Visa Info: UAE

Visit Visa:

The Visit Visa applies to tourists who wish to spend more than 14 days in UAE, those coming for family visits as well as those on long-term business visits. It requires the sponsorship of any UAE resident or any company or hotel licensed to operate within the UAE. A refundable AED 2,000 guarantee from expatriates who wish to sponsor distant relatives is imposed. This visa is valid for entry within two months from its date of issue. The Visit Visa is valid for 60 days and is renewable for a total stay of up to 90 days. A fee of AED 500 is charged for this renewal. In order to complete the application, the sponsor will require the visitor's date of arrival and arrival details and a photocopy of the first few pages of the visitor's passport, which must be valid for at least three months. The Visit Visa holder may enter and leave the country through any port of entry in the UAE.

Tourist Visa:

The Tourist Visa entitles its holder to a 14 day/ 30 days respectively which can only be issued through the below mentioned entities.

Valid sponsors may be as follows:

- **a** Hotels & Tourist Companies can apply, on your behalf, for a Tourist Visa (valid for 30 days); or a Service Visa (valid for 14 days); or a Visit Visa (valid for 30 days and can be extended for other 30 days)
- **b** Airlines & Airlines Handlers apply on behalf of their crew members for a 96-hour Transit Visa.
- c Other Organizations based in the UAE may only apply for Visit Visas and Service Visas.
 d Individuals (Relatives or Friends) already resident in the UAE may, subject to guidelines, also apply on your behalf for a Visit Visa.

Documents required for tourist visa:

- photo copies of the first two pages of your passport and your passport should be valid for at least 3 months before travelling date.
- When sending scanned copy of passport, please make sure that passport data page and picture is separately scanned. Also provide guarantee letter or a cheque of Rs.100,00 for each passport.

Visa fee + service charges for 14 days tourist visa with (3nts) hotel booking: 110 \$ Visa fee + service charges for 14 days tourist visa without hotel booking: 120 \$ Visa fee + service charges for 30 days tourist visa with (3nts) hotel booking: 140 \$ Visa fee + service charges for 30 days tourist visa without hotel booking: 160 \$

Multiple Entry Visas:

Multiple-entry Visas are issued to business visitors who have a relationship with either a multinational or other reputable local company, and who are frequent visitors to the UAE. This type of visa is valid for six months from the date of issue and the duration of each stay is 30 days. The validity is non-renewable. The cost of this visa is AED 1,000. The visitor must enter the UAE on a visit visa and obtain the multiple entry visa while in the country. The visa is stamped on the passport.

Transit Visa:

Transit passengers stopping at Dubai International Airport for a minimum of 8 hours and meeting the certain conditions mentioned below are eligible for obtaining a 96-hour transit visa. These conditions are as follow:

Airlines sponsored only (prior arrangements may be required). Applications should have confirmed onward booking to the 3rd destination. For transit passengers or those holding special permits, or for

visit or mission, the passport or the document must be valid for at least three months. Citizens of the following countries are not eligible for the 96 hours visa on arrival: Somalia, Afghanistan, Iraq, Niger, and Yemen.

The transit visas for passengers arriving at Dubai International Airport can be arranged by Emirates Airline for its passengers or by Marhaba Services for those travelling on other airlines. Marhaba Services Tel:0097142162657;2164629 email: marhaba@emirates.co.

1. Visas Terms & Conditions

- 1.1. Maximum validity of the Tourist visa will be 30 days from date of entry and can be extendable one time for a similar period. If any tourist remains in the country longer than the visa validity period, a daily fine (First day AED 200/- followed by AED100/-), should be paid by each individual tourist on departure. In case of absconding the "Company" shall be liable for the fine of AED 8500/- per person /passport.
- 1.2. The local Immigration authorities in UAE will have the sole authority to issue or refuse the Visa application. In the event of any refusal of visas, SONYA shall not be held responsible for the additional cost or losses incurred by the company or clients. However, every effort will be made by the SONYA to obtain all necessary visas.
- 1.3. Any traveller on **SONYA's** sponsored visa should refrain from committing crimes or illegal activities. Should such a guest be found involved in such acts, the local immigration / police may fine tour operator (being the sponsor). These cases usually come to our attention after the guests have departed from the destination. In such cases the company, who requested for the Visa is to be held responsible for the fines set down by the law.
- 1.4. Any tourist arriving in the respective country without proper travel documents may do so at their own risk and expense.
- 1.5. It is understood by the "Company" that the possession of a visa issued by the Immigration does not mean that a tourist will be allowed to enter the country and such authority lies totally at the discretion of the Immigration.
- 1.6. All passports of visa applicants must be valid for at least six months.
- 1.7. Visas once issued are non-refundable and non-transferable. For un-used visas, No-Shows and last minute cancellations, full visa fee (Normal or Urgent basis) shall be borne by the visa applicant.
- 1.8. All persons having any other name (i.e. Arabic, Asian, African....) than a European name the immigration department requires clear passport copies for the application of visa.

UAE - IMMIGRATION RULES

- ◆ All Tour Operators & Travel agencies are permitted to issue only Tourist Visa
- All passengers require an entry Visa prior to their arrival to the United Arab Emirates, with the
 exception of the following nationalities who will receive a visa upon arrival free of charge valid
 for 30 days stay.

These Nationalities are:

| The Gulf Co-operation | France | Liechtenstein | South Korea |
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| Council States | | | |
| Andorra | Germany | Luxembourg | Spain |
| Australia | Greece | Malaysia | Sweden |
| Austria | Holland | Monaco | Switzerland |
| | (Netherlands) | | |
| Belgium | Hong Kong | New Zealand | United Kingdom |
| Brunei | Iceland | Norway | United States |
| Canada | Ireland | Portugal | Vatican City |
| Denmark | Italy | San Marino | |
| Finland | Japan | Singapore | |

- ♦ All Tourist Visas are valid for a single entry only. For clients leaving the UAE and returning back, a new Visa is required.
- ♦ All passengers must have a valid passport with a Visa, processed in advance.
- ♦ Travel Documents and Identification cards are not accepted as valid passports. Passengers holding such documents will not be allowed to enter the UAE. Visas issued against such documents are considered not valid and costs are non-refundable.
- ♦ All Visas applied for are subject to the approval of the Immigration Authorities and may be refused without a given reason.
- Visa permit become invalid if any change, alteration and amendment occur in details or passport, travel document of the bearer found unacceptable or any other records found against the bearer.
- Bearer of Visa entry permit is not allowed to work paid or unpaid.
- ♦ All Visa charges have to be paid at the time of application and are non-refundable. So, if Visa is not granted by the Immigration authorities, Visa charges are not refunded or adjusted.
- ♦ No corrections are possible once a Visa is submitted or processed. A new Visa application and charges have to be considered.
- ♦ Please note that Friday & Saturday are Public Holidays (Weekend). As such all Immigrations authorities will be closed during these two days for issuance of new visas.
- ♦ Please note that single females aged between 15 30 years of formed states of USSR, traveling alone will not be granted visas to the UAE unless accompanied by the husband and have the same family name as the husband or accompanied by both mother and father.

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