**COSTA RICA GUIDELINES OF VISAS**

The following document provides the list of requirements to obtain visa in Costa Rica, according to the same there are 4 groups of countries, namely:

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| **Group** | **Requirements** |
| **Group 1** | **Group 1.Do not require visa.**  |
| **Group 2** | **Group 1.Do not require visa less than 60 days** |
| **Group 3** | **Group 3.The citizens from those countries require consular visa or** |
| **USA , Canada , South Korea , Japan , countries in the European Union and / or Schengen visa stamped on their passport, or** |
| **Visa upon arrival prior procedure 15 to 30 days** |
| **Group 4** | **Entry restricted and consulted with the Director General of Immigration, who shall submit to the Commission Restricted Visas, with a stay of up to 30 calendar days visa or** |
| **USA , Canada , South Korea , Japan , countries in the European Union and / or Schengen visa stamped on their passport, or** |
| **Visa upon arrival previous procedure 45 to 60 days** |

**Group 1.Do not require visa.**

 **Group 2.Visa required for stays of more than thirty days.**

 **Group 3.The citizens from those countries require consular visa.**

 **Group 4 restricted Visa. The citizens from those countries require consular visa and approval of the Directorate of Immigration.**

**For all those participants in the International Forum on Payments for Environmental Services of Tropical Forests from countries included in Group 3 and 4, please fill out the Visa Requirement Form, in order to give an arrival visa. Also, participants from those countries please take note of the exceptions listed in this document.**

**GENERAL GUIDELINES OF VISAS**

**FOR NON-RESIDENTS**

**LEGAL BASIS (MIGRATION AND IMMIGRATION LAW, LAW No. 8764 )**

Article 47. - The Migration General Direction shall establish general guidelines for entry and stay visas to non-residents for foreigners from certain countries or geographical areas, based on existing agreements and international treaties and security reasons, convenience or opportunity for the Costa Rican government.

Article 51. - Foreign persons seeking access under the immigration status of non-residents, except as determined by the general guidelines for entry and stay visas for non-residents require a visa for entry. The length of stay will be authorized by the official of the Directorate General admission of the alien into the country based on the guidelines established by the Directorate General. Prior to granting the visa, migration agents must obtain outside of the Directorate General, the respective entry clearance, where applicable, in accordance with the general guidelines for entry and stay visas for non-residents

**FIRST GROUP**

The entry of nationals of the following countries without visa and with a maximum stay of up to 90 calendar days is permitted.

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| ANDORRA | LUXEMBOURG |
| ARGENTINA | MALTA |
| AUSTRALIA \* | MEXICO |
| AUSTRIA  | MONTENEGRO |
| BAHAMAS | NETHERLANDS (HOLLAND) \* |
| BARBADOS | NEW ZEALAND \*  |
| BELGIUM  | NORTHERN IRELAND \*\*  |
| BRAZIL  | NORWAY \*  |
| BULGARIA | PANAMA |
| CANADA | PARAGUAY |
| CHILE | POLAND  |
| CROATIA | PORTUGAL  |
| CYPRUS  | PRINCIPALITY OF MONACO  |
| CZECH REPUBLIC | PUERTO RICO |
| DENMARK \*  | REPUBLIC OF SOUTH KOREA  |
| ESTONIA  | ROMANIA  |
| FINLAND  | SAN MARINO  |
| FRANCE \*  | SERBIA  |
| GERMANY | SINGAPORE  |
| HELLENIC REPUBLIC (GREECE)  | SLOVAKIA |
| HUNGARY | SLOVENIA  |
| ICELAND  | SOUTH AFRICA  |
| IRELAND | SPAIN  |
| ISRAEL  | SWEDEN  |
| ITALY  | SWITZERLAND  |
| JAPAN  | TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO  |
| LATVIA  | UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN \*\*  |
| LIECHTENSTEIN  | UNITED STATES OF AMERICA\* |
| LITHUANIA | URUGUAY  |
|  | VATICAN CITY STATE |

\* Their dependencies receive the same treatment

\*\* Includes England, Wales and Scotland

**SECOND GROUP**
Entering the country is authorized without visa with a maximum stay of up to 30 calendar days to nationals of the following countries

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| ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA | NAURU |
| BELIZE | NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS |
| BOLIVIA  | PALAU |
| DOMINICA  | PHILIPPINES  |
| EL SALVADOR  | SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS |
| FIJI | SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES |
| GRANADA  | SAMOA |
| GUATEMALA  | SANTA LUCIA |
| GUYANA  | SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE  |
| HONDURAS  | SEYCHELLES |
| KINGDOM OF TONGA | SOLOMON ISLANDS  |
| KIRIBATI | SURINAM  |
| MALDIVES | TURKEY |
| MARSHALL ISLANDS  | TUVALU |
| MAURITIUS | VANUATU |
| MICRONESIA (FEDERATED STATES OF) | VENEZUELA  |

**THIRD GROUP**

Require Visa Consular and maximum stay of up to 30 calendar days.

