

KERALA & INDIA CONNECTIONS

TAILOR - MADE HOLIDAYS TO INDIA



APPLICATION FOR eVisa

Before you start completing this form check your eligibility criteria for eVisa.

If you can 'check' all the criteria below then you are eligible for eVisa and can proceed with the form.

For further information refer to: <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in> or speak to us.

1. You require a **Tourist Visa**. (Business and Medical eVisas also available.)
2. eVisa is available for your country? See the above website. UK is on the list.
3. You have an **ordinary passport** (UK citizens see below)
4. Your passport has at least **six months validity** from the date of arrival in India and two blank pages.
5. You are arriving into an **airport** (or sea port) with eVisa **facilities** (see the above website).
6. Your planned holiday is **60 days** or fewer (arrival and departure dates each count as one day).
7. You require no more than **two entries**.
8. You do not plan to visit India more than **twice** within the calendar year.
9. You do not have family members (including grandparents) with links to **Pakistan**.

Full details about these requirements are on the above website. eVisa is also not available to British Subject, British Protected Person, British Overseas Citizen, British National (Overseas) and British Overseas Territories Citizen. Your application would be rejected if your nationality is other than United Kingdom. Your passport must be 'ordinary' (not diplomatic, official, service or special). If you cannot agree with all the above statements the eVisa is not available to you and you will need to apply for a Regular Visa. Regular visas are available in advance, allow up to six months in India, you can fly into any airport and have multiple entry.

If any details for both applicants are the same, please put SAME against Person 2	Person: 1	Person: 2
Your Kerala/India Connections customer number (found on the invoice)		
Your e-mail ID		
Name as per passport: Surname (no hyphens)		
First and middle names		
Nationality (country)		
Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy)		
Port of arrival		
Expected date of arrival (dd/mm/yyyy)		
Have you ever changed your name? If YES give previous First Name & Surname (deed pole changes only - not marriage)		
Sex - Male, Female, Transgender		
Town/City of birth		
Country of birth		
Citizenship/National ID No. (NA for UK citizens)		
Your Religion		
Visible identification marks (most put NA)		
Your Education Qualification (see list below)		

Did you acquire your Nationality by: birth or naturalization? (one or the other only) If naturalization - previous Nationality?		
Have you lived at least 2 years in the country from which you are applying/resident in?		
Passport Number		
Passport place of issue eg: UKPA, IPS, HMPO <i>Same as mentioned in your passport</i>		
Passport Date of Issue (dd/mm/yyyy)		
Passport Date of Expiry (dd/mm/yyyy)		
Do you hold any other passports or dual nationality. If YES please give details below: Country of issue, Passport/IC No, Date of issue, Place of issue, Nationality described therein		
Present Address (in four lines) House # and Street Village/Town/Area County/City Post Code		
Phone number		
Mobile number		
Permanent address if different to above (or put Same)		
Father's full name		
Father's Nationality (country)		
Father's Previous Nationality (or put Same)		
Father's Place/Location of Birth (Town/City)		
Father's Country of Birth		
Mother's full name (married name)		
Mother's Nationality (country)		
Mother's Previous Nationality (or put Same)		
Mother's Place/Location of Birth (Town/City)		
Mother's Country of Birth		
Your marital status - married or single		
Spouse's name if married		
Spouse's Nationality (country)		
Spouse's Previous Nationality (or put Same)		
Spouse's place of birth		
Spouse's country of birth		
Do you have family links to Pakistan? See notes		
Your present occupation - see notes below		
Employer's name, business and address (simple address with post code is enough)		
If RETIRED, state this and give your past occupation (see list below)		
Are/have you worked with Armed Forces/ Police/Para Military forces? If YES please give: Organisation, Designation, Rank, Place of Posting		
Places likely to be visited (eg Kerala)		

Have you been to India before? YES or NO If YES we require further information below		
Address (give name of one hotel and city that you stayed at during your last visit)		
Cities visited (with commas between)		
Last Indian Visa Number. Put 'unknown' if necessary.		
Type of Visa (eg Tourist)		
Where was the visa issued (eg London or India for eTV)		
Date the Visa was issued dd/mm/yyyy (guess at approx. date if unknown).		
Have you previously been refused an Indian Visa or refused an extended stay - If YES give details.		
Please list all the countries you have visited in the last 10 years. Group Europe locations as EU. (put commas between)		
Have you visited any SAARC countries in the last 3 years. (see notes below)		
Referee in India in South India Tel:	Companion Holidays Trivandrum 695 010 04712310548	same
Referee in India in North India Tel:	Travel World Experiences New Delhi 110017 01143799700	same
UK Referee: Tel:	India / Kerala Connections Horsmonden Kent TN12 8BP 01892722440	same

EDUCATION QUALIFICATION

There is a pull down box with the following - please select one: Graduate; Higher Secondary; Matriculation; NA being minor; Others; Post Graduate; Professional.

LINKS TO PAKISTAN

Were your Grandfather/Grandmother (paternal/maternal) Pakistan Nationals or belong to a Pakistan held area? If YES give details. If you say YES we recommend you apply for a Regular Visa not eVisa.

