

# Visa Information

For U.S citizens traveling to foreign countries, a visa is an essential travel document. You may also call it a visa for travel or an entry visa. The last sentence can be misleading as a visa stamped on a passport doesn't guarantee you'll be permitted to enter your destination country. This visa only allows you to enter a port of entry. An immigration official will inspect your documents and decide if you are allowed to enter [India Visa Application](#).



Did you know this? Most travelers don't know this. You might not be aware of other important information about this travel document. This article provides information about visas. It will explain what visas are like, which types exist, how to apply and how much they cost.

## Travel Visas - The Variety of Shapes, Sizes, and Colors

You may have seen visa pages from someone who has visited many different countries. You'll be glad to know that visas come in many sizes, shapes, and colors. Some are just ink stamps. They are often small enough to fit on one visa page. These can take the shape of a rectangle, a square, or a triangle. Ink can be either black, blue or green and may also come

in red, green, purple, or red. Because they are so small, there is not much room for information.

In recent years, adhesive stamps have been adopted by many countries. These stamps are typically printed on a specific type of paper. Although some visas look similar to postage stamps, they take up most of a visa page. Personal information as well as data about the visa are printed on the visa. Personal information can include full name, date and sex. Data about visas usually include the type of visa, number allowed, date of issuance and validity as well as expiration dates.

### **Different Types of Visas**

Visas can be classified as either immigrant (or non-immigrant). A resident visa is often referred to as an immigrant visa. This visa is for those who wish to establish permanent residence in another country. This type of visa requires strict compliance. It is often expensive and takes a long time.

Non-immigrant visas are more common. There are three main types of visas: study, visit, and work. A tourist visa is required for anyone who plans to travel to another country. This depends on the purpose of their visit.

Study visas are available to all students, not just high school exchange students. This category includes many training programs and exchange programs. These include au pairs, camp counselors and professors as well as research scholars and alien doctors.

A work visa is required for anyone who intends to temporarily work in another country. A work visa is required for nurses, missionaries, and trainees in other fields. Other people who fall under this category include those who have exceptional abilities in a particular field. This could be in business, education, arts, or athletics. This visa is required for performers and entertainers whose work has cultural significance.

### **Applying to a Visa**

You can apply for a visa at the consulate or embassy of the country where you are planning to travel. Each consular section reviews visa applications and processes them. The country

you intend to visit and the type you request will determine the fee. Although you can obtain a visa for Cambodia as low as \$30, most countries charge between \$100-150.

Most visa applications can be processed in a matter of days. Some countries may take several weeks to process visa applications. Many offer same-day service in emergency situations. The basic requirements for visa applications are a completed application and a valid passport. A photo or two may be required. Most countries require that your passport has at least six months validity. Additional requirements may include a letter of invitation and proof of continued travel.