

MORE VISA WAIVER TO INDONESIA

Indonesia's tourism outlook will get another boost for the years to come, as the recent Presidential Regulation allows more countries to have free-visa facility when visiting Indonesia. The policy is seen as a positive effort in improving the number of tourist visit to the country that is targeted at 20 million nationwide by the year of 2019.

As stated in the Presidential Regulation No 21 year 2016 about Visa Exemption, there are an addition of 79 countries and territories to the current list of 90 countries with visa exemption facility to enter Indonesia, which now makes it a total of 169 countries that can visit and stay in the country for tourism purpose for 30 days without needing to obtain visa, or paying a USD 35 Visa on Arrival Fee that used to be only applicable for certain nationals.

Here is the complete list of the 168 countries and territories with visa waiver to Indonesia, sorted alphabetically: **Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Canada, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Comoros, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macau, Macedonia, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Moldova, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Oman, Palau, Palestine, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Russia, Samoa, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, San Marino, São Tomé and Príncipe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Vatican City, Venezuela, Vietnam, Zambia, Zimbabwe.**

In addition to that, the general regulation to be able to enter Indonesia is that visitor's passport must valid for at least 6 months from the date of arrival and have a valid return ticket. The immigration officer at the port of entry may ask the passenger to produce any necessary documents (such as hotel reservation and proof of finance). The visa free facility does not allow the change into other permits or visa extension, and that visitors will need to obtain a different type of visa if the visit purpose is other than tourism.

Airports:

- Soekano-Hatta International Airport in Jakarta,
- Ngurah Rai International Airport in Bali,
- Kualanamu International Airport in Medan,
- Hang Nadim International Airport in Batam, and
- Juanda International Airport in Surabaya

Seaports:

- Bandar Bentan Telani Lagoi (Tanjung Uban)
- Bandar Seri Udana Lobam (Tanjung Uban)
- Batam Center (Batam)

- Citra Tri Tunas (Batam)
- Marina Teluk Senimba (Batam)
- Nongsa Terminal Bahari (Batam)
- Sekupang (Batam)
- Sri Bintan Pura (Tanjung Pinang)
- Tanjung Balai Karimun

Meanwhile the exit points out of the country are available at more choices that comprises of as much as **29 airports, 7 land crossings,** and as many as **88 seaports** throughout Indonesia.

This means that entering and/or exiting Indonesia using other than the abovementioned crossing points will result in paying for the USD 25 visa, at least for now until more gates eligible are listed.

For a more detailed article on visa policy of Indonesia, visit visa information page in website <http://www.kemlu.go.id/>