

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: 2020/2021
Issue date: January 2020

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:

E Tourist Visa

30 days validity visa

- US \$10 (if travelling between April to June)
- US \$ 25 (if travelling between July to March)

1 Year validity visa

- US \$ 40

Plus 2.5 % bank transaction fee
(£30 if using visa service agency Travcour)

Standard 1-year Visa

£113 plus VFS service charge of £11.57
(+£55 if using visa service agency Travcour)

IMPORTANT NOTE IF APPLYING FOR E VISA

Please note that the E-tourist visa is valid for entry within 30 days from the date the E-visa is granted. If applying for a 30 days visa you should make sure that you apply within 30 days of your departure date. You will need to enter India within 30 days of the E-visa being granted (this will be mentioned on your e-visa as valid until. The immigration officer will issue a 30 days visa on arrival at the port of entry)

To avoid any confusion, we recommend applying for the 1-year multiple entry E-visa.

Photo required: Yes

Other information: Yes, supplied by Exodus, details below

When to apply: 8 to 12 weeks before travel- standard visa & 1year electronic visa.
30 days before travel- 30 days electronic visa

Processing time 3 – 10 working days- standard visa
2-3 working days- electronic visa

NOTES FOR VISA

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

• 30-day Visa

This is a double entry visa and is valid for entry within 30 days from the date the E-visa is granted. You can only apply for this type of visa only within 30 days of travel.

• 1-year visa

This is a multiple entry visa and is only valid for 1 year from the date the visa is issued. You can apply for this type of visa within 180 days of travel

***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 (VFS Global)

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 (VFS Global)

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: £113

The VFS service charge is: £11.57 (includes VAT and bank charges)

Total cost: £124.57

USING THE E-VISA SERVICE

Normal Process

1. Visit this link: <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/tvoa.html>

2. Read the Instructions 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 \$ 10 (April to June) OR US \$25 (July to March) for 30 days visa
US \$ 40 for 1-year visa
Plus 2.5% bank transaction fee

VISA APPLICATION CENTRE UK LOCATIONS

LONDON

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

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

SOUTHWEST AND WALES

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

SCOTLAND AND NI

Edinburgh 1 Rennie's Isle Leith, Edinburgh, EH6 6QT

Glasgow 2nd Floor, 93 Hope Street, Glasgow, G2 6LD

Belfast Merion Business Centre, First Floor,58 Howard Street, Belfast BT1 6PJ

INFORMATION REQUIRED TO COMPLETE YOUR FORM

If you are travelling on one of our **Tailormade tours**, then please refer to the visa section of your most recent itinerary for information to complete your visa application.

If you are travelling on one of our **Group tours**, then please see below for information to complete your visa application.

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
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
MIH	Manali to Leh Ride	Hotel Jaypee Siddhartha , 3, Rajendra Place, New Delhi 110008. Phone +91 1125 760000
TGL	In Search of the Snow Leopard	Hotel Regent Grand , East Patel Nagar, Opposite Metro Pillar No 167 New Delhi – 110008 Phone : +91 11 46011111

TBS	Darjeeling Sikkim & the Singalila Ridge	Hotel Jaypee Siddhartha , 3, Rajendra Place, New Delhi 110008. Phone +91 1125 760000
TGX	Trails of Ladakh	As above
TGR	Ladakh: The Markha Valley	As above
TGS	Source of the Sacred Ganges Trek	Hotel The Great Ganga -Ram Jhula Auto stand, Muni -ki-reti Rishikesh, Uttrakhand- - 249192 Tel :- + 91 0135 2442243

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
AICA	Highlights of Northern India- Summer Departure	Hotel Alwar Bagh , Village Dhwala, Alwar District Jaipur Road, State Highway 13, Alwar, Rajasthan 301001 Phone +91 95875 08444
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 Swati , 15A/56 W. E.A. Ajmal Khan Road,Opp. Rupak Stores, Karol Bagh, New Delhi 110005 Phone +91 11 4500 0200
AIS	South India Explored	Hotel Grand , MG Road, Ernakulum, Kochi 682011, Kerala. Phone: +91 484 238 2061
AIT	The Tropical South	Hotel Abad Atrium , M G Road, Shenoy's, Kochi 682035 Kerala Phone: - +91484 2381122
AIG	Highlights of Gujarat	Hotel Godwin , Causeway 41 Garden Road, Mumbai 400001 Phone +91 222 872050
AKN	Assam Explorer	Hotel D'Courtyard , R.G. Baruah Road, Opp.Rajdhani Nursery, Guwahati 781005 Phone +91 7670 066666
FID	Taj, Tigers & Temples	Hotel Jivitesh , 11 Pusa Road , Opposite Metro Pillar 87, New Delhi 110005 Phone +91 11 4921 4444
AIU	Classic South India	Chariot Beach Resort , Five Ratha Road, Mahabalipuram, Tamilnadu. Phone:- +91 44 2742 5000
EIA	Bazaars & Backwaters in India	Hotel Jivitesh , 11 Pusa Road , Opposite Metro Pillar 87, New Delhi 110005 Phone +91 11 4921 4444
MIJ	Cycling through Rajasthan	Hotel Ashok Country Resort, 30 Rajkore Road, Kapashera, New Delhi 110 037 Phone +91 11 2506 4590
TGK	Spice Trails of Kerala	Hotel Grand , MG Road, Ernakulum, Kochi, 682011, Kerala. Phone: +91 484 238 2061
WIW	India Tiger Safari	Pench Jungle Resort , Avarghani, Tehsil Kurai Dist, Seoni 480881, Madhya Pradesh. Phone +91 7695 232817
WKP	India Photography Safari with Paul Goldstein	Nature Heritage Resort , 181 Tala Umariya, Bandhavgarh 482008, Madhya Pradesh Phone: +91 7627 265 351

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,
London, SW19 3UX

020 8543 1846 or email: info@travcour.com

Cost Summary

Visa fee:

Normal visa £124.57

E visa: - £30 (for 30 days visa) OR (£45 for 1-year visa)

Service fee: £55 (E visa service fee £30)

Time taken to issue visa

3-10 working days

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

You can also contact our Customer Operations team on 020 8772 3747 or email customerops@exodus.co.uk.

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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.