

E-VISAS FOR TANZANIA

How-To Guide

It is highly recommended to obtain a visa in advance of travel to Tanzania, either an e-visa or a paper visa in your passport from an embassy or high commission. Visas on arrival are still possible for some nationalities but may involve long queues.

Who needs a visa to enter Tanzania?

All visitors to Tanzania must have their own visa to enter the country unless their nationality is visa-exempt. This includes children (under the age of 18) who have their own passport. Children who are included on their parent's or guardian's passport can be included on their parent's/guardian's visa.

How long does it take to process the e-visas?

Official processing time is 2–3 weeks, so please leave plenty of time to apply before travel departure date.

Where do you apply?

Applications must be made by the individual traveller [here](#). Some nationalities can also apply for visas in person at a local Tanzania Embassy or High Commission.

What do you need to apply for an e-visa?

Information required varies depending on the type of visa required, but all travellers will need to provide:

- **Passport Information:** JPEG photograph of passport biometric pages
- **Photograph of yourself:** JPEG smaller than 300kb - does not need to be an official passport photograph, simply a clear photograph against a plain wall/background
- **Copy of return flight ticket:** PDF or JPEG
- **Contact for first destination:** Either your first hotel or, if arriving in **northern Tanzania**, you can use the [Asilia Arusha office details](#):
Asilia Africa, Burka Estate Plot 175, Olasiti Village, Arusha, Tanzania
Telephone +255736500515
If arriving in **southern Tanzania**, you can use the [Dar es Salaam office details](#):
13 Lugoda Street, Gerezani, Ilala, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
Telephone +255 748 566 984
- **Mother's and father's** names and nationalities
- **A security question** of your own selection - this is to check visa status later

One question asks for "Host details" – if you simply write "Self" then you do not need to complete the rest of that section.

The e-visa application will ask you how you are entering the country and you must select either 'roads' or 'airports'.

If you select airport you can choose from:

- Kilimanjaro International Airport
- Dar Es Salaam – Julius Nyerere International Airport
- Mwanza International Airport

If you select road you can choose from:

- Namanga (Land border with Kenya. Use this if driving to Arusha from Kenya)
- Sirari (Land border with Kenya - also known as Migori-Tarime border crossing. Use if flying from Masai Mara to Serengeti)
- Holili (Land border with Kenya)
- Horohoro (Land border with Kenya)
- Kasumulu (Land border with Malawi)
- Rusumo (Land border with Rwanda)
- Mtukula (Land border with Uganda)
- Tunduma (Land border with Zambia)

Other entry ports do not currently have the systems in place to process e-visas quickly. They can still be accepted but may take longer.

Visa types:

There is additional information about visa types, exempt countries and required information [here](#).

US citizens information:

Note that US citizens must choose multiple-entry visas (single-entry visas are not available to Americans) and the cost is US\$100 rather than US\$50. When selecting the 'Reason for travel' please select 'Holiday & Leisure' to continue the process.

Referral visa category:

Some nationalities are required to apply for a referral visa. Applicants from this category must submit their application online at least two months before their travel date. They cannot obtain a visa on arrival. Please contact Asilia to supply a referral letter.

What happens next once I have paid and applied?

We recommend logging in after 10 days to 2 weeks to check the status of your visa and, if approved, print the confirmation document to present on arrival. Printed documents are preferred, not a screenshot on your mobile phone/tablet device, as the paperwork is required as part of visa processing in-country.

Will paying for a meet and greet service speed up the process on arrival?

Possibly, but not guaranteed as it depends on the officials at the airport that day and the number of people who have booked a meet and greet. If all arrivals book a meet and greet there will still be queues.

Can you still get a visa on arrival?

Yes, however, travellers should be aware that if they are arriving at Kilimanjaro International Airport there will be several queues to stand in and the whole process can take more than 2 hours before you are through immigration and able to collect your luggage. If you have a tight onward connection, we would not recommend getting a visa on arrival. You must have the correct amount of US Dollars to pay in cash, a pen to complete forms, and Asilia's/your first hotel's contact information.