

Visitors from India will need a permit to enter into Bhutan and are required to hold an Indian passport or an Indian voter ID card. Indian nationals under the age of 18 may enter with a birth certificate or passport and must be accompanied by a legal guardian.

Indian nationals are eligible for permit on arrival, but it is recommended that a permit is obtained in advance, to reduce the processing time at the port of entry.

Visitors can apply for their permit online <https://visit.doi.gov.bt/login> or the guest who are booking through us, can contact us to process their permit.

The documents which you will need:

- A digital copy of your passport or voter ID card.
- Those under the age of 18 can use a birth certificate or passport and must be accompanied by a legal guardian.
- A recent digital passport size photograph.

It may take up to five working days to process a correctly input visa application.

The Sustainable Development Fee (SDF) is a daily levy paid by visitors to support Bhutan's development. Since the Kingdom first opened its doors in 1974, guests have played a critical role in our country's growth. The SDF is collected by the national exchequer and funds are allocated to various projects that create long-term, sustainable opportunities for the Bhutanese people, through free healthcare, education and training, upskilling the tourism and hospitality industry, improved infrastructure, environmental preservation and conservation, cultural preservation programmes and initiatives that support local businesses and economies. The SDF is also a vital means of maintaining the exceptional forest cover and carbon-neutrality for which our small nation is world-renowned and globally critical. The SDF also helps to ensure the continuity to offer guests tranquility and an intimate experience, maintained.

For guests from India (who have an Indian passport or Indian voter ID card), the SDF is 1,200 Ngultrum, or the equivalent amount in Indian Rupees, per person, per night.

Children who have not yet turned 6, are exempt from paying any SDF. Children aged between 6 and who have not yet turned 12 at the time of travel receive a 50% concessionary discount on their SDF. Children aged 12 and above pay the full SDF rate.

Day visitors to the Bhutanese towns bordering India are also exempt from paying the SDF until they reach a point designated by the Bhutanese government.

The SDF must be paid during the visa or permit application via a credit card.