Embassy of India
Asmara
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Travel Advisory for Indian nationals planning to travel to Eritrea

- **Visa:** All Indian nationals traveling to Eritrea need a valid visa. E-visa is not offered by Eritrea. Though visa on arrival in Asmara is granted in specific cases, it is highly advisable to have a valid visa issued from the Embassy of the State of Eritrea in New Delhi, address and contact details of which are given below:

  103, Block C, Anand Niketan, New Delhi-110021.
  Telephone: +91-11-47543527
  Email: eriindia@yahoo.co.in

- **Documents required for applying for Eritrean visa:**
  i) Valid Passport: As per ICAO guidelines, the passport must be valid for at least six months beyond the intended stay in Eritrea with at least two blank pages.
  ii) An official letter of invitation from a sponsor or host in Eritrea, or an official covering letter from a company if traveling for business.
  iii) Signed visa application form with two recent passport-size photographs with a white background.
  iv) A covering letter stating the purpose of the visit.
  v) Proof of accommodation (hotel booking) or a sponsorship letter.
  vi) Proof of sufficient funds (e.g., bank statement for the last 6 months)
  vii) Confirmed round-trip flight itinerary

  The above list of documents is only indicative and travelers may contact the Embassy of Eritrea in New Delhi for the exact visa requirements.

- **Telephone & internet:** It may be noted that local mobile SIM cards in Eritrea are available only to Resident Visa holders after approval from local authorities. Mobile internet is not available in Eritrea. Basic internet services are available at public internet cafes in Asmara.

- **Vaccination and health precautions:** There is no ongoing epidemic in Eritrea. However, visitors are advised to get routine vaccines for flu, etc and take usual precautions against malaria, dengue fever and waterborne diseases. A valid yellow-fever vaccination certificate is required only if a traveler is arriving from or transiting through a country where risk of yellow fever infection is high. Though there has been a recent outbreak of Ebola in neighbouring countries of Eritrea such as Uganda, Democratic Republic of Congo and South Sudan, no case has so far been reported in Eritrea. Eritrean authorities are carrying out a preliminary screening at the Asmara International Airport. Travelers are advised to carry basic and essential medicines with them.

- **Law & order situation:** Eritrea and its capital Asmara are generally safe, with low incidence of crimes. However, visitors are advised to take normal and routine precautions.

- **Currency and banking:** Travelers coming to Eritrea must declare any cash, particularly above US $ 10,000 or equivalent at the customs and receive a stamped currency declaration certificate, which must be retained for presentation at the time of leaving the country. Eritrean currency ‘Nakfa’ is non-convertible outside Eritrea and is valued at 1 US $ = 15 Nakfa. US Dollars and Euros can be exchanged for Nakfas at the airport or at local banks. ATMs, debit / credit cards / traveller cheques are not available or valid in Eritrea.

- **Climate:** The Central Highlands, including the Capital Asmara have moderate climate all round the year, though altitude sickness can be a challenge.

- **Language:** Tigrinya, Arabic and English are the common languages. English is fairly well understood by most Eritreans.

- **Public transport:** Public buses are available but their frequency is limited and irregular. Taxis are available for individual and shared travel at reasonable fares.

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