

# VISA POLICY OF INDIA

*Visitors to India must obtain a visa from an Indian diplomatic mission unless they come from one of the visa-exempt countries or a country whose citizens may obtain a visa online.*

## ► VISA-FREE ENTRY

Citizens of the following countries do not require visas to enter India (unless arriving from mainland China), and may remain in the country without any limit of stay (unless otherwise noted):

- Bhutan
- Maldives (90 days)
- Nepal

**Foreign citizens possessing an Overseas Citizen of India registration certificate are also exempt from visa obligations.** Citizens of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, mainland China, Nepal, Pakistan, or Sri Lanka are generally not entitled to hold Overseas Indian Citizenship.

## ► VISA ON ARRIVAL

Citizens of Japan can apply for visa on arrival in Bengaluru, Chennai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Kolkata or Mumbai since 1 March 2016. The visa is issued for business, tourist, medical and conference categories, and has a validity of 30 days.

## ► E-TOURIST VISA

On 27 November 2014, the Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) facility became operational for citizens of over 40 eligible countries, including those who are eligible for visa on arrival. The list was further expanded to 113 countries in August 2015 (see chart below). ETA is issued for tourism, visiting friends and family, short duration medical treatment and business visits. The scheme was renamed to **e-Tourist Visa (eTV)** on 15 April 2015.

An **application for e-Tourist Visa must be made at least four days in advance of the date of arrival.** The visa is valid for a single entry with a maximum stay of 30 days from the date of arrival, and can be obtained twice in a calendar year. The duration of stay cannot be extended. The eTV fees are divided into four slabs of zero, \$25 USD, \$48 USD and \$60 USD, depending on nationality (based on reciprocity), plus a bank fee of 2.5% of the visa fee. e-Tourist Visa allows arrival at the following **16 airports:**

- Ahmedabad
- Amritsar
- Bengaluru
- Chennai
- Delhi
- Gaya
- Goa
- Hyderabad
- Jaipur
- Kochi
- Kolkata
- Lucknow
- Mumbai
- Thiruvananthapuram
- Tiruchi
- Varanasi

\* See next page for a list of countries that are eligible for an E-Tourist Visa

## ► E-TOURIST VISA | COUNTRY LIST

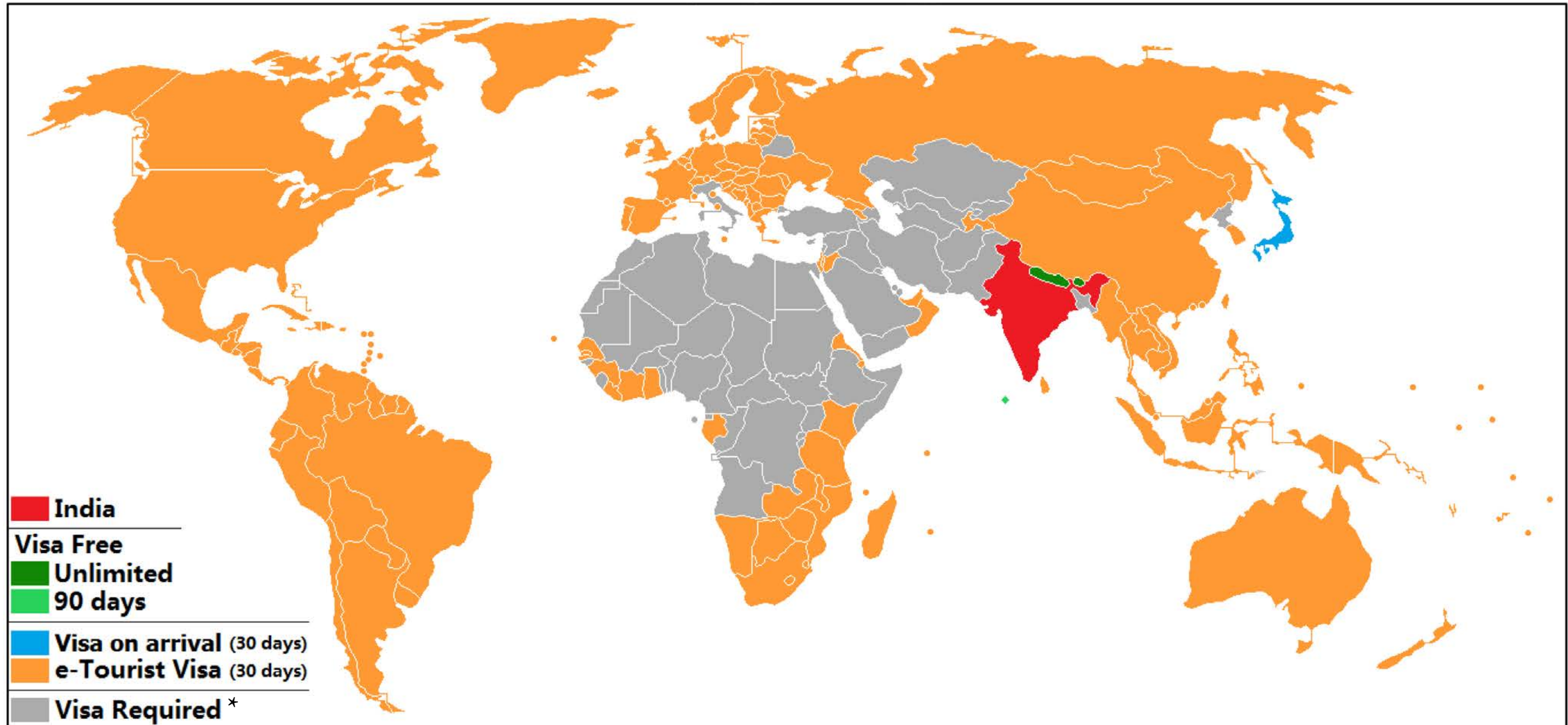
Citizens of the following **countries and territories** who hold ordinary passports are eligible to obtain the e-Tourist Visa (unless they are of Pakistani origin):