OCCUPATION CHOICES

The list of occupations is given in a pull down box. The choice is odd - but please advise the one that best suits you: Air Force; Business Person; Cameraman; Charity/Social Worker; Chartered Accountant; College/University Teacher; Diplomat; Doctor; Engineer; Film Producer; Government Service; **House Wife**; Journalist; Labour; Lawyer; Media; Military; Missionary; Navy; News Broadcaster; Official; Others; Police; Press; Private Service; Publisher; Reporter; Researcher; Retired; Sea Man; Self-employed/Freelancer; Student; Trader; TV Producer; Un-employed; Unofficial; Worker; Writer.

If House Wife they ask the occupation of your spouse or father! Please let us have this.

The Indian authorities need to be assured that you are visiting the country as a tourist and not for other purposes - therefore some of the above occupations require a letter from your employer. The occupations that require further information include Media, Armed Forces, Commercial Pilots and crew, Charity/Social Works and Priests.

SAARC COUNTRIES

SAARC countries are Afghanistan, Bhutan, Pakistan, Maldives, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Nepal. If you have been to any of these countries in the last 3 years state which, how many visits and the year of each visit.

COST

We charge just **£20 per visa plus VAT (£24)**. For this we will convert/resize the documents, upload all the information and pay on your behalf. If you need help with part of the process (eg resizing documents or paying on your behalf) we charge from £5 plus VAT (depending on the work). The cost of the Visa is (\$75 plus bank charges at the current exchange rate). This cost is in addition to our charge.

PHOTOGRAPH

You need to provide a colour photograph of yourself. It must be recent and you need to be front facing with a white background. If the photograph is not acceptable it will be rejected so it is worth spending some time to get it right. If you wear glasses we recommend you remove them for the photograph. When you provide the biometric information on arrival in India (which includes facial recognition as well as finger prints) if the machine does not 'recognise' you - you can remove your glasses.

eTV photographs need to be in JPEG format, **square** (min 350 px, max 1000 px height and width), minimum size 10 KB, maximum 1,000 KB. Take the photograph with a digital camera and save it as a JPEG (this is the usual format for images). To crop it to the correct shape and size requires a programme such as Adobe Photoshop or Windows Photo Viewer. If you don't have this - don't worry send it to us and we will re-size it for you. If you send it in portrait shape please ensure there is enough space on the right and left to allow us to crop it to square and keep the top of your head and chin in the picture.

PASSPORT

eVisa applicants also need to upload a copy of the 'main page' of their passport. This has to be supplied in PDF with minimum size 10 KB and maximum of 300 KB. If you have the facilities to supply this to us as a PDF fine (but make sure it is clear because as a PDF we are unable to make any changes to it). Also remember that each visa is applied for individually - so only one passport per scan.

The easiest way to supply this to us is to photograph the page and send it to us as a JPEG. As a JPEG we can crop it to size adjust the light and dark if necessary and then convert it to a PDF.

Most people are happy to take the photographs themselves (or ask family or friends) using their own digital camera/smart phone/tablet - but if you are not confident you can use the services of a photography shop. However, please **do not send us printed photographs** - we need them digitally. The shop may supply them on a CD or memory stick for you to send us - or they may be happy to e-mail them to us directly.

SENDING US THE INFORMATION

Do **not** send us passports or printed photographs by post.

Send us the photographs of the passport page and yourself by e-mail. You can e-mail the individual bits separately but ensure you label them with your name so we can tie them all up at this end. From a tablet or smart phone it is quite easy to forward photographs and scans by e-mail. If you don't know how to do this - start at the photograph or scan and 'touch' the forward icon - this brings up a variety of options including e-mail - 'touch' the e-mail icon and send in the normal way.

If you can, we suggest you complete this form in 'Word' and e-mail it to us. That is ideal as we can then copy and paste your text into the online application form. If you do not have Microsoft Word you could let us have the answers to the questions in order on an e-mail. If you would rather print it and complete in pen and post to us - that is fine too and we will copy type it for you - please write clearly.

THE PROCESS AND TIMINGS

Please send us your completed form, photograph and passport as soon as you can so we have time to check it before we make the application. Applications may be made between 120 days and 4 days before departure. The Visa is valid for 60 days from the date of arrival. The day of arrival and departure are counted (not matter what time you arrive or depart) so it is effectively 59 nights.

We will complete the application and send it to you for checking. It is your responsibility to ensure that it is correct and then you need to authorise us to verify. We will then confirm/verify and pay for your visa. An e-mail granting the visa - ETA (Electronic Travel Authorisation) normally arrives within 72 hours. We will invoice you for the visa(s) and our admin fee once the payment has cleared our bank and we know the amount in UK pounds. When we have received your payment we will forward you the ETA. This must be printed and taken to India. You will need to show it at your departure airport as well as on arrival.

ARRIVAL IN INDIA

On arrival in India **before you pass through Immigration** you will need to present your passport and ETA (look for the signs). You need to provide biometric information (mandatory) and will then be supplied with your visa. There is normally a separate area for this - make sure you do not get in the wrong queue.