

Press Note

Extension of e-Tourist Visa scheme to 36 more countries and 7 more airports from 15th August 2015

The Government of India launched the e-Tourist Visa Scheme on 27th November 2014. The scheme, available at 9 airports (New Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Goa, Thiruvananthapuram and Kochi), has since been extended to 77 countries/territories.

With effect from 15th August 2015, the scheme is being extended to the following 36 more countries/territories, taking the total to 113 (One Hundred and Thirteen):

1. Andorra
2. Argentina
3. Armenia
4. Aruba
5. Belgium
6. Bolivia
7. Colombia
8. Cuba
9. East Timor
10. Guatemala
11. Hungary
12. Ireland
13. Jamaica
14. Malta
15. Malaysia
16. Mongolia
17. Monaco
18. Mozambique
19. Netherlands
20. Panama
21. Peru
22. Poland
23. Portugal

24. Seychelles
25. Slovenia
26. Spain
27. St Lucia
28. St Vincent & the Grenadines
29. Suriname
30. Sweden
31. Taiwan
32. Tanzania
33. Turks & Caicos Islands
34. United Kingdom
35. Uruguay
36. Venezuela

Further, with effect from 15th August 2015, visitors holding e-Tourist Visas will also be able to arrive at 7 more Indian airports, as listed below, taking the total number of airports designated for this purpose to 16 (Sixteen):

1. Ahmedabad
2. Amritsar
3. Gaya
4. Jaipur
5. Lucknow
6. Thiruchirapalli
7. Varanasi

Since the launch of the e-Tourist Visa Scheme on 27th November 2014, more than 200,000 such visas have been issued. It is expected that the addition of more countries/territories and designated airports to the Scheme will give a further boost to tourist arrivals into India.

Further details in this regard are available at the e-Tourist Visa website: <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/tvoa.html>