (4 copies with 4 photos). **(Pakistan Citizens Only)**

Special Bangladesh Application: In addition to the requirements above, Special Visa application form (<http://www.indianembassy.org/newsite/consular/Bangladesh.pdf>) should be filled in by citizens of Bangladesh (2 copies with 2 photos). **(Bangladesh Citizens Only)**

Persons of Indian Origin: Persons of Indian Origin applying for a visa for the FIRST time on any US passport must submit their Indian passport and a completed Renunciation Form (<http://indiavisa.trivisaoutsourcing.com/pdf/renunciation.pdf>). **(United States Citizens Only)**

Dual Citizenship: Applicants who have dual citizenship with the US and another country must apply on their US passport if living in the US.

Processing Time: Same day visa applications must be submitted in person to the Outsourcing Office between 9:00am and 11:00am.

Pickup for same day applications is usually between 5:30pm and 6:00 pm. Note that we do not guarantee the visa will be issued same day. Non-US citizens and US citizens who require a reference have a processing time of 4-6 working days. Applications received after 11:00am will have the visa issued the following working day for non-reference cases.

Non-refundable tickets or reservations should not be purchased until all visas and passports are secured and in your possession.

Terms and Conditions.

Applications sent by mail take about 5 working/business days to process from the date of receipt.

Tourist Visa - Indian Consular Fees

These consular fees were generated on 07/08/2008 1:29pm EST.

Valid for 6 months to 10 years. Ten (10) year visa is available only to US citizens under a bilateral arrangement. Irrespective of the duration of validity of visa, on each visit maximum period of stay in India is limited to 6 months (180 days). Multiple entry visas are given.

Fees:

Note: Since consular fees are fixed on the basis of reciprocal arrangement/or special agreements between governments, the fees could differ for citizens of different countries. Consular fee once received is not refunded even if the visa application is withdrawn or visa not granted.

A Processing Service Fee of \$13.00 will be charged by Travisa Outsourcing per application, per passport. All fees are non refundable. All fees are payable by Money Order (Payable to Travisa Outsourcing) or Credit Card (Visa and MasterCard only). **The current schedule of consular fees includes the \$13.00 service fee charged by Travisa Outsourcing is given below.**

All Consular Fees and Processing Fees are NONREFUNDABLE, even if a visa is denied or if a visa is issued for a shorter period of time or

otherwise issued or returned at a time or on terms and conditions that vary from those sought by the applicant.

Travisa Outsourcing is a service company only. Travisa Outsourcing does not issue visas or in any way determine or control the issuance of, or terms and conditions of, visas, all of which is determined and controlled solely by the Consulates of the Embassy of India. Travisa Outsourcing is not and cannot be responsible for any determinations, acts or omissions by the Consulates.

US Citizens

Duration of Visa	Consular Fee	Service Fee	Total Fee
6 Months Multiple Entry	\$60.00	\$13.00	\$73.00
1 Year Multiple Entry	\$85.00	\$13.00	\$98.00
5 Years Multiple Entry	\$150.00	\$13.00	\$163.00
10 Years Multiple Entry	\$150.00	\$13.00	\$163.00

Non-US Citizens

Please note that US short term visa holders will be charged a reference fee of \$20.00 in addition to the total fees below. US Green card holders and those who have a US long term visa (3 years or more) will not be charged the reference fee. Applicants with nationalities including Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Iran, China, Slovak Republic and Czech Republic will be required to pay the reference fee of \$20.00 regardless of green card or US long term visa status. In cases where prior reference is required, the processing time is usually is 4-6 working days.

Duration of Visa	Consular Fee	Service Fee	Total Fee
6 Months Multiple Entry	\$40.00	\$13.00	\$53.00

1 Year Multiple Entry	\$65.00	\$13.00	\$78.00
5 Years Multiple Entry	\$130.00	\$13.00	\$143.00

Note that for citizens of Czech Republic and Slovak Republic, processing time is a minimum of 21 working days.

Singapore Citizens

Duration of Visa	Consular Fee	Reference Fee	Service Fee	Total Fee
6 Months Multiple Entry	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$13.00	\$38.00

Sri Lanka Citizens

Duration of Visa	Consular Fee	Reference Fee	Service Fee	Total Fee
6 Months Single Entry	\$4.00	\$20.00	\$13.00	\$37.00
6 Months Multiple Entry	\$7.00	\$20.00	\$13.00	\$40.00

Special Fee Rates

These are fees for citizens of countries which have a special agreement with India. The fee applies to all visas regardless of duration unless otherwise noted.

Citizenship	Consular Fee	Reference Fee	Service Fee	Total Fee
Afghanistan	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$13.00	\$33.00

Argentina	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13.00	\$13.00
Bangladesh	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$13.00	\$33.00
Jamaica	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13.00	\$13.00
Japan	\$8.00	\$0.00	\$13.00	\$21.00
Korea	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13.00	\$13.00
Maldives	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13.00	\$13.00
Mauritius	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13.00	\$13.00
Mongolia	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13.00	\$13.00
Pakistan	\$2.00	\$20.00	\$13.00	\$35.00
South Africa	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13.00	\$13.00
Travel Document (India)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13.00	\$13.00
Travel Document (Other)	\$40.00	\$20.00	\$13.00	\$73.00
Travel Document (USA)	\$60.00	\$20.00	\$13.00	\$93.00
Uruguay	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13.00	\$13.00

No Visa Required

Citizens of the following countries do not need a visa to enter India.

- Bhutan
- Nepal