

Important information on visas for India

- British citizens require a visa to enter India. Visas are subject to charge.
- Visas can be applied for max. 120 days and min. 4 days prior to the date of entry.
- Your passport must be valid for at least 180 days from the planned date of entry and have 2 blank pages.

The visa can be applied for:

1. **online** via the official website www.indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/tvoa.html
(cost: 75 USD (approx. £57) plus possible bank charges of 2.5%) or
2. at an **Indian Diplomatic Mission** prior to departure
(cost: £112.00 plus £7.44 VFS service charge)
3. It is **NOT** possible to apply for visas at the airport on entry.

1. Online application:

- Please complete the application online on the official website.

NB: Please ensure that all details are correct. Even the smallest errors (e.g. transposed numbers or entering the letter "O" instead of the number "0" in the passport number) can lead to significant problems at entry.

- Please note: There are mandatory fields marked by * and information which is provided on a voluntary basis. Voluntary information is not strictly necessary.
- "Reference name in India / Address" field: This field is mandatory. Enter the address of the first hotel on your trip here:

*The Bristol Hotel
DLF Phase 1, Sector 28
Gurugram 122002, Haryana*

- Please pay the visa fee of 75 USD (approx. £57) online. **MasterCard** and **Visa** are accepted. (Our recommendation: payment at the latest 4 days prior to departure.)
- You will then receive either an **approval notice** or a **notification of referral**. If you receive a **notification of referral**, please contact the Indian Diplomatic Mission.
- A visa entitles its holder to enter the country once and stay there for up to 30 days.
- Processing usually takes at least 3 working days.
- Track your application by logging in to the official website (https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/StatusEnquiry?visa_service_req=3).
For further assistance, call the 24/7 visa support centre on +91 11 24300666 or mail to indiatvoa@gov.in.

2. Application to an Indian Diplomatic Mission:

- Submit the application and all other documents required (listed at <http://www.vfsglobal.com/India/UK/Tourist.html>) to the respective Diplomatic Mission (a list can be found at: <http://www.vfsglobal.com/India/UK/contactus.html>) in person or by post and pay the fee of £112.00 plus the £7.44 VFS service charge.
- With the approval of the Indian General Consulate, the Diplomatic Mission usually requires 3-5 working days to process applications submitted in person. When submitted by post (please select "UK - London" as Mission, while completing the application form online), processing takes 2-3 weeks (please consider when applying!).
- Following submission of the application, confirmation is sent to the respective Diplomatic Mission and the application along with a reference number.
- Track your application by logging in to the official website (http://www.vfsglobal.com/India/UK/track_application.html).
You can also call the hotline at 0203 793 8629 or 0203 788 4666 Monday – Friday from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm.
Alternatively you can call at 0905 757 0045 Monday – Friday 8:30 am to 05:30 pm (except for Consular Holiday) or mail to info.inuk@vfshelpline.com.
- Visas are valid for up to 1 year and entitle the holder to enter the country multiple times (validity of the visa begins from the date it is issued and not from the date of your departure mentioned on the application form).

Documents required for entering India:

- Visa or e-TV, the electronic tourist visa
- Passport valid for at least 180 days after the planned entry date