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| ALBANIA | LIBERIA  |
| ALGERIA  | LIBYA  |
| ANGOLA  | Madagascar |
| ARMENIA  | MALAWI |
| AZERBAIJAN  | MALAYSIA |
| BAHRAIN  | MALI |
| BELARUS  | MAURITANIA |
| BENIN  | MOLDOVA |
| BHUTAN | MONGOLIA |
| BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA  | MOROCCO |
| BOTSWANA  | MOZAMBIQUE |
| BRUNEI – Darussalam | NAMIBIA |
| BURKINA FASO ( UPPER VOLTA ) | NEPAL |
| BURUNDI  | NICARAGUA |
| CAMBODIA  | NIGER |
| CAMEROON  | NIGERIA |
| CAPE VERDE  | OMAN |
| CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC | PAKISTAN  |
| CHAD  | PAPUA NEW GUINEA |
| COLOMBIA  | PERU |
| COMOROS  | QATAR |
| DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO (FORMER ZAIRE ) | REPUBLIC OF CONGO |
| DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF LAOS | REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA |
| DJIBOUTI | RUSSIAN FEDERATION  |
| DOMINICAN REPUBLIC  | RWANDA |
| EAST TIMOR  | SAHRAWI ARAB DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (SADR) |
| ECUADOR | SAUDI ARABIA  |
| EGYPT | SENEGAL |
| GABON  | SIERRA LEONE |
| GAMBIA  | SUDAN |
| GEORGIA  | SWAZILAND  |
| GHANA | TAIWAN ( REGION) |
| GUINEA  | TAJIKISTAN |
| GUINEA BISSAU  | THAILAND |
| INDIA  | TOGO |
| INDONESIA | TUNISIA |
| IVORY COAST  | TURKMENISTAN |
| JORDAN  | UGANDA |
| KAZAKHSTAN  | UKRAINE |
| KENYA  | [UNITED ARAB EMIRATES](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Arab_Emirates) |
| KYRGYZSTAN. | UZBEKISTAN |
| KOSOVO  | VIETNAM |
| KUWAIT  | ZAMBIA |
| LEBANON  | [ZIMBABWE](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zimbabwe) |
| LESOTHO  |  |

Note: Nationals of the countries in the third group must request the consular visa in their country of origin, with the following exceptions:

1. Nationals of the countries in the third group that have an entry visa **(tourist visa , crew visa or business visa ) to USA , Canada , South Korea , Japan , countries in the European Union and / or Schengen visa stamped on their passport**, valid for at least three months, could without consular visa to enter Costa Rica , and shall enjoy the same conditions of entry of nationals of the countries in the first group. The period of validity of passport and residence according to the group in which the country of nationality are.

b) Nationals of the countries in the third group of legal permanency (residence, work permit, study permit, shelter) for a period not less than six months, the first group of countries that are not in the assumptions of the preceding paragraph may request consular visa in the country of legal residence, provided they present before the respective Costa Rican consul, the identity document attesting that permanency. The Costa Rican consuls should check with the immigration authorities of the country of residence, the authenticity of that condition.

c ) Nationals of the countries in the third group, with a minimum legal residence (residence, work permit, study permit , shelter ) six months in the United States, Canada and the countries of the European Union may without consular visa to enter Costa Rica , with the same conditions applicable to nationals of the countries in the first group. Nationals who do not have the legal six-month stay required, may opt for a consular visa in the respective country. The period of validity of passport and residence according to the group in which the country of nationality are.

d ) Nationals of the countries in the third group that are on permanent resident for a period not less than six months in Guatemala , Honduras , Nicaragua or El Salvador , may request consular visa in the country of permanent residence, provided that present before the respective Costa Rican consul , the identity card certifying that legal permanence . The Costa Rican consuls should check with the immigration authorities of the country of residence, the authenticity of permanent residence.

 For other foreign nationals of a third country group requesting an entry visa before a Costa Rican consulate other than their country of origin or residence and does not fall within the exceptions indicated above, the consular officer shall forward the request the office of the Director General of Immigration via fax, for evaluation. Such request shall be resolved in accordance with the facts and applicable law. The Directorate General of Immigration may deny such requests as it deems appropriate. In any case, it must be reasonable evidence that the alien does not try to stay in the country, as this would distort the immigration status of Non-Resident.

