

# REGIONAL PARTNERS FORUM FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

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## PANAMA IMMIGRATION AND VISAS

Visa Exemption: There is a Law in effect regarding tourist visas for entering the Republic of Panama; EXECUTIVE DECREE # 521 states that:

Article 1: "Any person of nationality who requires a visa to enter the Republic of Panama, who has a valid Visa or Residence, duly issued by Canada, the United States of America, the Commonwealth of Australia, the Republic of Korea, the State of Japan, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Republic of Singapore and any of the States that make up the European Union, may enter the national territory"

Article 2: The visa granted by the countries mentioned in the previous article must be a multiple entry visa, has been used previously in the territory of the granting State and its validity shall not be less than six (6) months at the time of entering Panamanian territory. If you meet the following requirements, you will qualify for the aforementioned decree:

- Has a valid passport with a minimum of three months validity.
- Has a multiple entry visa with six (6) months of remaining validity from ONE of the following countries: Canada, United States of America, Commonwealth of Australia, Republic of Korea, State of Japan, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland North, Republic of Singapore and any of the States that make up the European Union.

You must have used this visa to enter the country. For example, if you have a visa from the United States, you must have entered the United States with that visa in order to qualify for the exemption.

Migration Officers are accepting the visa exemption of Executive Decree # 521, if the holder has a valid permanent residence card of the United States.

You must also show proof of economic solvency for a minimum of US\$500.00 upon entering.

**Note: Make sure you have a minimum of three months of validity in your passport and a round trip ticket.**

For further information please access the following link which contains a copy of the law decree:  
[https://www.gacetaoficial.gob.pa/pdfTemp/28586\\_A/68706.pdf](https://www.gacetaoficial.gob.pa/pdfTemp/28586_A/68706.pdf)

**NO VISA REQUIRED: IF YOU ARE FROM ANY OF THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES**

**The maximum amount of time that you can stay in Panama is six months. If you want to stay longer than five months, you may extend your stay applying for an extension of visa with the Offices of Immigration in Panama.**

Germany	Cape Verde	Greece	Malaysia	Poland	St. Vincent and the Grenadines
Andorra	Cambodia	Guatemala	Maldives	Portugal	Sweden
Angola	Canada	Guyana	Malta	Qatar	Switzerland
Antigua and Barbuda	Chile	Honduras	Marshall Islands	Romania	Taiwan
Argentina	Colombia	Hungary	Mauritius	Republic of Korea (South)	Thailand
Armenia	Comoros/Comoros Islands	Iceland	Mexico	Russia	Tonga
Australia	Costa Rica	Ireland	Micronesia	Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic	Trinidad and Tobago
Austria	Croatia	Israel	Moldova	Saint Kitts and Nevis	Turkey
Bahamas	Cyprus	Italy	Monaco	Saint Lucia	Tuvalu
Barbados	Czech Republic	Jamaica	Mongolia	Saint Thomas and Prince	Ukraine
Belgium	Denmark	Japan	Montenegro	San Marino	United Arab Emirates
Belize	Dominica	Kenya	Namibia	Samoa	United Kingdom
Bhutan	Ecuador	Kiribati	Nauru	Saudi Arabia	United States of America
Belarus	El Salvador		Netherlands	Serbia	Uruguay
British National Overseas (BNO)	Estonia	Kuwait	New Zealand	Seychelles	Vanuatu
Bolivia	Fiji		Nicaragua	Singapore	Vatican City
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Finland	Liechtenstein	Norway	Slovakia	Vietnam
Botswana	France	Lithuania	Palau	Slovenia	
Brazil	Gabon	Luxembourg	Papua New Guinea	Solomon Islands	
Brunei	Georgia	Macedonia	Paraguay	South Africa	
Bulgaria	Granada	Madagascar	Peru	South Korea	
				Spain	

**NO VISA REQUIRED: IF YOU HAVE A DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT OF THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES**

Cuba  
Dominican Republic  
Haiti  
Indonesia

Philippines  
Republic of China  
Venezuela

**AUTHORIZED VISAS: IF YOU ARE FROM ONE OF THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES AND DO NOT QUALIFY FOR THE VISA WAIVER MENTIONED ABOVE, YOU WILL NEED AN AUTHORIZED VISA**

Afghanistan	Egypt	Ivory Coast	Morocco	Senegal	Uzbekistan
Albania	Eritrea	Jordan	Mozambique	Sierra Leone	Yemen
Algeria	Ethiopia	Kazakhstan	Myanmar	Somalia	
Azerbaijan	Equatorial Guinea	Kosovo	Nepal	Sri Lanka	
Bahrain	Gambia	Kyrgyzstan	Niger	Sudan	
Bangladesh	Guinea	Laos	Nigeria	Suriname	
Benin	Guinea-Bissau	Lesotho	Oman	Syria	
Burkina Faso	Haiti	Lebanon	Pakistan	Tajikistan	Zambia
Burundi		Liberia	Palestine	Tanzania	
Chad	Indonesia	Libya		Tunisia	
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Iran	Mali	People's Republic of Korea	Turkmenistan	
Djibouti	Iraq	Mauritania	Rwanda	Uganda	

Please be advised: for authorized visas, the approval process may take up to 60 business days, depending on the verification and completion of your documents. **Do not finalize your travel arrangements until your visa has been granted.**

**NOTE: IF THE VISA IS GRANTED, YOU MUST COME PERSONALLY TO THE CONSULATE TO GET THE STAMPED VISA: IF YOU ARE FROM ONE OF THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES AND DO NOT QUALIFY FOR THE VISA WAIVER MENTIONED ABOVE OR DO NOT REQUIRE AN AUTHORIZED VISA, YOU WILL NEED A STAMPED VISA. IN ORDER TO APPLY FOR A STAMPED VISA, YOU WILL NEED TO SEND US ALL THE SAME PAPERWORK AS IS LISTED ABOVE FOR THE AUTHORIZED VISA.**

Please be advised: for stamped visas, the approval process may take up to 30 business days, depending on the verification and completion of your documents. **Do not finalize your travel arrangements until your visa has been granted.**

**Note: If the visa is granted, you must come personally to the Consulate to get the visa stamped on your passport.**

Cameroon  
Central African Republic  
Cuba  
Dominican Republic  
Ghana  
India  
Malawi  
Philippines  
Republic of China  
Republic of the Congo  
Swaziland  
Togo  
Venezuela  
Zimbabwe

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