



Visa for Airport Transit

GENERAL INFORMATION

Airport transit is the exclusive stay in the international transit zone of an airport. A transit stay is only considered to be airport transit when, during a transit journey, you transfer at a single airport in any of the Schengen countries and do not change terminals at the airport.

The vast majority of foreign travelers benefit from the “transit privilege”. This means that if they do not leave the International Airport Area during a stopover at a German airport and the destination is not a Schengen country, they do not need a transit visa.

Nationals of the following countries do not have the transit privilege and therefore require an airport transit visa (category A) for transit at a German airport:

- Afghanistan
- Bangladesh
- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Eritrea
- Ethiopia
- Ghana
- India
- Iran
- Iraq
- Jordan *
- Kuba
- Lebanon
- Mali
- Nigeria
- Pakistan
- Somalia
- South Sudan
- Sri Lanka
- Sudan
- Syria
- Turkey *

* Certain exceptions apply to these countries.

General exceptions from the requirement to hold an airport transit visa for the above-mentioned nationals:

- Holders of valid visas and national residence permits from EU and Schengen countries
- Holders of certain national residence permits from the following countries: Andorra, Japan, Canada, San Marino, United States of America
- Holders of valid visas from the EEA countries (the EU, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland) and visas issued by Japan, Canada and the United States of America

Application forms are free of charge and are available on our [website](#). You can also make an appointment on our site. Please be sure to be on time on the day of your appointment.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

	application form (complete and signed)
	biometric passport photograph
	passport (valid for at least 3 more months and no older than 10 years)
	valid Costa-Rican residence permit
	if applicable: original visa for the final destination of your trip
	flight reservation for the entire trip
	fee: 80 euros (to be paid in Colones or with Visa or Mastercard at the visa counter)

The process may take up to 10 working days, so apply well in advance of your planned departure date.

The Embassy reserves the right to request additional information and/or documents. Incomplete applications (e.g. missing copies) cannot be accepted.



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