



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2022/061

Geneva, 16 August 2022

CONCERNING:

Nineteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties:
Important visa information and deadline

1. The Secretariat wishes to draw to the attention of the participants in the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties the detailed information about the visa application process in the Annex to this Notification.
2. Of particular importance is **the deadline of 1 September to apply for a visa**. Participants will obtain a visa assistance letter only after they have registered and sent a nomination letter. Additionally, participants from observer organizations also need to pay their registration fees before they can obtain a visa assistance letter.
3. The Secretariat therefore strongly encourages all Parties and observers to **register and send their nomination before 31 August 2022**.
4. Detailed visa information and requirements can be found in the Annex.
5. Any queries should be directed to 19copicitespma@miambiente.gob.pa. Please indicate VISAS in the subject of the email.

VISA INFORMATION FOR COP19

Which countries need a visa to enter Panama?

Countries that do NOT need a visa to enter Panama:

Andorra; Angola; Antigua and Barbuda; Argentina; Armenia; Australia; Austria; Bahamas; Barbados; Belarus; Belgium; Belize; Bhutan; Bolivia (Plurinational State of); Bosnia and Herzegovina; Botswana; Brazil; Brunei Darussalam; Bulgaria; Cabo Verde; Cambodia; Canada; Chile; Colombia; Comoros; Costa Rica; Croatia; Cyprus; Czech Republic; Denmark; Dominica; Ecuador; El Salvador; Estonia; Fiji; Finland; France; Gabon; Georgia; Germany; Greece; Grenada; Guatemala; Guyana; Honduras; Hungary; Iceland; Ireland; Israel; Italy; Jamaica; Japan; Kenya; Kiribati; Kuwait; Latvia; Liechtenstein; Lithuania; Luxembourg; Madagascar; Malaysia; Maldives; Malta; Marshall Islands; Mauritius; Mexico; Micronesia (Federated States of); Monaco; Mongolia; Montenegro; Namibia; Nauru; Netherlands; New Zealand; Nicaragua; North Macedonia; Norway; Palau; Panama; Papua New Guinea; Paraguay; Peru; Poland; Portugal; Qatar; Republic of Moldova; Republic of Korea; Romania; Russian Federation; Saint Kitts and Nevis; Saint Lucia; Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Samoa; San Marino; Saudi Arabia; Serbia; Seychelles; Singapore; Slovakia; Slovenia; Solomon Islands; South Africa; Spain; Sweden; Switzerland; Thailand; Tonga; Trinidad and Tobago; Türkiye; Tuvalu; Ukraine; United Arab Emirates; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; United States of America; Uruguay; Vanuatu; Viet Nam.

Countries that NEED A VISA to enter Panama:

Afghanistan; Albania; Algeria; Azerbaijan; Bahrain; Bangladesh; Benin; Burkina Faso; Burundi; Cameroon; Central African Republic; Chad; China¹; Congo; Côte d'Ivoire; Cuba²; Democratic People's Republic of Korea; Democratic Republic of the Congo; Djibouti; Dominican Republic³; Egypt; Equatorial Guinea; Eritrea; Ethiopia; Gambia; Ghana; Guinea; Guinea-Bissau; Haiti; India⁴; Indonesia⁵; Iran (Islamic Republic of) ; Iraq; Jordan; Kazakhstan; Kyrgyzstan; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Lebanon; Lesotho; Liberia; Libya; Malawi; Mali; Mauritania; Morocco; Mozambique; Myanmar; Nepal; Niger; Nigeria; Oman; Pakistan; Philippines⁶; Rwanda; Senegal; Sierra Leone; Somalia; Sri Lanka; Sudan; Suriname; Eswatini; Syrian Arab Republic; Tajikistan; Togo; Tunisia; Turkmenistan; Uganda; United Republic of Tanzania; Uzbekistan; Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)⁷; Yemen; Zambia; Zimbabwe.

For a list of countries whose nationals with a diplomatic, consular or other official passport do not need a visa to enter Panama, see **Annex A**.

