

# VISA FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

## ***Where to apply for Philippine entry visas?***

You may apply at the Embassy of the Philippine in Paris or any of the following Philippine Honorary Consulates in France:

Consular Section  
Embassy of the Philippines  
4 hameau de Boulainvilliers  
75016 Paris  
Tel. 01 44 14 57 00  
Fax 01 44 14 57 03  
[www.philembassyparis.com](http://www.philembassyparis.com)  
Email: [ambaphilparis@wanadoo.fr](mailto:ambaphilparis@wanadoo.fr)  
Office hours: 09h30 – 16h00 (Monday to  
Friday, except on holidays)

Philippine Honorary Consulate  
31, rue Tastet  
33000 Bordeaux  
Tel. 05 56 24 77 61  
Fax 05 56 24 98 05  
Email: [Philippines.Bordeaux@avoues.com](mailto:Philippines.Bordeaux@avoues.com)

Philippine Honorary Consulate  
43, rue Hérold  
06000 Nice  
Tel. 04 93 16 26 41  
Fax 04 93 16 26 41

Philippine Honorary Consulate  
5, place Antonin Poncet  
69002 Lyon  
Tel. 04 78 42 04 63  
Fax 04 78 37 10 92  
Email:  
[rinckconsul@consulatedesphilippines.com](mailto:rinckconsul@consulatedesphilippines.com)

Philippine Honorary Consulate  
Cabinet MORVILLIERS-SENTENAC  
18 rue Lafayette  
31000 Toulouse  
Tel. 05 62 27 50 50 & 58  
Fax 05 62 27 50 52  
Email: [philippines.toulouse@msgw.com](mailto:philippines.toulouse@msgw.com)

Philippine Honorary Consulate  
2, rue Mascaron  
13006 Marseille  
Tel. 04 91 75 72 98  
  
Fax 04 91 56 45 51  
Email: [jl.cordesse@free.fr](mailto:jl.cordesse@free.fr)

Philippine Honorary Consulate General  
“Est-Ouest”  
24, boulevard Princesse Charlotte  
98000 Monaco  
Tel. 377 93 30 10 10  
Fax 337 93 30 52 07

*Honorary Consulates could only issue the following visas:*

- 9(a) pleasure/tourist
- 9(a) business
- 9(c) seaman

### ***What is the definition of a foreign tourist (temporary visitor)***

A "foreign tourist" is defined as a person who is proceeding to the Philippines for a legitimate, nonimmigrant purpose such as sightseeing, sports, health, family reasons, training or study (excluding enrollment in schools for the purpose of obtaining a title or degree), religious pilgrimage, business, cultural and scientific purposes.

### ***What documents do I need to apply for temporary visitor's entry visa?***

For foreigners applying for temporary visitor's entry visa for tourism and/or business purposes, please refer to the visa requirements written at the back of the visa application form or Visa Guidelines ([http://www.philembassyphilippines.com/consular\\_services.htm](http://www.philembassyphilippines.com/consular_services.htm))

### ***I am French. Do I need an entry visa to go to the Philippines?***

A French national traveling to the Philippines for business and tourism purposes does not need an entry visa if his/her intended stay in the Philippines will not exceed 21 days.

### ***I am a foreigner with legal residence in France. Do I need an entry visa to go to the Philippines?***

Nationals from countries listed below who are traveling to the Philippines for business and tourism purposes are allowed to enter the Philippines without visas for a stay not exceeding twenty-one (21) days, provided they hold valid tickets for their return journey to port of origin or next port of destination and their passports valid for a period of at least six (6) months beyond the contemplated period of stay. However, Immigration Officers at ports of entry may exercise their discretion to admit holders of passports valid for at least sixty (60) days beyond the intended period of stay.

Nationals from the following countries are allowed to enter the Philippines without a visa for a period of stay of twenty-one (21) days or less:

