

# **GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR ENTRY AND STAY VISAS FOR NON-RESIDENTS AND STAY FOR NON-RESIDENTS**

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### **III. THIRD GROUP:**

- ENTRY GROUP WITH CONSULAR VISA
- VISA VALIDITY: SINGLE INCOME.
- PERIOD TO STAMP THE VISA ON THE PASSPORT: THREE MONTHS ONE AUTHORIZED TIME.
- DEADLINE TO ENTER COSTA RICA: ONCE STAMPED ON THE PASSPORT, THE VISA MUST BE USED WITHIN A MAXIMUM PERIOD OF SIXTY DAYS.
- MINIMUM PASSPORT VALIDITY: 180 CALENDAR DAYS.
- MAXIMUM PERMANENCE: UP TO 30 CALENDAR DAYS, EXTENDABLE UNTIL NINETY CALENDAR DAYS.

ALBANIA

ANGOLA

SAUDI ARABIA

ALGERIA

ARMENIA

BAHRAIN

BENIN

BELARUS

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

BOTSUANA

BURKINA FASO

AGAIN

BUTANE

CAPE VERDE

CAMBODIA

CAMEROON

COLOMBIA\*

CÔTE D'IVOIRE

COMORAS

CHAD

ECUADOR

EGYPT

ESWATINI

GABON

GAMBIA

GEORGIA

GHANA

GUINEA

GUINEA-BISSAU

EQUATORIAL GUINEA  
HONDURAS  
INDIA  
INDONESIA  
JORDAN  
KENYA  
KOSOVO  
KUWAIT  
LESOTHO  
LIBERIA  
LIBYA  
LEBANON  
MADAGASCAR  
MALAUIA  
THEY HAD  
MOROCCO  
MOLDOVA  
MONGOLIA  
MOZAMBIQUE  
NAMIBIA  
NEPAL  
NICARAGUA\*  
NIGER  
NIGERIA  
OMAN  
PAPUA NEW GUINEA  
SAHARAHUI ARAB DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (WESTERN SAHARA)  
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC  
REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDON  
REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO  
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO  
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA\*  
LAOS PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC  
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC  
RWANDA  
SENEGAL  
SIERRA LEONA  
SUDAN (NORTH SUDAN)  
SOUTH SUDAN  
THAILAND  
TANZANIA  
TIMOR ORIENTAL  
TOGO  
TUNISIA  
UGANDA  
VENEZUELA\*  
VIETNAM  
YEMEN

YIBUTI  
ZAMBIA  
ZIMBABWE

\*See section on specific regulations for China, Colombia, Nicaragua, and Venezuela.

**IV.FOURTH GROUP:**

- ENTRY GROUP WITH RESTRICTED VISA
- VISA VALIDITY: SINGLE INCOME.
- PERIOD TO STAMP THE VISA ON THE PASSPORT: THREE MONTHS ONE AUTHORIZED TIME.
- DEADLINE TO ENTER COSTA RICA: ONCE STAMPED ON THE PASSPORT, THE VISA MUST BE USED WITHIN A MAXIMUM PERIOD OF SIXTY DAYS.
- MANDATORY PASSPORT VALIDITY: 180 CALENDAR DAYS.
- MAXIMUM PERMANENCE: UP TO 30 CALENDAR DAYS, EXTENDABLE UNTIL NINETY CALENDAR DAYS.

AFGHANISTAN  
AZERBAIJAN  
BANGLADESH  
CUBA  
ERITREA  
ETHIOPIA  
HAITI  
KAZAKHSTAN  
KYRGYZSTAN  
IRAN  
IRAQ  
JAMAICA  
MAURITANIA  
MYANMAR  
PAKISTAN  
PALESTINE  
SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC  
DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA  
SOMALIA  
SRI LANKA  
TAJIKISTAN  
TURKMENISTAN  
UZBEKISTAN

**SPECIFIC REGULATIONS SALVADOR, RUSSIA, NICARAGUA, CHINA AND ADMINISTRATIVE REGIONS, COLOMBIA AND VENEZUELA.**

**I. REPUBLIC OF EL SALVADOR**

According to reciprocal Administrative Agreement between the General Directorate of Migration and Immigration Office of the Republic of El Salvador and the General Directorate of Migration and Immigration of the Republic of Costa Rica, signed in San José on April 23,

2008, El Salvador nationals are allowed to enter with their passport valid until the day of its expiration date. The period of permanence granted by the immigration control officer, will not be longer than the validity of the passport.

