

GENERAL ADVISORY FOR INDIAN NATIONALS VISITING MEXICO

AND

SPECIAL ADVISORY FOR THOSE ARRIVING AT CANCUN

1. FOR ENTRY OF INDIAN NATIONALS INTO MEXICO - VISA RELATED INFORMATION :

India is among the list of countries whose nationals need a Mexican visas to enter Mexico (based on information provided in the official websites of the National Institute of Migration (INM): <https://www.inm.gob.mx/gobmx/word/index.php/paises-requieren-visa-para-mexico/> and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (SRE), Government of Mexico: <https://www.gob.mx/sre/acciones-y-programas/visas-para-extranjeros-8036>

Further details may be accessed through the website of the Embassy of Mexico based in New Delhi: <https://embamex.sre.gob.mx/india/index.php/consulares/visas>

Appointment for visa at Embassy of Mexico in Delhi

- If you are not a Mexican national, you need to have a tourists/business visitor visa for purposes of recreation, business or any unpaid activity in Mexico that does not exceed 180 days;
- Granting/ denial of visa remains the sovereign right of the Embassy of Mexico as per the policies of the Government of Mexico
- From March 1st 2022: All Appointments for visas must be booked only through this new website: <https://citas.sre.gob.mx>
- However, the slots for booking the appointment at the Embassy of Mexico are very limited; therefore, the delegates, councils, business persons and general applicants are requested to plan their appointments and travel plans well in-advance to accommodate any delay in securing an appointment at the Embassy of Mexico
- Further, any specific requests made to the Embassy of India in Mexico for assistance in securing an appointment on their behalf at the Embassy of Mexico in India may not be accommodated

2. A FOREIGNER WHO PRESENTS ANY OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS WILL NOT REQUIRE MEXICAN VISA:

- Document proving permanent residence in Canada, the United States of America, Japan, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, or

any of the Schengen Countries as well as member countries of the Pacific Alliance (Chile, Colombia and Peru);

- Valid and current visa from Canada, the United States of America, Japan, the United Kingdom of Great Britain (along with proof of Permanent Residence) and Northern Ireland or any of the countries that make up the Schengen Area.

SPECIAL ADVISORY FOR INDIANS TRAVELLING TO MEXICO ON UK VISAS:

Visitors traveling to Mexico on UK visas, please, note that a valid visa (any type) of the UK is not sufficient to guarantee the entry into Mexico. It must be accompanied by the proof of Permanent Residence of the visitor in the UK. Visitors who are not Permanent Residents of the UK are not permitted entry into the country by the Mexican immigration authorities and are often detained at the immigration facility at the Airports.

Subsequently, after long hours of detention/ interrogation, they are repatriated to the originating station by the next available flight of the same airlines that they arrived to Mexico by.

During this period of detention, their passports, mobile phones and other belongings are held by the Immigration authorities, thereby, denying the visitors any opportunity to contact the Indian Embassy or relatives or colleagues, and the items are returned only at the time of repatriation except for the passport which is handed over to the flight crew and returned to the passenger only after disembarking from the flight at the originating station.

In view of the above, Indian visitors to Mexico are strictly advised to not repeat NOT travel to Mexico on UK visas, unless they are permanent residents of the UK;

- Card APEC Business Traveler (ABTC) adopted by Mexico;
- Certificate that accredits him as a member of the crew of the aircraft in which he arrives;
- Sea book, if you are a member of the crew of the vessel that arrives at a Mexican port on an international voyage. If the crew member arrives by air to enroll in a ship anchored in a national port, he must present, in addition to the sea book, a document that proves his enrollment, the data of the vessel and the Mexican port in which it is located.

Note: This is not applicable on temporary residence card holders of U.S.A., Canada, Japan, United Kingdom, Schengen, Pacific Alliance (Colombia, Peru, Chile). Holders of this type of temporary residence must apply for a Mexican visa on any of its categories.

3. IMPORTANT

- If you are granted a Mexican Visa, you will be able to travel to Mexico. But, it does not guarantee entry into Mexico. Immigration Authorities at the Airport, have the right to grant or deny entry into Mexico. At the Airport or point of entry, Mexican Immigration authorities may ask you some questions such as:
 - Why are you traveling to Mexico?
 - What activities will you be engaging in?
 - Where will you stay?
 - Do you know anybody in Mexico?
 - How long will you stay in Mexico?
 - How will you cover your expenses during your stay in Mexico?
 - If you are on a work visa, who or what company is hiring you?
 - If you are on a student visa, what programme are you enrolled and what is the name of the institution where you are enrolled?
 - When will you leave the country - Details of the return flight?