¹ Chinese nationals with a diplomatic, consular or other official passport do not need a visa to enter Panama.

² Cuban nationals with a diplomatic, consular or other official passport do not need a visa to enter Panama.

³ Nationals from the Dominican Republic with a diplomatic, consular or other official passport do not need a visa to enter Panama.

⁴ Indian nationals with a diplomatic, consular or other official passport do not need a visa to enter Panama.

⁵ Indonesian nationals with a diplomatic, consular or other official passport do not need a visa to enter Panama.

⁶ Filipino nationals with a diplomatic, consular or other official passport do not need a visa to enter Panama.

⁷ Venezuelan nationals with a diplomatic, consular or other official passport do not need a visa to enter Panama.

Other possible visa exemptions:

All foreigners with nationalities that require a visa to enter Panama, but who have a valid visa or residence, duly issued by:

- Australia;
- Canada;
- any State of the European Union;
- Japan;
- Republic of Korea;
- Singapore;
- United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; or
- United States of America;

can enter Panama, as a tourist, without the need for an entry visa, **if the visa for these countries:**

- a) has been granted for multiple entries and exits;
- b) has been used at least once to enter the issuing country; and,
- c) is valid for at least six (6) months at the time of entering Panamanian territory.

Where to apply for a visa?

**ALL VISA APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED
TO THE CLOSEST PANAMAIAN EMBASSY
BY 1 SEPTEMBER 2022.**

Countries that need a visa

AND

HAVE a Panamanian embassy or consulate in their country:

China; Cuba; Dominican Republic; Egypt; Haiti; India; Indonesia; Jordan; Morocco; Philippines; Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

Please approach the embassy in your country as soon as possible with the visa support letter provided by the Secretariat. The Secretariat provides a visa support letter ONLY to delegates listed in the official nomination letters.

The closest embassy or consulate can be located here: <https://mire.gob.pa/mapa-ubicacion-embajadas/>

Countries that need a visa

AND

DO NOT HAVE a Panamanian embassy or consulate in their country (see Annex 1):

Afghanistan; Albania; Algeria; Azerbaijan; Bahrain; Bangladesh; Benin; Burkina Faso; Burundi; Cameroon; Central African Republic; Chad; Congo; Côte d'Ivoire; Democratic People's Republic of Korea; Democratic Republic of the Congo; Djibouti; Equatorial Guinea; Eritrea; Ethiopia; Gambia; Ghana; Guinea; Guinea-Bissau; Iran (Islamic Republic of) ; Iraq; Kazakhstan; Kyrgyzstan; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Lebanon; Lesotho; Liberia; Libya; Malawi; Mali; Mauritania; Mozambique; Myanmar; Nepal; Niger; Nigeria; Oman; Pakistan; Rwanda; Senegal; Sierra Leone; Somalia; Sri Lanka; Sudan; Suriname; Eswatini; Syrian Arab Republic; Tajikistan; Togo; Tunisia; Turkmenistan; Uganda; United Republic of Tanzania; Uzbekistan; Yemen; Zambia; Zimbabwe.

*Please prepare your visa application as soon as possible with the visa support letter provided by the Secretariat. The Secretariat provides a visa support letter ONLY to delegates listed in the official nomination letters. **The Secretariat is working with the Host Country to facilitate the visa application for participants from those countries without a Panamanian embassy. Further information will be provided in a separate notification.***

The closest embassy or consulate can be located here: <https://mire.gob.pa/mapa-ubicacion-embajadas/>

For a list of the closest embassy for your country, see **Annex B**.