Albania	Finland	Marshall Islands <sup>3</sup>	Seychelles <sup>3</sup>
Andorra	France	Mauritius <sup>3</sup>	Singapore <sup>2</sup>
Antigua & Barbuda	Gabon	Mexico	Slovakia
Argentina <sup>3</sup>	Gambia	Micronesia <sup>3</sup>	Slovenia
Armenia	Georgia	Moldova	Solomon Islands <sup>3</sup>
Australia	Germany	Monaco	South Africa
Austria	Ghana	Mongolia	South Korea
Bahamas	Greece	Montenegro	Spain
Barbados	Grenada	Mozambique <sup>1</sup>	Sri Lanka <sup>2</sup>
Belgium	Guatemala	Myanmar	Suriname
Belize	Guinea	Namibia	Swaziland
Bolivia	Guyana	Nauru <sup>3</sup>	Sweden
Bosnia & Herzegovina	Haiti	Netherlands	Switzerland
Botswana	Honduras	Aruba	Taiwan
Brazil	Hong Kong	New Zealand	Tajikistan
Brunei	Hungary	Cook Islands <sup>3</sup>	Tanzania
Bulgaria	Iceland	Niue <sup>3</sup>	Thailand
Cambodia	Indonesia	Nicaragua	Timor-Leste
Canada	Ireland	Norway	Tonga <sup>3</sup>
Cape Verde	Israel	Oman	Trinidad and Tobago
Chile	Jamaica <sup>3</sup>	Palau <sup>3</sup>	Tuvalu <sup>3</sup>
China	Japan <sup>2</sup>	Palestine	Ukraine <sup>1</sup>
Colombia	Jordan	Panama	United Arab Emirates
Comoros	Kenya	Papua New Guinea <sup>3</sup>	United Kingdom <sup>1</sup>
Costa Rica	Kiribati <sup>3</sup>	Paraguay	British Overseas citizens of
Cote D'Ivoire	Laos	Peru	Anguilla
Croatia	Latvia	Philippines	Cayman Islands
Czech Republic	Lesotho	Poland	Montserrat
Cuba	Liberia	Portugal	Turks & Caicos Islands
Denmark	Liechtenstein	Romania	United States <sup>1</sup>
Djibouti	Lithuania	Russia <sup>1</sup>	Uruguay <sup>3</sup>
Dominica	Luxembourg	Saint Kitts and Nevis	Vanuatu <sup>3</sup>
Dominican Republic	Macau	Saint Lucia	Vatican City
Ecuador	Macedonia	Saint Vincent & the Grenadines	Venezuela
El Salvador	Madagascar	Samoa <sup>3</sup>	Vietnam
Eritrea	Malawi	San Marino	Zambia
Estonia	Malaysia	Senegal	Zimbabwe
Fiji <sup>3</sup>	Malta	Serbia	

Note: Since 3 November 2015, the visa fee for citizens of countries with mark "1" are US \$60  
 countries with mark "2" are US \$25  
 countries with mark "3" are free of charge  
 countries without mark are US \$48



## ► VISA POLICY OF INDIA | MAP



\* Please consult your *local Indian Embassy/Mission* for visa application information.