

### **Frequently Asked Question on Tourist Visa**

#### **Q 1. What is eligible criteria to get Indian Tourist Visa ?**

**Ans :** - Indian Tourist visa is granted to a foreigner whose sole objective of visiting India is recreation, sight seeing, casual visit to meet friends or relatives, attending a short term yoga programme, short duration medical treatment including treatment under Indian systems of medicine etc. and no other purpose/ activity (Short term yoga programme means a yoga programme not exceeding 6 months duration and not issued with a qualifying certificate/ diploma etc.)

#### **Q 2. My Passport will be expiring soon/running out of pages which has valid Indian visa in it (and I already applied for my new Passport), Can I travel on valid visa on my old Passport ?**

**Ans:** - Yes, your Visa is valid till its expiry date, but while travelling you have to carry this old Passport with valid visa along with your new Passport.

#### **Q 3. I am holding dual nationality (i.e. Pakistan & Slovenia), but holding only one Passport (i.e. Slovenia), which documents are required to apply Visa ?**

**Ans :** - Slovenia passport holders of Pakistani origin must submit their visa application form along with:

a Certificate of Renunciation of Pakistani Citizenship

b. Slovenia passport with valid Pakistani visa **OR** Copy of the Pakistan Overseas Card

#### **Q 4. I am Pakistani Passport holder, Can I choose my entry port in India & book the flight tickets accordingly ?**

**Ans :** -No, you can not choose your entry Ports in India & book tickets until a visa decision has been made.

#### **Q 5. What is authentic website of E-Visa ?**

**Ans :** - <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/tvoa.html>

#### **Q 6. Can I book my Air Ticket before getting the visa?**

**Ans :** - No bookings or travel arrangements should be confirmed until a visa decision has been made. Consulate will not be responsible for any loss of bookings made in anticipation of obtaining a Visa.

#### **Q 7. If my visa is issued, from when does the validity begin?**

**Ans :** - The validity of the visa begins from the date it is issued and not from the date of your departure mentioned on the application form.

#### **Q 8. Can I send my visa application directly to Embassy?**

**Ans :** - No

#### **Q 9. I have only one blank page left in my passport, can I apply for visa ?**

**Ans :** - No, for Visa minimum two blank pages in passport is required.

**Q 10. I want to visit Sikkim/Arunachal Pradesh in India, how to get Restricted/Protected Area Permission ?**

**OR**

**How to get Restricted/Protected Area Permission ?**

**Ans :** - Foreign nationals intending to visit a place falling in the Protected/ Restricted Area in India, may submit an application for the grant of **Protected/Restricted Area Permit** to Concerned offices in particular Indian states **OR** nearest Indian Mission/Post. This requirement is in addition to getting an Indian visa. It will take shorter time, if the traveller apply for RAP from Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) /Resident Commissioners of the Concerned State Govt. through nearest metropolitan City **OR** through travel/tour operators in India. If traveller apply in Indian Mission/Post abroad, it will take around 5-6 weeks to process. For more details please visit: [https://mha.gov.in/PDF\\_Other/AnnexVII\\_01022018.pdf](https://mha.gov.in/PDF_Other/AnnexVII_01022018.pdf)

**Q11. Is there any restrictions on Indian Tourist Visa holder to re-entry in India within 2 months ?**

**Ans :** - With effect from January 24, 2013, the gap of two months required between visits to India of a foreign national on a Tourist Visa would be applicable only in the case of nationals of Afghanistan, China, Iran, Pakistan, Iraq, Sudan, foreigners of Pakistan origin and Stateless persons.

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