

MONGOLIA ACTIVATES ITS ELECTRONIC VISA PROGRAM



Since October 1st, international tourists from 36 countries can apply for an electronic visa to travel to Mongolia.

When announcing the reopening of its borders to international tourists last June, Mongolia took the opportunity to unveil its e-visa system but temporarily suspended its issuance due to the global health situation.

The ministerial website evisa.mn is now active and, as indicated by the Mongolian government's legal portal, **allows citizens of the following 36 countries and territories to apply for their visa online:**

Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, China, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the UK.

Action-Visas already offers a simplified solution in several languages, including a service of governmental standards of documents, to obtain the Mongolian electronic visa.

The types of e-Visas issued online, and ministerial fees are as follows:

- Tourism (valid for 150 days for a 30-day single-entry stay): US\$51.50
- Sports or cultural events (valid for 150 days for a stay of 30 days single entry): US\$51.50
- Transit / Short stay (valid for 150 days for a stay of 10 days single entry): US\$25.75

The announced delivery time of the e-Visa is 72 hours after submission and payment of a complete application online. Last June, Mongolian authorities revised the validity of visas from 90 days to 150 days for the convenience of foreign travelers.

"The validity of Mongolian visas was relatively short compared to other countries, which made it difficult for foreigners to plan their trips in advance. Therefore, the amendment to the Law on the Legal Status of Foreign Citizens extended the validity of visas to 150 days and brought them in line with international standards. Thus, the extension of the validity of visas has the advantage of reducing the burden on foreigners," explains the Mongolian Immigration Agency in a statement.

The fees for passport visas have been reduced since October 1, 2021, the single-entry visa issued by the embassy now costs €38.23, instead of the €60.00 previously charged.

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