

GENERAL ENTRY VISA GUIDELINES FOR NON-RESIDENTS 1

Since July 14, 2003.

GROUP I:

Entry is authorized for citizens of the following countries without consular visa and with a 90-calendar day stay, due to Treaties, International Agreements or Exchange Notes **<Ver Convenios Bilaterales para la supresión de visas>**

- GERMANY
- ARGENTINA
- AUSTRIA
- BELGIUM
- BRAZIL
- CANADA
- DENMARK*
- SPAIN
- UNITED STATES OF AMERICA*
- FINLAND
- FRANCE*
- HOLLAND (NETHERLANDS)
- HUNGARY
- ISRAEL
- ITALY
- JAPAN
- LIECHTENSTEIN
- LUXEMBURG
- NORWAY*
- PANAMA
- PARAGUAY
- POLAND
- PORTUGAL
- PUERTO RICO
- GREAT BRITAIN** AND
NORTHERN IRELAND OF THE
UNITED KINGDOM
- CZECH REPUBLIC
- REPUBLIC OF SOUTH KOREA
- HELLENIC REPUBLIC (GREECE)
- ROMANIA
- SWEDEN
- SWITZERLAND
- TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
- URUGUAY

* Its dependents receive the same consideration.

** Includes England, Wales and Scotland.

1 According to disposition of article 67 (new enumeration) of the Reformed General Direction of Immigration and Alien Status Law through Decree No. 30300-G, published in the Gazette No.88, May 9th, 2002.

GROUP II: WITHOUT CONSULAR VISA AND 30-CALENDAR DAY STAY

Entry is authorized for citizens of the following countries, without consular visa and with a 30-calendar day stay:

- ANTIGUA & BARBUDA
- AUSTRALIA*
- BAHAMAS
- BARBADOS
- BELIZE
- BOLIVIA
- BULGARIA
- CHILE
- DOMINICA
- EL SALVADOR
- SLOVAKIA
- ESTONIA
- RUSSIAN FEDERATION
- PHILIPPINES
- GRENADA
- GUATEMALA
- GUYANA
- HONDURAS
- IRELAND
- ICELAND
- JAMAICA
- KENYA
- MEXICO
- NEW ZEALAND*
- MONACO
- SAINT KITTS & NEVIS
- SAINT MARINO
- SAINT VICENTE & GRANADA
- SANTA LUCIA
- VATICAN HOLY SEE
- SINGAPORE
- SOUTH AFRICA
- SURINAM
- TAIWAN
- TURKEY
- VENEZUELA

GROUP III: WITH CONSULAR VISA AND 30 NATURAL DAY STAY

Entry is authorized for citizens of the following countries with consular visa and with a 30-calendar day stay:

- ANDORRA
- BELARUS
- CYPRUS
- COLOMBIA
- ECUADOR
- EGYPT
- SLOVENIA
- LITHUANIA
- MALAYSIA
- MALTA
- NICARAGUA
- PERU
- DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
- THAILAND
- ZIMBABWE

GROUP IV-

Entry for citizens of the following countries is with limited visa and must be consulted with the General Direction of Immigration and Alien Status:

- AFGHANISTAN
- ALBANIA
- ANGOLA
- SAUDI ARABIA
- ALGERIA
- ARMENIA
- AZERBAIJAN
- BAHRAIN
- BANGLADESH
- BENIN
- BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA
- BOTSWANA
- BRUNEI-DARUSSALAM
- BURKINA FASO (ALTO VOLTA)
- BURUNDI
- BHUTAN
- CAPE VERDE
- CAMBODIA
- CAMEROON
- CHAD
- COMOROS
- COTE D'IVOIRE
- CROATIA
- CUBA
- UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
- ERITREA
- ETHIOPIA
- FIJI
- GABON
- GAMBIA
- GEORGIA
- GHANA
- GUINEA
- GUINEA BISSAU
- EQUATORIAL GUINEA
- HAITI
- INDIA
- INDONESIA
- IRAN
- IRAQ
- NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
- MARSHALL ISLANDS
- SALOMON ISLANDS
- LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA
- JORDAN
- KAZAKHSTAN
- KIRIBATI
- KYRGYZ REPUBLIC
- KUWAIT
- LESOTHO
- LATVIA
- LEBANON
- LIBERIA
- MACAO
- MADAGASCAR
- MALAWI
- MALDIVES
- MALI
- MOROCCO
- MAURITIUS
- MAURITANIA

- FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA
- MOLDAVIA
- MONGOLIA
- MOZAMBIQUE
- MYANMAR (BURMA)
- NAMIBIA
- NAURU
- NEPAL
- NIGER
- NIGERIA
- OMAN
- PAKISTAN
- PALAU
- PALESTINE
- PAPUA NEW GUINEA
- QATAR
- TONGA KINGDOM
- SAHARAWI ARAB DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (WESTERN SAHARA)
- SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC
- CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC
- REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA
- REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO
- DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO (FORMERLY ZAIRE)
- LAOS
- PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (CONTINENTAL CHINA)
- POPULAR DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF NORTHERN KOREA
- RWANDA
- SAMOA
- SAO TOME & PRINCIPE
- SENEGAL
- SERBIA & MONTENEGRO (YUGOSLAVIA)
- SEYCHELLES
- SIERRA LEONA
- SOMALIA
- SRI LANKA
- SUDAN
- SWAZILAND
- TANZANIA
- TAJIKISTAN
- EAST TIMOR
- TOGO
- TUNISIA
- TURKMENISTAN
- TUVALU
- UKRAINE
- UGANDA
- UZBEKISTAN
- VANUATU
- VIET NAM
- YEMEN
- YIBUTI
- ZAMBIA

NOTE: Those citizens from Group IV that have permanent residence status from any country in Group I will only require a CONSULAR VISA to enter Costa Rica, except citizens from Iran, Iraq, Palestine, Jordan, Libya, Lebanon, Syria, Popular Republic of China, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Sudan and Algeria who DO NEED AUTHORIZED VISAS from this Direction of Immigration, even though they are residents of any country from Group I.

V. THOSE CITIZEN WHO ARE NOT MENTIONED IN THE ABOVEMENTIONED FOUR GROUPS, SHALL BE INCLUDED IN GROUP IV.

TERRITORIES

British, French, Dutch, Danish, Norwegian, New Zealander or USA territories, shall receive the same treatment, if holding passports from dependant Country.

BRITAIN

- ANGUILLA
- ASCENSION
- BERMUDAS
- GIBRALTAR
- CAIMAN ISLANDS
- GUERNSEY & JERSEY CANAL ISLANDS
- ISLE OF MAN
- FALKLAND ISLANDS
- PITCAIRN ISLANDS
- TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS
- BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS
- MONTSERRAT
- SAINT HELENA
- BRITISH INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORIES

FRANCE

- GUADELOUPE
- FRENCH GUYANA
- MARTINIQUE
- MAYOTTE
- NEW CALEDONIA
- FRENCH POLYNESIA
- REUNION
- SAINT PIERRE & MIQUELON
- FRENCH SOUTHERN AND ANTARCTIC LANDS
- WALLIS Y FUTUNA

NETHERLANDS (HOLLAND)

DUTCH

- DUTCH ANTILLES
- GREENLAND
- ARUBA
- FAROE ISLANDS
- CURACAO

AUSTRALIA

USA

- COCOS (KEELING) ISLAND
- GUAM
- CHRISTMAS ISLAND
- US REMOTE LESSER ISLANDS
- HEARD & MCDONALD ISLAND
- US VIRGIN ISLAND
- NORFOLK ISLANDS
- US SAMOA

NEO ZEALAND

NORWAY

- BOUVET ISLANDS
- COOK ISLANDS
- NIUE
- SVALBARD & JAN MAYEN
- TOLKELAU

POPULAR REPUBLIC OF CHINA

- HONG KONG
- CITIZENS OF HONG KONG

* Hong Kong identification certificate and citizens identifications holders from Hong Kong REQUIRE AUTHORIZED VISA to enter Costa Rica issued by the General Direction of Immigration and Alien Status.

* British nationals overseas passport holders or special Hong Kong administrative regional passport holders DO NOT REQUIRE VISA to enter the country with a 90-calendar day stay.