## **II. RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

According to the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Costa Rica and the Government of the Russian Federation on the Conditions for waiving visa formalities in mutual trips of nationals of the Republic of Costa Rica and nationals of the Russian Federation, from February 5, 2019, the permanence of nationals of the Russian Federation will be up to 90 calendar days, counted from the day of income.

## **III. REPUBLIC OF NICARAGUA.**

1. The minimum validity that the passport must have for Nicaraguan people will be of 90 calendar days.
2. The period of legal stay for Nicaraguan persons will be a maximum up to 90 calendar days.
3. Nicaraguan citizens may apply at the Costa Rican Consulates in Nicaragua and Panama, single entry transit visa or double transit visa, provided that your travel is for business or work reasons, including activities agricultural, domestic employment, construction, private security and adult care elderly, people with disabilities and minors. To apply for this transit visa, the following requirements must be submitted:
  - A. Application form for transit visa.
  - B. Proof of payment of consular fees as applicable.
  - C. Travel tickets showing the dates of entry and departure from Costa Rica; In the case of a double visa, the ticket for the second entry must contain a date within 90 days.
  - D. Letter from the employer indicating the time worked, the functions and the salary. If the employer is a legal entity, it must be attached. Also copy a document that demonstrates the legal existence of the company. The Independent workers must provide income certification from a Authorized Public Accountant.
  - E. Certification that demonstrates that the person seeking the visa in transit has no criminal record.
  - F. Passport in perfect condition with a minimum of 90 calendar days validity from the date of entry to Costa Rica.
4. Nicaraguan dependents may also opt for a transit visa of the people indicated in the previous section, who have a first-degree relationship with the person responsible for their support (spouse, parents, children up to the age of 25 years). For these purposes, this link must be accredited with a suitable document with no more than six months after it was issued, unless the document indicates expressly an expiration date.
5. Visa applications that are not contemplated in this section will be governed by the guidelines for ordinary tourist visas established in the Regulations for the Granting of Entry Visas to Costa Rica.
6. Entry to Costa Rica with a transit visa will be valid by air or land, by immigration control posts duly enabled by the General Directorate of Migration.
7. The holder of a transit visa will have a maximum period of 48 hours to transit through Costa Rica, once you have entered the country. The first entry to Costa Rica must be carried out within a period of thirty days from the date of visa issuance date. In the case of the double

transit visa, the period for making the second entry to Costa Rica is 90 days from the date of first entry.

#### **Issuance of two visas for Nicaraguan people.**

1. The issuance of two consular visas is authorized according to the procedure established in the Consulate of Costa Rica in Managua, Nicaragua for those people Nicaraguans who justify the need to enter the country twice.
2. The cost of consular visas is established by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Foreign and Worship and the cost of two visas must be paid.

#### **IV. CHINESE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE REGIONS**

1. Nationals of Hong Kong and Macau holding British passports or Portuguese that are in force, will receive the same treatment as the nationals of the first entry group, so they will not require a visa to enter the country and their stay will be up to one hundred and eighty days. Hong Kong nationals and Macau who do not carry the aforementioned travel document, will require a consular visa and the corresponding provisions of the People's Republic of China will apply to them.
2. Persons of Chinese nationality who carry a public affairs passport do not they will require a visa to enter national territory.
3. Visa applications for minors of Chinese nationality will be known and resolved exclusively by the Restricted Visa Commission. Those applications must be processed exclusively by the parents, or by someone who demonstrates reliably be the legal representative or who holds the custody, upbringing and education of the minor person. The process that will be followed for these requests will be stipulated in Chapter Six, articles 125 et seq., of the Regulations for the Granting of Entry Visas to Costa Rica, Executive Decree No. 36626-G. The exceptions for entering national territory, established in Section V, also will apply to minors of Chinese nationality.
4. Nationals of China, of legal age, passport holders issued in Beijing or Shanghai, may exceptionally enter the country under the Non-Resident category, Tourism subcategory, under the procedure established in the "Temporary Protocol for the promotion of China Tourism." The term of the duration will correspond to that of the tour purchased and will not exceed thirty days. Those who enter the country under this exception will not have the possibility change of immigration category or subcategory. Visa applications that are not contemplated in this section will be governed by the guidelines for ordinary tourist visas established in the Regulations for the Granting of Entry Visas to Costa Rica.

