

Consulate General of India San Francisco

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Advisory on Tourist Visas

The Government of India has decided to issue **fresh** tourist visas with effect from 15 October, 2021 for **group** tourism by chartered flights and from 15 November, 2021 for individual travel. In this context, the following may be noted:

- (i) All foreign nationals intending to visit India for tourism will be allowed to enter India on e-Tourist Visa/regular paper Tourist Visa through **chartered flights** (for group tourism only) with effect from 15 October, 2021.
- (ii) All foreign nationals intending to visit India for individual tourism purposes will be permitted to enter India on e-Tourist Visa/regular paper Tourist Visa with effect from 15 November, 2021.
- (iii) Foreign nationals will not be allowed to enter India through land routes on e-Tourist Visa/regular paper Tourist Visa.
- (iv) A Single Entry e-Tourist Visa/regular paper Tourist Visa valid for a stay of up to 30 days will be issued, which will have to be utilized within a period of 120 days from the date of issue. This visa will be issued on a gratis basis for a limited time once to each applicant.
- (v) It may be noted that existing valid e-Tourist Visa/regular paper Tourist Visa issued before 6 October, 2021 will continue to remain suspended and travel on such visas is not permitted.

2. The process of obtaining e-Tourist Visa/Regular Tourist Visa may be accessed at the following links:

- (a) **e-Tourist Visa** https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/tvoa.html. The applicant may note that the Consulate does not process e-visas and any enquiries in this regard will need to be made directly on the e-visa portal.
- (b) **Regular Tourist Visa** through the Consulate General of India, San Francisco (<u>Click</u> <u>Here</u>)

3. Applicants are also advised to go through the guidelines for international travel to India available at https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/Guidelinesforinternationalarrivals17022021.pdf.