

Ministry of External Affairs
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PRESS NOTE

**Extension of e-Tourist Visa scheme to 36 more countries and
7 more airports from 15th August 2015**

The Government of India launched the e-Tourist Visa Scheme on 27th November 2014. The scheme, available at 9 airports (New Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Goa, Thiruvananthapuram and Kochi), has since been extended to 77 countries/territories.

With effect from 15th August 2015, the scheme is being extended to the following 36 more countries/territories, taking the total to 113 (One Hundred and Thirteen):

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| 1. Andorra | 2. Argentina | 3. Armenia |
| 4. Aruba | 5. Belgium | 6. Bolivia |
| 7. Colombia | 8. Cuba | 9. East Timor |
| 10. Guatemala | 11. Hungary | 12. Ireland |
| 13. Jamaica | 14. Malta | 15. Malaysia |
| 16. Mongolia | 17. Monaco | 18. Mozambique |
| 19. Netherlands | 20. Panama | 21. Peru |
| 22. Poland | 23. Portugal | 24. Seychelles |
| 25. Slovenia | 26. Spain | 27. St Lucia |
| 28. St Vincent & the Grenadines | 29. Suriname | 30. Sweden |
| 31. Taiwan | 32. Tanzania | 33. Turks & Caicos Islands |
| 34. United Kingdom | 35. Uruguay | 36. Venezuela |

Further, with effect from 15th August 2015, visitors holding e-Tourist Visas will also be able to arrive at 7 more Indian airports, as listed below, taking the total number of airports designated for this purpose to 16 (Sixteen):

1. Ahmedabad
2. Amritsar
3. Gaya
4. Jaipur
5. Lucknow
6. Tiruchirappalli
7. Varanasi

Since the launch of the e-Tourist Visa Scheme on 27th November 2014, more than 200,000 such visas have been issued. It is expected that the addition of more countries/territories and designated airports to the Scheme will give a further boost to tourist arrivals into India.

Further details in this regard are available at the e-Tourist Visa website:
<https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/tvoa.html>
