

Frequently Asked Questions about travel to India

Who is eligible to travel to India?

- All Indian passport holders
- All Overseas Citizens of India (OCI Card holders)
- Holders of special/emergency visa **issued after 22nd March 2020**

A passenger first needs to register at High Commission/Consulate's website. Please note that it is a simple registration and no number will be generated after submission neither will you receive any email. Thereafter, passage can be booked directly with Air India. No further approval is required from the Consulate. You will be required to submit an Undertaking at the airport before checking in. Please download the Undertaking and carry along the duly filled in Undertaking.

Please note all long/short term visas issued prior to 22nd March 2020 continue to remain 'invalid' to travel to India due to COVID-19 pandemic, till further notice.

If you do not fall into any of the above categories, and have an extreme emergency to travel to India, please write at cons2.vancouver@mea.gov.in with full details, along with proof of emergency, for guidance to obtain emergency visa.

Where can I book my passage?

Air passage can be booked using Air India's website or mobile app by downloading the same on mobile phone on any of the Air India VBM flights operating from Toronto/Vancouver or an Air Canada flight with which restricted travel arrangement is in place. Consulate cannot comment on any other flight/s operating through a third country.

Can I book my domestic passage?

No

Where will I be quarantined?

City of your disembarkation from the international flight

I registered earlier on High Commission/Consulate's website but could not travel. Do I need to register again?

No

Why should I register again at Air India website when I have already registered with Consulate/High Commission?

It is a mandatory requirement. The auto generated number after registration will be required while booking the passage.

It is inconvenient for me to travel via Vancouver/Toronto. Can I travel via any other route like, London/Frankfurt?

Check travel restrictions of that country. Visit the website of Indian High Commission/Embassy/Consulate in that country for any lead and register yourself on their website for your travel to India. Consulate is in no position to provide any further information on this issue.

I want to travel to a third country?

Check travel restrictions/guidelines of that country. Consulate is in no position to provide any information on this issue.

Am I supposed to go for a COVID test before travelling?

It is not mandatory. For more details, check 'Guidelines of 2 August 2020 <https://cgivancouver.gov.in/pdf/RevisedguidelinesforInternationalArrivals02082020.pdf>

I have a family emergency. Can I get exemption from quarantine?

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Should I register on state government website when I have already registered with CGI Vancouver and/or Air India?

Please consult the concerned state government website.
