

FAQs – For Short Staying Visitors

1. How long will it take to get my visa?
 - All visa applications will require at least eight (8) working days of processing time from the time of receipt. It is highly encouraged that ALL applicants submit their applications at least 10 working days prior to their intended date of travel to the Philippines.
 - The eight (8) working days of processing time will only commence once the applicant has submitted all requirements, including additional ones requested by a Philippine consular officer.
2. Can I request for expedited visa processing time?
 - No. Since 23 April 2018, expedited processing time has ceased.
3. How much is the 9(a) temporary stay visa (tourist or business)?
 - The single-entry 9(a) visa costs 2,840 Indian Rupees. Payment is only by demand draft payable to the **Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines**.
4. Where can I apply for a Philippine visa?
 - You may apply for your visa in the Philippine Consulate General that has jurisdiction over your place of residence or place of work.
 - The visa application can be submitted to the Philippine Embassy in New Delhi or the Philippine Consulate General in Chennai, Kolkata or Mumbai.
5. How can I avail of the visa-free privilege to enter the Philippines?
 - Indian nationals are eligible for visa-free entry into the Philippines tourists if they have ALL of the following:
 - i. Applicant possesses a valid tourism/business/student visa or if he/she is a permanent resident of any of the following countries: Australia, Japan, Canada, Singapore, Schengen area, USA, and the United Kingdom (AJACSSUK);
 - ii. Applicant's passport must be at least six (6) months valid from the time of departure from the Philippines;
 - iii. Applicant possesses an onward travel ticket to India or the next country of destination; and
 - iv. Applicant has no derogatory record with the Philippine Bureau of Immigration.
6. I have a US seaman's visa. Does this make me eligible for visa-free entry as a temporary visitor to the Philippines?
 - No. Holding a US seaman's visa (Category C) does not make you eligible for visa-free entry as a temporary visitor to the Philippines.
7. I have a single-entry Singapore tourist/business visa, can I avail myself of the visa-free entry privilege?
 - Yes, you are eligible for visa-free entry as a tourist visiting the Philippines, as long as, the Singapore single-entry visa is unused and valid.

8. Can the Consular Section check and verify an applicant's documentary requirements via e-mail before his/her application is submitted?
 - No. The Embassy's Consular Section does not evaluate documents online. Please apply either in person or through the accredited travel agencies. The accredited travel agencies must be bona fide members of the Outbound Tour Operators Association of India (OTOAI), the Travel Agents Federation of India (TAFI) and the Travel Agents Association of India (TAAI).
9. What are the financial documents to be submitted by the visa applicant?
 - Income tax statements, credit card statements, pay slips, bank statements or any financial certificate that will show proof of income and capability to finance the applicant's travel expenses in the Philippines.
 - If the trip is sponsored by a company/institution, please submit the sponsorship letter of the said company and the financial statement of said institution in addition to those listed above.
 - If your trip is sponsored by an inviting person in the Philippines, please submit signed original invitation letter of the inviting person with a copy each of his/her passport/government issued ID and his/her financial statement in addition to those listed above.
10. Must I enter the Philippines only through Manila?
 - No. You may also enter the Philippines through any of its international airports in Clark, Cebu, Davao, Iloilo, Laoag, Kalibo as well as through the international seaports in Zamboanga and Bongao.

Please take note of the following important points:

1. Any visa application with fake or fraudulent supporting documents will be automatically denied.
2. The Consular Officer has the discretion to request additional documents he deems necessary.
3. The Consular Officer can also call the applicant for interview for the evaluation his/her visa application.
4. The Consular Officer is not obligated to explain to an applicant the reason(s) for visa denial.
5. Visa fees are non-refundable.