

Exodus Visa Information Sheet for British Passport Holders

The information below is primarily for UK passport holders, and other nationalities should check with their travel agent or the relevant embassies. We are not responsible for the actions of local immigration and customs officials, whether at points of entry or otherwise, and any subsequent effects.

Country: India
Valid for: 2018
Issue date: March 2018

INDIA VISA APPLICATION PROCESS SUMMARY

Visa required in advance:	Yes. The application process also includes a visit to a branch of the Indian High Commission's Visa Facilitation Service (VFS).
Visa cost:	£65 plus 2.5 % bank transaction fee - electronic visa £112 plus VFS service charge of £8.44 - standard visa (+ £30 - £55 if using visa service agency Travcour)
Photo required:	Yes
Other information :	Yes, supplied by Exodus, details below
When to apply:	8 to 12 weeks before travel*
Processing time	3 - 10 working days

NOTES FOR INDIAN VISAS

There are two ways to apply for your Indian visa - either online through their e-tourist visa service, or through the Indian High Commission's Visa Facilitation Service (VFS).

You can also apply either way through our recommended visa service agency **Travcour**, who can assist with completing visa forms online as well as arranging and attending appointments on your behalf.

1. E-TOURIST VISA

This is a double entry visa and is only valid for 60 days from the date of arrival. You can only apply for this type of visa within 120 days of travel.

If you wish to travel in India for longer, are arriving overland from another country or require a multiple entry visa, you must apply through the VFS service below. Clients with a Pakistani passport or of Pakistani descent cannot apply for the electronic tourist visa.

Once you receive confirmation of your e-tourist visa by email, you must print a copy and take it with you when you travel.

2. VISA FACILITATION SERVICE

All applicants applying for a visa through VFS must complete the online form and have it handed in to a branch of the Indian High Commission's Visa Facilitation Service to complete the process. This can either be done in person, via a nominated person on behalf of the applicant or using the service of a visa service agency.

Completing the online application form includes the requirement to enter two referee details (one at home and one in India) plus details of your start hotel; we provide details below on a trip by trip basis.

British passport holders whose parents were not born in the UK should contact their nearest Indian Embassy to check the visa application conditions.

The photos required for the visa must measure 2" x 2" (50mmX 50mm) and are available from Snappy Snaps and some Post Office/superstore photo booths.

**You can apply for a visa (no extra charge) which is valid for 6 months from the date of issue. This would allow you to apply earlier than the recommend 8 to 12 weeks, but you must ensure your time in India is completed by the end date of the visa.*

APPLYING FOR YOUR VISA

USING THE INDIA VISA FACILITATION SERVICE

2 stage process

1. Complete the online application form:
 - To apply for the Indian visa, you need to go through the Indian High Commission's Visa Facilitation Service (VFS) website (<http://www.vfsglobal.com/India/UK/>).
 - Complete the application and declaration forms. You can choose to pay for the visa online or at the appointment.
 - At the end of the online application process, you will need to make an appointment at one of their 14 branches (see below) to submit the application.
2. Visit your chosen visa application centre to at the time of the appointment:
 - Submit the documents
 - Pay the visa fee (if not already paid online)
3. A family member or nominee is entitled to submit a visa application on behalf of the applicant, provided they have a letter of authorization signed by the applicant

VFS Help line

You can call **020 3793 8629** or **090 5757 0045** (please note this is a premium rate phone number)

For more information email info.inuk@vfshelpline.com.

VFS costs

The visa fee is: £112
The VFS service charge is: £8.44 (includes VAT and bank charges)
Total cost: £120.44

USING THE E-VISA SERVICE

Normal Process

1. Visit this link: <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/tvoa.html>
2. Read the Instructions For Applicant to ensure your application meet all the requirements, especially around the entry points and type of visa available.
3. Check the documentation Required, including the digital photograph info, which is very specific.