<i>Andorra</i>	<i>Ethiopia</i>
<i>Angola</i>	<i>Fiji</i>
<i>Antigua and Barbuda</i>	<i>Finland</i>
<i>Argentina</i>	<i>France</i>
<i>Australia</i>	<i>Gabon</i>
<i>Austria</i>	<i>Gambia</i>
<i>Bahamas</i>	<i>Germany</i>
<i>Bahrain</i>	<i>Ghana</i>
<i>Barbados</i>	<i>Gibraltar</i>
<i>Belgium</i>	<i>Greece</i>
<i>Benin</i>	<i>Grenada</i>
<i>Bhutan</i>	<i>Guatemala</i>
<i>Bolivia</i>	<i>Guinea</i>
<i>Botswana</i>	<i>Guinea Bissau</i>
<i>Brazil*</i>	<i>Guyana</i>
<i>Brunei Darussalam</i>	<i>Haiti</i>
<i>Bulgaria</i>	<i>Honduras</i>
<i>Burkina Faso</i>	<i>Hungary</i>
<i>Burundi</i>	<i>Iceland</i>
<i>Cambodia</i>	<i>Indonesia</i>
<i>Cameroon</i>	<i>Ireland</i>
<i>Canada</i>	<i>Israel*</i>
<i>Cape Verde</i>	<i>Italy</i>
<i>Central African Republic</i>	<i>Jamaica</i>
<i>Chad</i>	<i>Japan</i>
<i>Chile</i>	<i>Kenya</i>
<i>Colombia</i>	<i>Kiribati</i>
<i>Comoros</i>	<i>Kuwait</i>
<i>Congo</i>	<i>Lao People's Democratic Republic</i>
<i>Costa Rica</i>	<i>Latvia</i>
<i>Cote d'Ivoire</i>	<i>Lesotho</i>
<i>Cyprus</i>	<i>Liberia</i>
<i>Czech Republic</i>	<i>Liechtenstein</i>
<i>Democratic Republic of the Congo</i>	<i>Lithuania</i>
<i>Denmark</i>	<i>Luxembourg</i>
<i>Djibouti</i>	<i>Madagascar</i>
<i>Dominica</i>	<i>Malawi</i>
<i>Dominican Republic</i>	<i>Malaysia</i>
<i>Ecuador</i>	<i>Maldives</i>
<i>El Salvador</i>	<i>Mali</i>
<i>Equatorial Guinea</i>	<i>Malta</i>
<i>Eritrea</i>	<i>Marshall Islands</i>
<i>Estonia</i>	<i>Mauritania</i>

<i>Mauritius</i>	<i>Sao Tome and Principe</i>
<i>Mexico</i>	<i>Saudi Arabia</i>
<i>Micronesia</i>	<i>Senegal</i>
<i>Monaco</i>	<i>Seychelles</i>
<i>Mongolia</i>	<i>Singapore</i>
<i>Morocco</i>	<i>Slovakia</i>
<i>Mozambique</i>	<i>Slovenia</i>
<i>Myanmar</i>	<i>Solomon Islands</i>
<i>Namibia</i>	<i>Somalia</i>
<i>Nepal</i>	<i>South Africa</i>
<i>Netherlands</i>	<i>Spain</i>
<i>New Zealand</i>	<i>Suriname</i>
<i>Nicaragua</i>	<i>Swaziland</i>
<i>Niger</i>	<i>Sweden</i>
<i>Norway</i>	<i>Switzerland</i>
<i>Oman</i>	<i>Thailand</i>
<i>Palau</i>	<i>Togo</i>
<i>Panama</i>	<i>Trinidad and Tobago</i>
<i>Papua New Guinea</i>	<i>Tunisia</i>
<i>Paraguay</i>	<i>Turkey</i>
<i>Peru</i>	<i>Tuvalu</i>
<i>Poland</i>	<i>Uganda</i>
<i>Portugal</i>	<i>United Arab Emirates</i>
<i>Qatar</i>	<i>United Kingdom of Great Britain and</i>
<i>Republic of Korea</i>	<i>Northern Ireland</i>
<i>Romania</i>	<i>United Republic of Tanzania</i>
<i>Russia</i>	<i>United States of America</i>
<i>Rwanda</i>	<i>Uruguay</i>
<i>Saint Kitts and Nevis</i>	<i>Venezuela</i>
<i>Saint Lucia</i>	<i>Vietnam</i>
<i>Saint Vincent and the Grenadines</i>	<i>Zambia</i>
<i>Samoa</i>	<i>Zimbabwe</i>
<i>San Marino</i>	

*\*The following are allowed to enter the Philippines without a visa for a stay not exceeding fifty-nine (59) days:*

- 1. Holders of Brazil passports; and*
- 2. Holders of Israel passports*

*The following are allowed to enter the Philippines without a visa for a stay not exceeding fourteen (14) days:*

- 1. Holders of Hong Kong Special Administrative (SAR) passports*

The following are allowed to enter the Philippines without a visa for a stay not exceeding seven (7) days:

1. Holders of British National Overseas (BNO) passports
2. Holders of Portuguese Passports issued in Macao
3. Holders of Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR) passports
4. All Chinese nationals (with valid and current American, Japanese, Australian, Canadian or Schengen Visa)

**IMPORTANT:**

- **Entry visa is required for all foreign nationals not included in the abovementioned list.**
- **Nationals who are subjects of deportation/blacklist orders of the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs and the Bureau of Immigration shall not be admitted to the Philippines.**

**What are the types of entry visas?**

1. **Single entry visa** - can enter in the Philippines within three (3) months from the date of issuance up to the date of validity.
2. **Multiple entry visa** - can enter in the Philippines any number of times, within six (6) months, from the date of issuance up to the date of validity.

Upon arrival in the Philippines, the Immigration Officer, would normally stamp the passport, “authorized stay not to exceed fifty-nine (59) days”.

