

COMMUNICATION ON VISAS - INDIA (version - 30 April 2026)

Reunion Island (La Réunion in French), an overseas department and region of the French Republic, is subject to the provisions of French law governing the entry and stay of foreign nationals. Entry to the territory is subject to strict compliance with the regulatory requirements in force. The following provisions apply to Indian nationals.

1/ The rule: Indian nationals require a visa to enter the Department of Reunion Island

Indian nationals wishing to enter in Reunion and stay for more than 90 (ninety) days in a 180-day period must apply, prior to their trip, for a specific visa for this territory, unless they are covered by one of the exemption schemes listed farther below.

Applicants must:

- submit their application via the official France-Visas online service
- submit a complete application, including the duly completed CERFA form and the required supporting documents;
- appear in person before the competent French consular authority to submit the application.

It is recommended to allow sufficient time for the processing of the application and to start the necessary procedures well in advance of the planned departure date.

2/ Visa exemption (amended decree of 26 July 2011²)

2.1: Diplomatic passports

No visa is required for holders of diplomatic passports, provided that their stay does not exceed 90 days in any 180-day period.

2.2: Indian nationals whose travel and stay are arranged through an authorised agency

Indian nationals are eligible for visa exemptions for stays of up to 15 (fifteen) days, provided that their trip is organised by an approved tour operator in liaison with a duly authorised inbound tour operator in Reunion.

This exemption is subject to compliance with all the following requirements:

- Submission of the visa application to the travel agency **at least 15 (fifteen) days prior to the scheduled arrival date (a prior period of 3 (three) weeks is recommended)**
- Organisation of accommodation and issuance of travel documents by the approved tour operator
- Prior transmission of travellers' details to the Border Police (PAF) **at least one week prior to the arrival date**. The PAF has sole authority to authorise or refuse entry to the territory.

² [Decree of 26 July 2011 concerning the documents and visas required for the entry of foreign nationals into the territory of Guadeloupe, French Guiana, Martinique, Réunion and the French overseas collectivity of Saint-Pierre-et-Miquelon](#)

- Obligation to notify the PAF of any change in accommodation during the stay.

In all cases, admission to the territory is subject to the legal framework and conditions of entry mentioned in point 3.

This exemption scheme is strictly regulated and limited to package tours.

2.3: Exemption based on holding a “circulation” visa issued by a French authority

In accordance with Annex II of the Decree of 26 July 2011, Indian nationals holding an ordinary passport may be exempt from the visa requirement for entry to Reunion if they hold a **multiple-entry visa issued by a French consular authority** (visas with a period of validity of at least **6 (six) months and not exceeding 5 (five) years**).

The aforementioned decree stipulates: “this exemption applies [...] to holders of an ordinary passport bearing a multiple-entry visa valid for a period of between six months and five years, issued by a French consular authority”.

This exemption applies without prejudice to the general conditions for entry to Reunion. Visa applicants must be able to provide proof, during border checks, of the purpose and conditions of their stay and must meet all the necessary requirements.

3/ Applicable legal framework and entry criteria

The entry and stay of foreign nationals are governed by the Code on the Entry and Residence of Foreigners and the Right of Asylum (CESEDA).

In all cases, entry to Reunion’s territory is subject to verification by the Border Police (PAF) of the following:

- Possession of a valid travel document (issued within the last 10 (ten) years and valid for at least 3 (three) months after the intended date of departure), and containing at least two blank pages
- Proof of accommodation and sufficient funds
- Presentation of a return or onward ticket
- Proof of travel insurance covering medical and repatriation costs (minimum cover of 30,000 euros)
- Compliance, where applicable, with work permit regulations
- Compliance with the authorised length of stay.

4/ Miscellaneous provisions (point 4 of Annex II to the Decree of 26 July 2011, as amended)

Indian nationals staying in Mauritius or the Seychelles may, in the framework of a stay subject to an approval scheme, be issued with a visa free of charge for a period not exceeding fifteen days at the controlled border crossing points on the territory of Réunion, subject to the agreement of the State representative, provided they meet the entry conditions set out in point 3 of this notice.

5/ Airport transit via Réunion

Pursuant to Article 4 of the Decree of 26 July 2011, Indian nationals transiting through the territory of Réunion exclusively by air, provided they do not leave the confines of the airport's international transit area during stopovers, **are not subject to the airport transit visa requirement.**

6/ Final provisions

Entry to Reunion is not automatic. All applications, whether under an exemption scheme or a visa procedure, **are subject to prior examination by the competent French authorities.**

Failure to comply with the abovementioned conditions may result in refusal of boarding or refusal of entry to the territory of Reunion.

For any official information regarding the applicable procedures, please refer to the France-Visas portal and the relevant French consular authorities.