#### **V. REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA**

1. **Validity of the passport and legal permanence period.** The minimum validity that the of Colombian citizens must have of their passports it will be 90 calendar days and the period and the legal stay for Colombian people will be up to 90 calendar days.
2. **Multiple visas for Colombian entrepreneurs.** In accordance with the articles 46 and 58 of the General Immigration and Immigration Law, and article 70, paragraph 5 of the Executive Decree 36626-G, Regulations for the Granting of Visas, may General Directorate or the Consulate of Costa Rica in Bogotá, Colombia, receive applications and grant single-entry visas as temporary residents and their dependents or special categories, as well as multiple

tourist and business visas for people foreigners of Colombian nationality who are requested by established companies in the country. registered with the General Directorate of Migration and Immigration. The requirements and procedures for authorization will be the same as stipulated in the article 150 et seq. of the Regulations for the Granting of Visas. These visas They must be stamped at the Visa Unit or at the Costa Rican Consulate in Bogotá, Colombia according to the capacity of both instances, the costs being the stipulated in the General Law of Migration and Immigration. The multiple visa for Colombian businessmen may be granted for a period of up to 5 years. The procedure for submitting requirements will be digital according to guidelines that will be issued for said procedure.

3. Multiple tourism visas for Colombian people. In accordance with the article 58 of the General Law of Migration and Immigration, the General Directorate of Immigration and Immigration establishes the reception of applications and granting of visas multiple entry points for foreigners of Colombian nationality, provided that within the country do not earn the payment of salaries or fees, and do not require them to carry out their activities or reside in national territory. To apply for the multiple visa, interested parties must provide the requirements established in article 171 of the Regulations for the Granting of Visas. These visas must be stamped at the Visa Unit or at the Costa Rican Consulate in Bogotá, Colombia, according to the capacity of both instances, the costs being those stipulated in the General Law of Migration and Immigration. The multiple visa for tourism may be granted for a period of up to 1 year. The procedure for submitting requirements will be digital according to the guidelines provided.

## **VI. BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA**

Venezuelan nationals must apply for a consular visa for tourism reasons before a third consulate of Costa Rica accredited abroad according to the requirements established in the Regulations for the Granting of Entry Visas to Costa Rica, Executive Decree 36626-G and the provisions of this guideline.

Visas for family reunification or those requested by companies and institutions registered with the General Directorate of Migration and Immigration, will continue the ordinary process and may make requests to the Visa Unit of the General Directorate of Migration and Immigration, in accordance with current regulations. For stamping the consular or exceptional visa in the person's passport Venezuelan must have a minimum validity of three months.

For the purposes of applications for consular or exceptional visas, a copy of the front page of the current passport without apostilling, because this document will be verified by the immigration officer when carrying out the respective immigration control when you enter Costa Rica (Article 30 of the Immigration Control Regulations).

Documents of economic solvency and roots of the person requiring the visa, as established in article 217 of the Regulations for the Granting of Visas of Entry to Costa Rica, may be provided without apostilling, as long as it has been duly issued by competent Venezuelan authority (Duly signed and sealed).

For the purposes of applications for consular or exceptional visas, the following will be accepted: birth and marriage certificates issued by official authority Venezuelan but that lack the formality of the apostille, provided that demonstrate due verification by the Venezuelan Embassy accredited in Costa Rica, according to official information from that country.

Furthermore, these certificates may be valid indefinitely, but the guarantee made by that Embassy will have a validity of six months.

In the event that this period expires, the Venezuelan Embassy may verify again the data, in order to verify that there has not been a variation in the affiliation or status civil of the interested person, and provide a new guarantee.

When the standard requires a certificate from the Civil Registry to demonstrate the link, the applicant must indicate the full name and phone number, identity card of the Costa Rican person with whom you have the link, as well as the existing affiliation, since this General Directorate will be able to verify the link to through the electronic services of the Civil Registry, without prejudice to the request of the original certification, if necessary.

For the purposes of visa applications, the following provisions will be applicable in all respects: scope of exceptional measures related to passports, criminal records and birth certificates of Venezuelan people published in resolution AJ- 117-10-2019-JM at 2:55 p.m. on October 7, 2019, published in the Gazette No. 199 of October 21, 2019 and resolution AJ-060-04-2019-JM of 14 hours 55 minutes of April 29, 2019, published in La Gaceta No. 109 of June 12 019. Apostilled birth certificates will be valid indefinitely.

For the purposes of immigration control for both entry and exit to Costa Rica, will accept the passport and/or the extension stated in the passport, whether stamped or adhered to it, by means of adhesive and that complies with the regulations issued through the ICAO, up to one day of validity, or the automatic extension regulated in resolution AJ-117-10-2019-JM of 2 p.m. 55 minutes of October 7, 2019, published in Gazette No. 199 of October 21, 2019.