Cost Summary

The visa fee is: US \$75

VISA APPLICATION CENTRE UK LOCATIONS

LONDON

London - Central 142-148 Goswell Road, London EC1V 7DU (Islington / Barbican)

London - Paddington Battleship Building, 179 Harrow Road, London W2 6NB

London - Hounslow The Vista Centre, First Floor - Part A Block, 50 Salisbury Road, Hounslow. TW4 6JQ

SOUTHWEST AND WALES

Bristol Suite 102A, QC30 Queen Charlotte Street, Bristol BS1 4HJ

Cardiff Temple Court - 13a Cathedral Road, Cardiff CF11 9HA

MIDLANDS AND THE NORTH

Liverpool	Suite 207, Graeme House , Derby Square, Liverpool , L2 7ZH
Leicester	Peepul Centre, Orchardson Avenue, Leicester, LE4 6DP.
Birmingham	5 -14 South Road, Smethwick, Birmingham, B67 7BN
Bradford	Skipton Chamber 16-18 North Parade, Bradford, BD13HT
Manchester	50 Devonshire Street North, Manchester, M12 6JH
Newcastle	Gunner House, Neville Street, Newcastle Upon Tyne NE1 5DF

SCOTLAND AND NI

Edinburgh	1 Rennie's Isle Leith, Edinburgh , EH6 6QT
Glasgow	2nd Floor, 93 Hope Street, Glasgow, G2 6LD
Belfast	Premier Business Centre, 20 Adelaide Street, Belfast BT2 8GD

INFORMATION REQUIRED TO COMPLETE YOUR FORM

You will be asked for a reference in the UK, you should put the name and address of a friend or family member.

You will be asked for details of an inviting organisation or referee and details of accommodation on the visa application form. These vary on a trip by trip basis, so please check the list below.

TRIP CODE	TRIP NAME	START HOTEL DETAILS
MIK	Cycle Kerala & Tropical India	Hotel Pai Vista , 35/A Bangalore-Nilgiri road, Mysore, Karnataka, 570001. Phone +91 0821 2521111
MIT	Southern India coast to Coast Ride	Hotel Athithi , No126 S.V Patel Salai Pondicherry 605 001. Phone +91 9789 443186
MIG	Mysore to Goa Ride	Hotel Fortune JP Palace , 3 Abba Road, Nazarbad, Mysore - 570007 Phone +91 821 398 8444
MIA	Cycle the Coast of Kerala	Casino Hotel , 585 Willingdon Island, Cochin, Kerala- 682003 Phone +91 484 2668 421

Reference in India for all the above:

Mr Ranju Joseph, Pioneer Travels, Pioneer House, G V Iyer Road, Cochin 682003. Tel: +91 484 266 6148

TRIP CODE	TRIP NAME	START HOTEL DETAILS
TBS	Darjeeling Sikkim & the Singalila Ridge	Hotel Jaypee Siddhartha , 3, Rajendra Place, New Delhi 110008. Phone +91 1125 760000
AIZ	Festivals & Villages of Ladakh	As above
TGU	Nanda Devi & Milam Glacier	As above
TGD	Ladakh Nubra Valley Trek	As above
MIH	Manali to Leh Ride	As above
FIL	Little Tibet & The Himalaya	As above
TGI	Grand Traverse of the Indian Himalaya	As above
TGX	Trails of Ladakh	As above
TGP	Ladakh: Stok Kangri Climb	As above

TGR	Ladakh: The Markha Valley	As above
TGL	In Search of the Snow Leopard	Hotel Taj Princess, 15 A/ 25 WEA Ajmal Khan Road, , Karol Bagh,110005 New Delhi. Phone + 91 112574220
AIF	Amritsar to Leh-Himalayan Journey	Mrs Bhandari's Guest House 10 Cantonment Road, Amritsar 143001, Punjab, India.
AIQ	Mountains, Temples & Hill Stations	As above

Reference in India for all the above:

Mr. Ramesh Wattal, Welcome Travels, 209 Skipper Corner, 88 Nehru Place, New Delhi 110019. Tel: +91 11 2642 4638