Immigration authorities will verify the authenticity of all your documents you present to them and the veracity of information you provide to them. They will also confirm that no outright restriction/remarks exists on your passport.

4. INSURANCE

- In the light of large-scale reported incidents of theft of personal belongings of Indian nationals at tourist spots in Mexico, Indian nationals visiting Mexico for any purpose - and especially for tourism - are advised to have with them a valid & suitable travel insurance as well as a health insurance for any health emergency.

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- Any category of a valid UK visa is not sufficient for permitting entry into Mexico in lieu of a Mexican visa, and therefore, must be coupled with a permanent (and not temporary) residency of the UK;
- All Indian nationals visiting Mexico should compulsorily carry documentary proof, in the form of hard copy, of the:

- o purpose of travel to Mexico;

In case traveling for business purpose, the invitation letter on the company's letter-head (in English & its Spanish translation) from the inviting Mexican company, specifying the location(s) of the business meeting, the duration of the stay, coordinates of a person of contact from the company with his/ her contactable mobile number in Mexico and email ID, and other pertinent details

- o hotel reservations in Mexico that are genuine, paid & confirmed as well as verifiable
- o confirmed return-flight booking
- Only visitors with bonafide intent for travelling to Mexico (including tourism, family reunion, business, employment, academics, etc.) are permitted entry into Mexico and they must, under no circumstances, overstay beyond the validity of their visa;
- In case, the visa of a visitor is expiring within the duration of his/ her stay in Mexico, the visitor must get the visa extended prior to its expiry;
- It has been brought to the notice of this Mission by the immigration authorities of Mexico, that visitors obtaining Mexican visa from 3rd countries - especially from

Istanbul (Turkey) - shall be subjected to thorough scrutiny at the airport immigration, and in the scenario of any suspicion regarding the purpose of travel to Mexico, shall be repatriated to the originating station, without fail;

- Holders of a valid Schengen, UK or Japan visa, must visit that respective country first, before traveling to Mexico on that visa. The passport must carry the entry and exit stamp of that country, in order to have a documentary evidence of the passenger's visit to such country. These entry and exit stamps should be able to provide a documentary evidence/ proof that the visa for that country was availed for a genuine purpose and not just to transit the country in order to be able to travel to Mexico using the visa for that country. Else such visitors are likely to be repatriated;
- By definition, a 'Single Entry' visa is intended for visiting only that respective country; therefore, visitors must not travel to Mexico on a non-Mexican, single entry visa (e.g. of Schengen, UK, etc.), and travelers must be in possession of a 'Multiple Entry' visa;
- All visitors to Mexico are subject to interview by the Mexican immigration authorities, and any inconsistency in the response(s) during the interview to the immigration authorities results in repatriation to the originating country. Therefore, the Embassy strongly advises the visitors to be well-prepared for satisfactorily responding to all the queries that the immigration shall pose to the individual, including the purpose of travel, duration & location of stay, places to visit, contacts in Mexico and details of departure from Mexico, etc.
- In the unfortunate scenario of detention of an Indian national by the Mexican immigration, the visitor must foremost, remain calm. Further, it has been clarified to the Embassy by the immigration authorities that making telephone calls is permitted to the visitor at the immigration facility. However, in case, only one (01) telephone call is being permitted to the visitor, the Embassy recommends that the visitor utilizes the opportunity of making a telephone call for the Consular access to the

Embassy i.e. for contacting & apprising the Embassy on its 24x7 Emergency Contact Number +52 55 48 47 7539, regarding his/ her detention at the airport immigration. The Embassy shall thereupon convey to the family/ acquaintances of the passenger about the matter, and undertake necessary action, as required.

- In the light of large-scale reported incidents of theft of personal belongings of Indian nationals at tourist spots in Mexico especially in Cancun and at the neighboring tourist spots, Indian nationals visiting Mexico for any purpose - and especially for tourism - are advised to have with them a valid & suitable travel insurance as well as a health insurance for any health emergency.
- Additionally, it is strongly advised to keep your travel documents, especially the passport, in safe custody of the hotel room lockers, while carrying with you copy of the passport and the visa(s) in both digital and hard-copy format.
