

## **GENERAL ADVISORY**

### **1. FOR ENTRY OF INDIAN NATIONALS INTO MEXICO - VISA RELATED INFORMATION :**

India is among the list of countries whose nationals need a Mexican visas to enter Mexico.

(based on information provided in the official websites of the National Institute of Migration (INM):

<https://www.inm.gob.mx/gobmx/word/index.php/paises-requieren-visa-para-mexico/> and the

Ministry of Foreign Affairs (SRE), Government of Mexico:

<https://www.gob.mx/sre/acciones-y-programas/visas-para-extranjeros-8036>

Further details may be accessed through the website of the Embassy of Mexico based in New Delhi:

<https://embamex.sre.gob.mx/india/index.php/consulares/visas>

#### **Appointment for visa at Embassy of Mexico in Delhi**

If you are not Mexican, you need to have a tourists/business visitor visa for purposes of recreation, business or any unpaid activity in Mexico that does not exceed 180 days

- Granting/ denial of visa remains the sovereign right of the Embassy of Mexico as per the policies of the Government of Mexico
- From March 1st 2022: All Appointments for visas must be booked only through this new website: <https://citas.sre.gob.mx>
- However, the slots for booking the appointment at the Embassy of Mexico are very limited; therefore, the delegates, councils, business persons and general applicants are requested to plan their appointments and travel plans well in-advance to accommodate any delay in securing an appointment at the Embassy of Mexico
- Further, any specific requests made to the Embassy of India in Mexico for assistance in securing an appointment on their behalf at the Embassy of Mexico in India may not be accommodated

In addition, all foreigners entering Mexico must fill FMM form which is available at the Mexican Embassy in New Delhi or at the first point of entry in Mexico and present the form to the immigration authorities at the Airport/or entry point. Please ensure that FMM form is stamped and authorized by the immigration authority. The maximum period validity of FMM form is six months as tourist and business visit or, and 30 days as visitor in transit, and if you wish to prolong your stay beyond that granted & mentioned in the FMM form, before its expiry, you must request its extension before the migratory authorities. Including extensions, the FMM maximum period validity is six months as tourist and business visitor, and 30 days as visitor in transit

## 2. A FOREIGNER WHO PRESENTS ANY OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS WILL NOT REQUIRE MEXICAN VISA:

- Document proving **permanent residence** in Canada, the United States of America, Japan, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, or any of the Schengen Countries as well as member countries of the Pacific Alliance (Chile, Colombia and Peru).
- Valid and current visa from Canada, the United States of America, Japan, the United Kingdom of Great Britain (along with proof of Permanent Residence) and Northern Ireland or any of the countries that make up the Schengen Area.

**# SPECIAL ADVISORY FOR INDIANS TRAVELLING TO MEXICO ON UK VISAS:** Visitors traveling to Mexico on UK visas, please, note that a valid visa (any type) of the UK is **not** sufficient to guarantee the entry into Mexico. It must be accompanied by the proof of Permanent Residence of the visitor in the UK. Visitors who are not Permanent Residents of the UK are not permitted entry into the country by the Mexican immigration authorities and are often detained at the immigration facility at the Airports. Subsequently, after long hours of detention/ interrogation, they are repatriated to the originating station by the next available flight of the same airlines that they arrived to Mexico by. During this period of detention, their passports, mobile phones and other belongings are held by the Immigration authorities, thereby, denying the visitors any opportunity to contact the Indian Embassy or relatives or colleagues, and the items are returned only at the time of repatriation except for the passport which is handed over to the flight crew and returned to the passenger only after disembarking from the flight at the originating station. **In view of the above, Indian visitors to Mexico are strictly advised to not repeat NOT travel to Mexico on UK visas, unless they are permanent residents of the UK.**

- Card APEC Business Traveler (ABTC) adopted by Mexico.
- Certificate that accredits him as a member of the crew of the aircraft in which he arrives
- Sea book, if you are a member of the crew of the vessel that arrives at a Mexican port on an international voyage. If the crew member arrives by air to enroll in a ship anchored in a national port, he must present, in addition to the sea book, a document that proves his enrollment, the data of the vessel and the Mexican port in which it is located.

**Note:** This is **not applicable on temporary residence card holders** of U.S.A., Canada, Japan, United Kingdom, Schengen, Pacific Alliance (Colombia, Peru, Chile). Holders of this type of temporary residence must apply for a Mexican visa on any of its categories.

### **IMPORTANT**

If you are granted a Mexican Visa, you will be able to travel to Mexico. **But, it does not guarantee entry into Mexico.** Immigration Authorities at the Airport, have the right to grant or deny entry into Mexico. At the Airport or point of entry, Mexican Immigration authorities may ask you some questions such as:

- Why are you traveling to Mexico?
- What activities will you be engaging in?
- Where will you stay?
- Do you know anybody in Mexico?
- How long will you stay in Mexico?
- How will you cover your expenses during your stay in Mexico?
- If you are on a work visa, who or what company is hiring you? What activities will you be engaging in Mexico?
- If you are on a student visa, what programme are you enrolled and what is the name of the institution where you are enrolled?
- When will you leave the country - Details of the return flight?

Immigration authorities will verify the authenticity of all your documents you present to them and the truthfulness of information you provide to them. They will also confirm that no outright restriction/remarks exists on your passport.

**3. In the light of reported incidents of theft of personal belongings of foreigners at tourist spots in Mexico, Indian nationals visiting Mexico for any purpose - and especially for tourism - are advised to have with them a valid & suitable travel insurance and a health insurance.**