

El Salvador

Visa required

Visa for Indians visiting El Salvador

Under the Central America (CA-4) visa system, India is a Category B country for El Salvador, so Indian ordinary passport holders need a visa. Indians holding a valid US, Canadian or Schengen visa are treated as visa-exempt and do not need a separate El Salvador visa.

ENTRY RULE	ALLOWED STAY	RULES CHECKED
Visa required (exempt with US/Canada/Schengen visa)	**As granted at entry**	**11 Nov 2026**

Checklist: steps & documents

- [ ] With a valid US, Canada or Schengen visa: no El Salvador visa needed; carry it.
- [ ] Otherwise apply for a El Salvador consular visa through its embassy or consulate.
- [ ] Check that your US, Canadian or Schengen visa is valid for your trip.

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

Key points

- India is in Category B (consular / consulted visa) under the CA-4 system used by El Salvador.
- Nationals of Category B countries holding a valid US, Canadian or Schengen visa get visa-exempt (Category A) treatment.
- For a consulted visa, El Salvador asks that a US, Canadian or Schengen visa have at least six months' validity before arrival.
- A CA-4 visa or exemption covers travel within Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua, but border officials decide entry.

Questions agents ask

Do Indians need a visa for El Salvador?

Yes, unless you hold a valid US, Canadian or Schengen visa, which exempts Indians from the El Salvador visa under the CA-4 rules.

Can I use a valid US visa to avoid needing a visa for El Salvador?

Yes, Indian nationals holding a valid US, Canadian, or Schengen visa are treated as visa-exempt for El Salvador under the CA-4 system.

What is the allowed stay duration for Indian nationals in El Salvador?

The allowed stay is as granted at entry by border officials, and it may vary depending on the discretion of the immigration authorities.

Where can Indian nationals apply for an El Salvador visa?

Indian nationals can apply for a consular visa through the embassy or consulate of El Salvador, or they may be eligible for visa-exemption if they hold a valid US, Canadian, or Schengen visa.

Can I extend my stay in El Salvador if I enter with a visa?

Extensions of stay are subject to the discretion of immigration authorities and must be applied for directly upon arrival or during the stay in the country.

What is the validity of a visa or exemption for El Salvador under the CA-4 system?

The validity of the visa or exemption is determined at the time of entry and may vary depending on the discretion of the immigration authorities.

Official sources

Official visa / e-visa site
https://rree.gob.sv/visas-para-extranjeros/

El Salvador Migration: consulted-visa form (F-46)
https://www.migracion.gob.sv/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/F.46-VISA-CONSULTADA-1.pdf

CA-4 unified manual (Guatemala Migration Institute)
https://igm.gob.gt/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/MANUAL-CA4-Unificado-2.pdf

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 11 Nov 2026).

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