For visa procedures, the following is usually requested (See **Annex C** for further details):

- Valid passport
- Visa assistance letter provided by the CITES Secretariat
- All necessary COVID-19 and other vaccines. Vaccine requirements can be found here:
<https://www.tourismpanama.com/plan-your-vacation/advisories/>

Annex A

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List of countries with which Panama has a visa waiver agreement for holders of a diplomatic, consular, official, special or service passport:

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1.	Argentina
2.	Austria
3.	Barbados
4.	Bolivia
5.	Brazil
6.	Chile
7.	China
8.	Colombia
9.	Costa Rica
10.	Cuba
11.	Cyprus
12.	Czech Republic
13.	Dominican Republic
14.	Ecuador
15.	El Salvador
16.	Finland
17.	France
18.	Georgia
19.	Germany
20.	Greece
21.	Guatemala
22.	Haiti
23.	Honduras
24.	Hungary
25.	India
26.	Indonesia
27.	Israel
28.	Italy
29.	Latvia
30.	Liechtenstein

31.	Mexico
32.	Monaco
33.	Nicaragua
34.	Paraguay
35.	Peru
36.	Philippines
37.	Poland
38.	Portugal
39.	Republic of Korea
40.	Romania
41.	Russian Federation
42.	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
43.	Saint Kitts and Nevis
44.	Singapore
45.	Slovakia
46.	South Africa
47.	Spain
48.	Switzerland
49.	Thailand
50.	Trinidad and Tobago
51.	Ukraine
52.	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
53.	Uruguay
54.	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
55.	Vietnam

**Foreign Policy Directorate
Consular Department**

Event: CITES COP19, 14 to 25 November 2022 at the Panama Convention Center, organized by the Ministry of the Environment of Panama.

Country	Suggested Embassy / Consulate
Afghanistan	Embassies and Consulates of Panama in China.
Albania	Embassies and Consulates of Panama in Italy.
Algeria	Embassies and Consulates of Panama in Spain or in Morocco.
Azerbaijan	Embassies and Consulates of Panama in Türkiye.
Bahrain	Embassy of Panama in Qatar.
Bangladesh	Embassies and Consulates of Panama in India.
Benin	Embassy of Panama in Morocco.
Burkina Faso	Embassy of Panama in Morocco.
Burundi	Embassy of Panama in South Africa.
Cameroon	Embassy of Panama in Morocco.
Central African Republic	Embassy of Panama in Egypt.
Chad	Embassy of Panama in Egypt.
Congo	Embassy of Panama in South Africa.
Côte d'Ivoire	Embassy of Panama in Morocco.
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Embassies and Consulates of Panama in China.
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Embassy of Panama in South Africa.
Djibouti	Embassy of Panama in Egypt.
Equatorial Guinea	Embassy of Panama in Morocco.
Eritrea	Embassy of Panama in Egypt.
Ethiopia	Embassy of Panama in Egypt.

Gambia	Embassy of Panama in Morocco.
Ghana	Embassy of Panama in Morocco.
Guinea	Embassy of Panama in Morocco.
Guinea-Bissau	Embassy of Panama in Morocco.
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Embassy of Panama in Qatar.
Iraq	Embassy of Panama in the United Emirates
Kazakhstan	Embassy and Consulates of Panama in China.
Kyrgyzstan	Embassy and Consulates of Panama in China.
Lao People's Democratic Republic	Embassy and Consulates of Panama in Thailand.
Lebanon	Embassy of Panama in Egypt.
Lesotho	Embassy of Panama in South Africa.
Liberia	Embassy of Panama in Morocco.
Libya	Embassy of Panama in Egypt.
Malawi	Embassy of Panama in South Africa.
Mali	Embassy of Panama in Morocco.
Mauritania	Embassy of Panama in Morocco.
Mozambique	Embassy of Panama in South Africa.
Myanmar	Embassy of Panama in Indonesia or Vietnam.
Nepal	Embassy of Panama in India.
Niger	Embassy of Panama in Morocco.
Nigeria	Embassy of Panama in Morocco.
Oman	Embassy of Panama in Qatar.
Pakistan	Embassy of Panama in the United Arab Emirates
Rwanda	Embassy of Panama in South Africa.
Senegal	Embassy of Panama in Morocco.
Sierra Leone	Embassy of Panama in Morocco.

