

Indian Visa Guide

TOURIST VISAS & BUSINESS VISAS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE

Tourist visas obtained in Australia prior to departure

- Required for stays greater than 30 Days
- Provide peace of mind for customers who may find it difficult to wait in queues on arrival
- Allow for various processing times including 'FastTrack' and 'Emergency Issue'

Business Visas obtained in Australia prior to departure

- 6 Month single or multiple entry
- 1 Year single or multiple entry
- Various processing times including 'Fast Track' and 'Emergency'

Visa on Arrival – Tourism Single entry only

Purpose of Travel:

- Tourism
- Light business (no definition of light business visa, has been provided. It is recommended that a business visa is obtained prior to departure from Australia.

Process:

- Online Application
- 4 business days to process
- Confirmation of the visa is not instant; delays can be experienced when processing weekends and Indian public holidays.
- Payment is in USD

Rules:

- Visas on arrival is only available to selected nationals, please contact Visas Direct for further details.
- Confirmation must be carried
- Entry only via 9 airports only (Delhi, Goa, Hyderabad, Mumbai, Chennai, Bengaluru, Cochin, Kolkata, Trivandrum) these can change, please always check before booking.
- Not available when entering to India via overland or sea
- Maximum stay of 30 days for a tourist and light business visas
- Only two visas on arrival are permitted per person per year

Issues encountered you need to be aware of:

- Biometric collection must be done at the arrival airport, queues can be lengthy.
- On occasion customers have been charged multiple times for one application, without refund.
- No clarification as to how restricted nationals will be affected – further requirements, delayed approval time, etc.
- No clarification if first time previous Indian nationals are required to provide renunciation paperwork on arrival, further charges, or if approval will be affected.
- The Indian Contact centre is located offshore, response time and delays can be experienced.

New India Process

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VisasDirect

Individual appointments are mandatory and personal appearance at the Visa Facilitation Centre	NO appointments required. NO waiting in line. Full access to up to date information including applications forms.
Customers travelling together i.e. families, groups etc. cannot book bulk appointment slots. Appointment s may not be concurrent.	All applicants and travellers can be lodged at the same time.
Incorrect application documents will be rejected and another appointment will have to be made.	VisasDirect works with you to ensure all required documentation is correct prior to lodgement.
The Consulates observe Indian public holidays which are not openly communicated, delaying lodgements and processing times.	VisasDirect tracks all holidays, closures and changes. Our websites are updated in real time. We work with you to ensure your applications are lodged with minimum delay.
The call centre is located offshore. Delays in updating visa information can occur.	VisasDirect provides a dedicated phone line accessible during Australian business hours. The Visa Advisory team are located in Australia.
	VisasDirect offers multiple processing options including a Fast Track and Emergency service.
	VisasDirect provides access to up to date information via the website 24/7
	VisasDirect offers additional services to assist you and your clients with completing and lodging Indian applications. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form Fill • Pre-Check • Concierge • Digital Photo Upload