

Indian Visa Options: Regular Visa vs. E-Visa

Are you planning a trip to India and wondering about the visa options available to you? The Embassy of India, Paramaribo is here to help you understand the difference between the two primary visa options: the Indian Regular visa and the E-visa.

	Regular visa (offline printed Sticker Visa)	E-visa
Application Process	<p>To apply for a Regular Visa, please access the Visa Application system online through the official website: https://indianvisaonline.gov.in Here's a step-by-step guide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit the mentioned web link and select the Indian Mission from where you intend to apply for the Visa from the tab "Select Mission. (SURINAME)" • After successfully submitting the application online, you must take a printout of the online application form. • Visit the Embassy of India, Paramaribo, in person to submit the printed application form along with supporting documents and make the payment. • Alternatively, applicants from Saint Lucia, Barbados, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines can submit the original passport along with all documents and fees through Courier. Detailed instructions can be found here: Regular Visa Application Instructions. <p>https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/instruction.html</p>	<p>E-Visa has been introduced by the Government of India for the convenience of citizens of specific countries, including Suriname, Saint Lucia, Barbados, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. You can apply for an E-Visa from the comfort of your home or office through the official website :- https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/tvoa.html</p>
Processing Time	<p>Upon receipt of the Visa Application through Indian Visa Application Center or directly, the Indian Mission/ Post requires a minimum of three working days to process the case and issue a visa depending upon the nationality and excluding special cases.</p> <p>https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/visa-provision.html</p>	<p>E-visas are known for their swift processing times. For e-Tourist and e-Business visa, Applicants may apply online minimum 4 days in advance of the date of arrival.</p> <p>For e-Medical, e-Medical Attendant and e-Conference visa, Applicants may apply online minimum 4 days in advance of the date of arrival with a window of 120 days.</p> <p>Example: If you are applying on 1st Sept then applicant can select arrival date from 5th Sept to 2nd Jan.</p>
Purpose	<p>Regular visas are available for various purposes, including tourism, business, employment, medical</p>	<p>E-visas are primarily designed for tourism, business, and medical visits.</p>

	treatment, and more. Explore the categories here https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/visa-category.html	Different subcategories are available to cater to various purposes.
Validity	The validity of a Regular visa depends on the type and purpose of the visa. It can range from a few months to several years.	E-visas have fixed validity periods, typically ranging from 30 days to 05 years, depending on the type.
Visa Stamping	Travelers with Regular Visa must have a visa label or stamp affixed to their passport before traveling. This requires a visit to the Indian Embassy for visa stamping.	Travelers would receive an electronic approval letter that they need to present upon arrival in India, where their biometric details and visa are verified.
Visa Type and Duration	Regular visas can be obtained for a broader range of visa categories, including employment, study, research, and more. The duration and validity of Regular visas also vary based on the specific visa category and applicant's circumstances.	E-visas are typically available for tourism, business, medical treatment, and conferences. The duration of stay and validity of e-visas vary depending on the type (e.g., 30 days, 1 year, 5 years) and are subject to certain conditions. Only two e-Medical Attendant Visas will be granted against one e-Medical Visa.
VISA Fee	The fee for Regular Visas depends on the type and duration of the visa. The final fee will be charged when submitting the application at the Embassy. Please note that visa fees are non-refundable, even if the visa application is withdrawn or not granted as applied for or if the issued visa has a shorter duration than applied for. For detailed fee information, visit this link: https://www.indembassysuriname.gov.in/pages.php?id=13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30-day e-Tourist Visa (July to March): US\$ 25.00 • 30-day e-Tourist Visa (April to June): US\$ 10.00 • One year e-Tourist Visa: US\$ 40.00 • Five year e-Tourist Visa: US\$ 80.00 <p>Additionally, bank transaction charges of 2.5% will be applied to applicable E-Visa fees. Please ensure that the fee is paid at least 4 days before your expected travel date; otherwise, your application will not be processed.</p>

Helpful Information:

1. Passport used by the applicant should have at least six-month validity from the date of arrival in India. The passport should have at least two blank pages for stamping by the Immigration Officer on arrival.
2. The applicant must travel on the passport on which e-Visa has been applied. Entry into India will be allowed on a new passport even if the e-Visa has been granted on the old passport. However, in such cases, the traveler must also carry the old passport on which the e-Visa has been granted.
3. International Travelers should have return ticket or onward journey ticket, with sufficient money to spend during his/her stay in India.
4. International Travelers having a Pakistani Passport or are of Pakistani origin may please apply for regular Visa at the Indian Mission.
5. E-Visa is not available to Diplomatic/Official Passport Holders or Laissez-passer travel document holders.

6. E-Visa is not available to individuals endorsed on Parent's/Spouse's Passport i.e. each individual should have a separate passport.
7. E-Visa is not available to International Travel Document Holders.
8. Applicants requiring help regarding e-Visa may call the **24X7 helpline number (+91-11-24300666)** or send an **email to indiatvoa@gov.in** for any queries.
9. The e-Visa facility is in addition to the existing Visa services being provided through Indian Embassy and Consulates.
10. Nationals of Yellow Fever affected countries or travelers arriving from these countries must carry YELLOW FEVER VACCINATION CARD at the time of arrival in India, otherwise they may be quarantined for 6 days upon arrival in India.
11. Advisory: The applicant may note that the Embassy **does not process e-visas** and any enquiries in this regard will need to be made directly on the e-visa portal. Service of e-Visa involves a completely online application for which no facilitation is required by any intermediary/agent etc. Applicants are also advised to be careful of fraudulent websites offering e-visa services for India and only use the Government of India portal which is <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/tvoa.html> Applicants are also advised to go through the guidelines for international travel to India available at <https://www.mohfw.gov.in/>