TRIP CODE	TRIP NAME	START HOTEL DETAILS
AIC	Highlights of Northern India	Hotel Fort Chandragupt, Near Central Bus Stand, Station Road, Jaipur, Rajasthan Phone +91 141-2206302
All	India Grand Tour	Hotel Taj Princess, 15 A/ 25 WEA Ajmal Khan Road, , Karol Bagh,110005 New Delhi. Phone + 91 112574220
AIK	Colours of Rajasthan	Hotel Taj Princess, 15 A/ 25 WEA Ajmal Khan Road, , Karol Bagh,110005 New Delhi. Phone + 91 112574220
AIN	Delhi to Kathmandu	Hotel Florence Inn, 15A/6, Ajmal Khan Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi 110005 Phone +91 11 4502 5500
AIS	South India Explored	Hotel Grand, MG Road, Ernakulum, Kochi 682011, Kerala. Phone: +91 484 238 2061
AIT	The Tropical South	Hotel Fort Queen, Manthra Road, Pandikkudy, Cochin - 682 002 Kerala Phone :+91 484 2210943
AKC	Northern India Food Adventure	Hotel Jaypee Siddhartha, 3, Rajendra Place, New Delhi 110008. Phone +91 11 25760000
FID	Taj, Tigers & Temples	Hotel Jivitesh, 11 Pusa Road , Opposite Metro Pillar 87, New Delhi 110005 Phone +91 11 4921 4444
MIJ	Cycling through Rajasthan	Hotel Shreeram International, 58- Residency Road, Jodhpur, Rajasthan Phone +91 291 2614101
AIP	Classic Rajasthan	Hotel Jaypee Vasant Continental, Basant Lok, Vasaant Vihar, New Delhi, 110057. Phone: +91 11 26148800
AIU	Classic South India	Chariot Beach Resort, Five Ratha Road, Mahabalipuram, Tamilnadu. Phone:- +91 44 2742 5000
TGK	Spice Trails of Kerala	Hotel Grand, MG Road, Ernakulum, Kochi, 682011, Kerala. Phone: +91 484 238 2061
WIW	Land of the Tiger	Pench Jungle Resort, Avarghani, Tehsil Kurai Dist, Seoni 480881, Madhya Pradesh. Phone +91 7695 232817
WKT	Tigers in Focus	V Resorts, Mahua Tola Tadoba, Chandrapur, Tadoba National Park , 442401 Phone + 91 1204 004800
MIS	Cycling India's Hill Station	Hotel Ritz Plaza, 45 The Mall, Amritsar 143001 Punjab. Phone +91 183 2562836
AKN	Assam Explorer	Hotel D'Courtyard, R.G. Baruah Road, Opp.Rajdhani Nursery, Guwahati 781005 Phone +91 7670 066666

Reference in India for all the above:

Mr. Mohan Tickoo, Kash Venture Travels (KVT), 805-806 Ansals Kirti Shikhar, District Centre Janakpuri, New Delhi, 110 058. Tel: +91 11 2552 3807

VISA AGENCY ASSISTANCE

Our recommended visa service agency **Travcour** can assist with completing the visa form online as well as arranging and attending appointments on your behalf.

Normal Process

1. Go to www.travcour.com and on the homepage type in Exodus on the Tour Visa Pack box.
2. Select your tour and print off the PDF document attached to it and complete all sections.
3. Send your application form, Letter of Authorisation, passport, fee and photographs to the address below.

Address and contact information Travcour
Falcon House, Suite 2,
19 Deer Park Road,
Wimbledon,
SW19 3UX
London

020 8543 1846 or email: info@travcour.com

Cost Summary Visa fee: £120.44 (or E visa £65)
Service fee: £55 (E visa service fee £30)
Total: £175.44 plus postage (E visa total £95)

Time taken to issue visa 3-10 working days

POSTAL APPLICATIONS

There is also the possibility of making a postal application through the below Visa centre:

India Visa Application Centre
The Vista Centre,
First Floor - Part A Block,
50 Salisbury Road, Hounslow
TW4 6JQ

Please be aware that postal applications will need an additional processing time of at least three weeks and incomplete or incorrect applications will be returned and are non-refundable.

Exodus recommends applying for your visa using the appointment system outlined above rather than by post.

EXODUS ASSISTANCE

If you have any questions about this form or the application process, please contact the Operations Executive for India, **Niraj Shrestha** on 020 8772 3922 or nshrestha@exodus.co.uk.

If you are not able to get through to Niraj, you can contact our Customer Operations team on 020 8772 3747 or email customerops@exodus.co.uk.

SMALL PRINT

All nationalities require a full passport that must be valid for 6 months beyond the intended length of stay. It is your responsibility to have the correct personal documents and to obtain your own visa, if one is necessary, in accordance with the regulations of the country you are to visit.

If a visa is required prior to travel, it is your responsibility to obtain one. However we strongly advise you not to do this until your trip has been confirmed as a guaranteed departure. The information above is meant to aid you in getting your visa. Information can change, so if you are at all concerned please check with the embassy or visa service agency, Travcour.