**FOURTH GROUP**

Entry restricted and consulted with the Director General of Immigration, who shall submit to the Commission Restricted Visas, with a stay of up to 30 calendar days visa:

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| AFGHANISTAN | IRAQ  |
| BANGLADESH | JAMAICA |
| CUBA  | MYANMAR ( BURMA ) |
| [DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA](https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=3&cad=rja&ved=0CEkQFjAC&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.korea-dpr.com%2F&ei=YWjpUte5JIfgsATis4FY&usg=AFQjCNExlsHedOXyycO03JsvPfh0p1k3_A&sig2=80vjiMQTKjJkIFAxq1WK_A&bvm=bv.60157871,d.cWc) | PALESTINE |
| ERITREA  | SOMALIA |
| HAITI | SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC |
| IRAN |  |

NOTES:

a) Nationals of the countries located in the fourth group that have an entry visa **(tourist visa , crew visa or business visa ) to USA , Canada, Japan , South Korea , Schengen visa or EU countries European** stamped on your passport, valid for at least three months, may dispense restricted to enter Costa Rica visa, and apply the same conditions applicable to nationals of the countries in the second group. The period of validity of passport and residence according to the group in which the country of nationality are. Nationals of countries that meet this provision would be exempt from the deposit, to have the same conditions as nationals of the second group.

b ) Nationals of the countries located in the fourth group of legal permanency (residence, work permit, study permit , shelter ) for a period not less than six months in the countries of the first group may request consular visa in the country of legal residence , provided they present before the respective Costa Rican consul, the identity document that certifies that condition. The Costa Rican consuls should check with the immigration authorities of the country of residence, the authenticity of legal residence.

c ) Nationals of the countries located in the fourth group who hold legal residence (residence, work permit, study permit , shelter ) for a period not less than six months in countries belonging to the European Union, the USA or Canada, may dispense with restricted visa to enter Costa Rica and be subject to the same conditions of entry of nationals of the countries in the second group. Nationals who do not have the legal six-month stay required , may opt for a consular visa in the respective country . The period of validity of passport and residence according to the group in which the country of nationality are.

d ) Nationals of Hong Kong of British passports for overseas citizens (British National Overseas / BN) that are in force , receive the same treatment as nationals of the first group of these rules, so do not require visa to enter the country and will stay for up to thirty days. Hong Kong nationals who do not carry that travel document, will require restricted visa and will apply the relevant provisions of the PRC.

e) In the case of businessmen and investment in the PRC, which made ​​its passage from the Consulate of Costa Rica in China, duly certified by a letter of support issued by the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (China Council for the Promotion of International Trade , CCPIT ) or PROCOMER Trade Office in China, entry requirements will be identified for foreign people in the third group , income through consular visa. The Trade Office in China PROCOMER only granted this document in cases where people who need to visit Costa Rica, will engage in an activity related to the promotion of exports and investments in national soil, organized by PROCOMER activity. It is understood that the letters issued by the bodies referred to in this subsection, shall have the minimum requirements for this purpose has the Consulate of Costa Rica in China.

f ) Nationals of the People's Republic of China who are holders of diplomatic or service passports valid Government of the PRC are exempted from visa requirements for both the entry, stay , exit and transit within the territory for a period not exceeding thirty days after its entry . A passport carriers service the PRC public affairs may enter with consular visa , under the provisions of the Third Group and in accordance with the procedure laid between DGME and the Consulate of Costa Rica in Beijing.

TRANSIENT I

Nationals of countries not included in the above four groups are included in the fourth group .

TRANSIENT II

The DG- 3309-2009 Circular is repealed from the publication of the new guidelines in the Official Gazette.

TRANSIENT III

British dependencies, French, Dutch, Danish, Norwegian, New Zealand and Americans receive equal treatment while carry passport country of which they are dependent.

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| **BRITISH** |  |
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| ANGUILA | FALKLAND ISLANDS |
| ASCENSION |  PITCAIRN ISLANDS |
| TURKS AND CAICOS  | BERMUDA |
| GIBRALTAR  | BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS |
| CAYMAN ISLANDS | MONTSERRAT |
| CHANNEL ISLANDS  | SAINT HELENA |
|  ISLE OF MAN  |  BRITISH INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORY  |
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| **FRENCH REPUBLIC**  |  |
| GUADALUPE | REUNIÓN |
| FRENCH GUIANA | SAINT-PIERRE-ET-MIQUELO  |
| MARTINIQUE | SAINT-MARTIN |
| MAYOTTE  | TERRES AUSTRALES ET ANTARCTIQUES FRANÇAISES TAAF |
| NEW CALEDONIA  | COLLECTIVITÉ DE WALLIS ET FUTUNA |
| FRENCH POLYNESIA |  |
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| **NETHERLANDS (HOLLAND )** |  |
| BONAIRE  | NETHERLAND ANTILLES |
| ARUBA  | CURACAO |
| **DANISH** |  |
| GREENLAND |  |
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| **AUSTRALIAN** |  |
| COCOS ISLANDS  | HEARD ISLAND AND MCDONALD ISLAND |
| NORFOLK ISLAND  | CHRISTMAS ISLAND |
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| **AMERICANS** |  |
| U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS | GUAM |
| MINOR OUTLYING ISLANDS UNITED STATES AMERICAN |  |
| SAMOA |  |
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| **NEO ZEELAND** |  |
| COOK ISLANDS  |  |
| NIUE |  |
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| **NORWEGIAN** |  |
| BOUVET ISLAND  | SVALBARD AND JAN MAYEN |

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