

Costa Rica

Visa required

Visa for Indians visiting Costa Rica

Indian passport holders require a visa to enter Costa Rica. A national visa may be substituted with a valid US visa, a multiple-entry Canadian visa, or a multiple-entry visa from an EU member state.

ENTRY RULE	ALLOWED STAY	RULES CHECKED
Visa required	**Check the official site**	**17 Nov 2026**

Checklist: steps & documents

- [ ] Apply for a visa through the official Costa Rican embassy or consulate.
- [ ] Check if a valid visa from the US, Canada, or an EU member state can be used as a substitute.
- [ ] Ensure your passport is valid for the duration of your stay.
- [ ] Check if you have a valid visa from the US, Canada, or an EU country that can be used in place of a Costa Rican visa.
- [ ] Verify the specific requirements for your visa type with the Costa Rican embassy or consulate.

The general guide for this country. Ask for the full document list on the official site below.

Key points

- Visa is required for Indian passport holders before travel.
- A valid US visa, Canadian multiple-entry visa, or EU member state multiple-entry visa can be used in place of a Costa Rican national visa.
- Allowed stay duration is not specified in the current rules.

Conditions

National visa may be substituted with a valid visa issued by the US or with a multiple-entry visa issued by Canada or a member state of the European Union.

Questions agents ask

Can I enter Costa Rica with a US visa?

Yes, a valid US visa can be used in place of a Costa Rican national visa.

Is there a maximum stay allowed for Indian passport holders?

The allowed stay duration is not specified in the current rules. Check with the embassy for more information.

Can I use a Canadian visa to enter Costa Rica?

Yes, a multiple-entry Canadian visa can be used in place of a Costa Rican national visa.

Can I use an EU member state's visa to enter Costa Rica instead of applying for a Costa Rican visa?

Yes, Indian passport holders can use a multiple-entry visa issued by an EU member state in place of a Costa Rican national visa.

Where should I apply for a Costa Rican visa?

You should apply for a Costa Rican visa through the official Costa Rican embassy or consulate in your country.

What should I check before traveling to Costa Rica with a substitute visa?

Before traveling, ensure your passport is valid for the duration of your stay and verify that your substitute visa (from the US, Canada, or EU) is valid and meets the entry requirements.

Official sources

Check the embassy or consulate of Costa Rica in India.

Fees are not listed here because they change often and differ by centre: check the current fee on the official site.

Rules change often. Confirm with the official site before you book (our copy was checked 17 Nov 2026).

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