

Required visas for visiting Panama

In the following, a description of the different types of visas required for visitors by migration authorities of the Republic of Panama will be provided. The type of visa depends on the person's country of origin. Please see the annex with a list of countries of origin and the type of visa required for each. It is still recommended to consult with the chosen airlines, migration authorities of your country of origin or the Panamanian Embassy or Consulate in your country of origin.

Types of Visa

Authorized Visa (PV-1):

This visa is required for citizens of countries which for reasons of migration policy need to ask for prior authorization from the National Directorate for Migration in order to be able to enter the country. This authorization has to be obtained in your respective country of origin (at the Panamanian Consulate in your country). You must meet all requirements demanded by the Migration Authorities. If the visa is approved, the Panamanian Consulate will grant a visa stamp so that the person is able to travel to Panama. The foreigner needs to specify whether it he/she is applying for a tourist visa (specify the duration you wish to stay) or an immigration visa; the Migration Authorities decide whether the visa will be granted or not and determine the duration of stay granted in Panama.

Visa Stamp (EV-2):

This visa does not require prior authorization from the Directorate of Migration. However, it must be requested from the Panamanian Consulate in the country of residence. It is always a tourist visa. The Consul determines the duration of stay granted to the foreigner and stamps the visa into the passport. Only then may the person enter Panama.

Tourist Card (TT-3):

Countries that may enter Panama with a tourist card do not need any visa. If you are a citizen of this category of countries all you need to do is purchase a tourist card for US\$5.00, complete the required information and show it together with your passport when entering Panama. Herein lies the importance of migration classification made by the Ministry Foreign Affairs. If the person belongs to a country that may enter Panama with a visa or tourist card it means the foreigner has two options: he/she can either apply for a visa at the Panamanian Consulate and arrive to Panama with a visa stamp already in his/her passport, or purchase the tourist card during the flight (from the airline) or upon arrival. If the person belongs to a country which is classified as visa stamp he/she has no choice but to apply for the visa at the Panamanian Consulate prior to entering Panama. If the person belongs to a country that is classified as authorized visa he/she needs prior authorization from the National Directorate of Panama. In any case, you will need to meet further entry requirements (financial liquidity, valid passport for at least six months and return ticket to your country).

Visa Abolition Agreement (ASV-4):

The countries listed in this category have signed agreements with Panama under which they are mutually exempt from any visa requirements to enter the other country.

Visa Exemption (EV-5):

No visa is required for nationals of countries that appear in this category due to a unilateral decision adopted by the Panamanian Government.

Types of visa required per country

Nationality / Country of Birth	VA-1	VE-2	TT-3	ASV-4	EV-5
Anguilla		X (*)	X		
Antigua and Barbuda		X (**)	X		
Netherlands Antilles		X (*)	X		
Argentina				X	
Bahamas		X (**)	X		
Barbados		X (**)	X		
Belize		X (**)	X		
Bolivia				X	
Brazil				X	
Canada		X (**)	X		
Chile				X	
Colombia		X (**)	X		
Costa Rica				X	
Cuba	X				
Dominica		X (**)	X		
Ecuador		X			
El Salvador				X	
United States of America		X (*)	X		
Grenada		X (**)	X		
Guatemala				X	
Guyana		X (**)	X		
Haiti	X				
Honduras				X	
Cayman Islands		X (*)	X		
U.S. Virgin Islands		X (*)	X		
Jamaica		X (**)	X		
Martinique		X (**)	X		
Mexico		X (**)	X		
Montserrat		X (**)	X		
Nicaragua				X	
Paraguay				X	
Peru		X			
Puerto Rico		X (*)	X		
Dominican Republic		X			
St. Cristobal		X (*)	X		
St. Lucia		X (*)	X		
St. Kitts and Nevis		X (*)	X		
St. Vincent and the Grenadines		X (*)	X		
Suriname	X				
Trinidad and Tobago		X (**)	X		
Turks and Caicos		X (**)	X		
Uruguay				X	
Venezuela		X (**)	X		

(*) If the stay exceeds 90 days

(**) If the stay exceeds 30 days

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