

Restoration of Tourist/e-Tourist Visa for Foreign Tourists

Keeping in view the improvement in COVID situation in India, the Government has further considered the need for relaxation of visa and travel restrictions, in consultation with the stakeholders.

2. Accordingly, subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, as applicable to international travellers, it has been decided as follows:-

(i) e-Tourist Visa under the three options (one month, one year and five years), which remained suspended since March 2020, shall stand restored with immediate effect. Fresh applications will also be eligible for issuance of fresh e-Tourist visa.

(ii) Regular (Paper) valid Tourist visa issued to foreign nationals of all countries, which remained suspended since March 2020, shall stand restored. Fresh Regular (paper) Tourist Visa are also allowed to be issued to all foreign nationals.

3. The foreign nationals on Tourist / e-Tourist Visas would be permitted to enter India only through designated Sea Immigration Check Posts (ICPs) or Airport ICPs by flights, including those under the Vande Bharat Mission or 'Air Bubble' scheme or by any flights as allowed by the DGCA or Ministry of Civil Aviation. **In no case the foreign nationals will be allowed to enter through Land border or riverine routes on Tourist Visa / E-Tourist Visa.**

4. **The Government's scheme to grant visa/e-visa (one month stay) to first five lakh foreign tourists on gratis basis will also continue till further instructions.**

5. In respect of quarantine and all other health / COVID-19 related matters, extant guidelines of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare shall be adhered to.

6. **These instructions shall come into force with immediate effect.**