**I intend to stay in the Philippines for more than fifty-nine (59 days). Can I extend my stay?**

*In the case of a temporary visitor's visa holder whose stay in the Philippines will exceed the authorized period of stay (example: 59 days), he/she will have to report to the Bureau of Immigration before the date of expiration, secure an extension of stay and pay the corresponding immigration fees. Information on fees for extension of stay and other Immigration fees are available at the Bureau of Immigration website ([www.immigration.gov.ph](http://www.immigration.gov.ph)).*

**I am a student. I wish to take my “On the Job Training” (OJT) in the Philippines.**

Foreign students who wish to take their “On the Job Training” (OJT) in the Philippines must apply for a temporary visitor's visa.

***I am a student. I wish to take up a short-term non-degree course.***

Foreign students who wish to take up a short-term non-degree course must apply for a temporary visitor's visa. Upon arrival in the Philippines and acceptance by the school/institution authorized by the Bureau of Immigration to accept foreign students, he/she should apply for a Special Study Permit at the Bureau's Student Desk, together with the following documents:

1. Letter request;
2. Certificate of Acceptance from the school accredited by the Bureau of Immigration to accept foreign students;
3. Photocopy of passport reflecting the applicant's authorized period of stay;
4. Affidavit of Support and Proof of Financial Capacity; and
5. Birth Certificate.

***I am French. Can I stay in the Philippines for more than 21 days without entry visa?***

As a general rule and to avoid inconveniences or interruption while on tour, it is recommended that an appropriate visa be secured at the Consular Section of the Embassy or nearest Honorary Consulate.

Following is the excerpt of immigration fees ([www.immigration.gov.ph](http://www.immigration.gov.ph)) for tourist (non-restricted) admitted initially for 21 days which may be extended for another 38 days:

<i>Visa Waiver</i>	<i>P 500.00</i>
<i>Visa Waiver Application Fee</i>	<i>1,000.00</i>
<i>Certification Fee</i>	<i>500.00</i>
<i>Express fee (Certification)</i>	<i>500.00</i>
<i>Express fee (For processing)</i>	<i>500.00</i>
<i>Legal Research Fee (LRF) for each item</i>	<i>P 10.00</i>

***I am French. I will leave the Philippines on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of my stay. Do I need a visa?***

No need for an entry visa for a French national and those nationals of countries allowed to enter the Philippines without a visa for a period of stay of twenty-one (21) days. The counting of the 21-day stay no visa entry starts on the day after the arrival of the foreign national.

***I am married to a Filipino. I wish to live in the Philippines permanently?***

For more information regarding entry visa categories, please visit the official website of the Philippine Bureau of Immigration: [www.immigration.gov.ph](http://www.immigration.gov.ph)

***I am a foreign national and I intend to retire in the Philippines. What visa should I apply for?***

Foreign nationals who wish to retire in the Philippines may apply for a retiree visa. For information on the requirements and procedure, please visit the website of the Philippine Retirement Authority at [www.pra.gov.ph](http://www.pra.gov.ph)

***I am a holder of a French Travel Document. What should I do to get an entry visa?***

If the applicant is a holder of a travel document and with a legal residence in France, it is suggested that application for entry visa be filed a few months before your scheduled travel to the Philippines. Visa maybe issued only upon receipt of clearances from the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs and other concerned government agencies.

***What are the visa requirements for those traveling to the Philippines on collective passports?***

In cases where several persons are included in one (1) passport, a separate application form and payment must be made for each person. All persons included in the passport must be properly identified with a photograph affixed to the passport.

***What is the Balikbayan Program?***

Under the “Balikbayan Program”, a former Filipino citizen is entitled to stay in the Philippines for a maximum of one year without visa ([http://www.philembassy-paris.com/consular\\_services\\_p2.html](http://www.philembassy-paris.com/consular_services_p2.html))

The legitimate members of the family (i.e. spouse and unmarried children, below 18 years of age) of a Filipino/former Filipino, who are holders of foreign passports, could avail of the “Balikbayan Program”, only if they are traveling to the Philippines together. Under the said program, they could stay in the Philippines, without visa, for a maximum period of one year.

Please be informed that only those nationals of countries allowed to enter the Philippines without a visa for a period of stay of twenty-one (21) days, are entitled to the “Balikbayan Program”.

***Do I need any vaccination when traveling to the Philippines?***

Vaccination is not required for travelers. If a person, however, arrives in the Philippines from a foreign port infected with cholera, small pox or plague, typhus or yellow fever, he/she will be required to present on arrival a certificate of immunization for the said disease/s.

***How soon can I get my entry visa?***

The processing period for non-restricted entry visa is within five (5) working days, upon submission of all required documents and payment of corresponding visa fees. For all other types of visas, within five (5) working days after receipt of the required clearance set forth by the Visa Section of the Department of Foreign Affairs, Manila.

***Further inquiries may be addressed to:***

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75016 Paris

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