

United Arab Emirates

Visa required

Visa for Indians visiting United Arab Emirates

Indian ordinary passport holders need a visa for the UAE. Tourist visas are not issued by UAE embassies: you get one through a UAE airline, a licensed travel agent or a hotel. Indians who hold a valid US, UK or EU visa, residence permit or US Green Card can get a visa on arrival instead.

ENTRY RULE	ALLOWED STAY	RULES CHECKED
Visa required (visa on arrival with US/UK/EU visa or residence)	**30 or 60 days (tourist visa)**	**18 Nov 2026 (official sources)**

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The UAE does not issue tourist visas at its embassies. A visa is arranged through an airline, a licensed travel agent or a hotel in the UAE.

Single-entry tourist visa	30 or 60 days
5-year multiple-entry tourist visa	Up to 90 days per visit, 180 days per year
Processing	About 48 hours (Dubai GDRFA)
Who issues it	Airline, licensed travel agent or hotel in the UAE

Single-entry visa (30 or 60 days)

- [ ] Passport valid for at least 6 months
- [ ] One personal photo
- [ ] Copy of the passport
- [ ] Onward or return ticket out of the UAE
- [ ] Medical insurance valid in the UAE
- [ ] Issued only through an accredited tourism office

5-year multiple-entry visa

- [ ] Passport copy, valid for at least 6 months
- [ ] One personal photo
- [ ] Bank statements for the last 6 months, showing the minimum balance set by the UAE
- [ ] Health insurance
- [ ] Round-trip ticket
- [ ] No guarantor or host needed in the UAE

Good to know

- Entry rules and who may get a visa on arrival change from time to time. We could not confirm Indian eligibility for visa on arrival on an official page, so check before you promise it to a customer.
- Photo size and format are not stated on the official pages.

Key points

- India is on the UAE's 'visa required' list (UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs).
- Visa on arrival is available to Indians holding a valid visa, residence permit or Green Card from the US, the EU or the UK.
- Visa on arrival is also available to Indians with valid residence permits from Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea or Singapore.

Conditions

May apply using 'Smart service'. Duration: Generally, visitation visas are granted for 30, 60, or 90 days, contingent upon the particular conditions and the nature of the relationship between the sponsor and the guest Indians holding a valid US or UK or EU visit visa or residence visa which is valid for a minimum of 6 months can obtain a visa on arrival for a maximum stay of 14 days. Indians holding a residency permit from Singapore, Japan, South Korea, Australia, New Zealand, or Canada are also eligible for a visa on arrival. Visitors normally require a sponsor but visas can also be arranged online through an airline if they are arriving on Air Arabia , Air Astana , Emirates , Etihad (and Air Baltic and Air Serbia), flydubai , Turkish Airlines , and Indigo Airlines .

Questions agents ask

Do Indians need a visa for Dubai?

Yes. India is on the UAE's visa-required list. Most Indians get a tourist visa through a UAE airline, a licensed travel agent or a hotel before travelling.

Can Indians get a visa on arrival in the UAE?

Yes, if they hold a valid visa, residence permit or Green Card from the US, the EU or the UK, or (since 13 February 2025) a valid residence permit from Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea or Singapore.

Can I apply at the UAE embassy in India?

No. The UAE government says its embassies do not issue tourist visas; apply through a UAE airline, a licensed travel agent or a hotel.

What are the processing times for a Dubai single-entry tourist visa?

The processing time for a Dubai single-entry tourist visa is usually 48 hours, as issued through accredited tourism offices.

Official sources

Dubai GDRFA: single-entry tourist visa
https://gdrfad.gov.ae/en/services/f9e586fe-0642-11ec-0320-0050569629e8

Dubai GDRFA: 5-year tourist visa
https://gdrfad.gov.ae/en/services/7fe37963-b7f8-11ed-5210-4cd98f768936

UAE Government portal (u.ae): tourist visa
https://u.ae/ar/information-and-services/visa-and-emirates-id/Types-of-visas/tourist-visa

Official visa / e-visa site
https://u.ae/en/information-and-services/visa-and-emirates-id/Types-of-visas/tourist-visa

UAE MOFA: Visa exemptions list (India: visa required)
https://www.mofa.gov.ae/en/Visa-Exemptions-For-Non-Citizen

UAE Embassy New Delhi: visa on arrival for Indian nationals (19 Feb 2025)
https://www.mofa.gov.ae/en/Missions/New-Delhi/Media-hub/News/19-2-2025-new-delhi

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 10 Nov 2026).

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