Somalia	Embassy of Panama in Egypt.
Sri Lanka	Embassy of Panama in Vietnam.
Sudan	Embassy of Panama in Egypt.
Suriname	Embassy of Panama in Trinidad and Tobago.
Eswatini	Embassy of Panama in South Africa.
Syrian Arab Republic	Embassy of Panama in Jordan and Türkiye.
Tajikistan	Embassy and Consulates of Panama in China.
Togo	Embassy of Panama in Morocco.
Tunisia	Embassy and Consulates of Panama in Spain or in Morocco.
Turkmenistan	Embassy and Consulates of Panama in Türkiye.
Uganda	Embassy of Panama in Egypt.
United Republic of Tanzania	Embassy of Panama in South Africa.
Uzbekistan	Embajada y Consulado of Panama in Türkiye.
Yemen	Embassy of Panama in Jordan.
Zambia	Embassy of Panama in South Africa.
Zimbabwe	Embassy of Panama in South Africa.



REPUBLIC OF PANAMA

**MINISTRY OF PUBLIC
SECURITY NATIONAL
IMMIGRATION SERVICE**

TOURIST VISA

ARTICLE 17

Requirements:

1. Completed visa application.
2. Original and a copy of all the pages of your passport or travel document, with at least three (3) months' validity.
3. Flight reservation with itinerary of trip continuation or electronic ticket.
4. Copy of a valid I.D. or resident card from the country of residence of the applicant.
5. Three (3) photographs; when the visa applications are submitted abroad, with the exception of tourist visa applications submitted to the National Immigration Service at the Republic of Panama.
6. Payment of a fee of fifty balboas (B/.50.00) for immigration services when presenting the application at the National Immigration Service.
7. Proof of economic solvency during the stay, which cannot be less than five hundred balboas (B/.500.00). This can be proven with one of the following documents:
 - 7.1. Certified bank cheque or money order in the name of the applicant.
 - 7.2. Traveller's cheques in the name of the applicant.
 - 7.3. Applicant's bank certification with bank statement from the last month showing the available balance.
 - 7.4. Applicant's credit card statements from the last month showing the available balance.
 - 7.5. Work certificate with latest pay cheque or independent worker accreditation, in case of being an employee of a private or public entity.
 - 7.6. If you are a retired citizen or a pensioner, submit certification of retirement or pension and proof of income received.
 - 7.7. If you are a freelancer, submit an income declaration from the last fiscal year.
 - 7.8. If acting as a businessman or businesswoman, submit a bank reference.

- 7.9. Letter of responsibility, certificate proving the family relations and proof of economic solvency for economically dependent persons.
- 7.10. Any other reasonable proof of income accepted by the National Immigration Service.
8. Latest visa approved by the Panamanian immigration authorities (if applicable).
9. Hotel reservation (if applicable)
10. Present, if applicable, a letter of invitation, which may come from:
 - 10.1. Temporary or permanent residents in Panama or Panamanian citizens, providing the following documents as applicable:
 - 10.1.1. Authentic copy of the national identification card of the Panamanian citizen.
 - 10.1.2. Copy of the passport and the I.D. card of the foreign citizen.
 - 10.1.3. Proof of payment for public services showing the home address of the responsible person.
 - 10.2. Private entities, providing the following:
 - 10.2.1. Certification from the Public Registry;
 - 10.2.2. Copy of the *Aviso de Operaciones* (commercial licence).
 - 10.2.3. Copy of the document approving operations in the Colon Free Trade Zone (if applicable).
 - 10.2.4. Proof of payment for public services showing the address of the responsible company.
11. If presenting a letter of invitation, the economic solvency of the inviter can be proven with any of these documents:
 - 11.1. Bank certification.
 - 11.2. Income tax declaration and certificate of good standing.
 - 11.3. Letter of employment with the latest social security statement (for natural persons).

PARAGRAPH: AN APPLICATION FOR A MINOR MUST BE MADE BY A PARENT OR A LEGAL GUARDIAN.