



BHUTAN

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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

- Diplomatic, Service, Private and Public passport holders of the Republic of Turkiye are subject to a visa for their travels to Bhutan.
- There is no Turkish embassy in Bhutan and the closest Turkish embassy is in Dhaka. Bhutan also does not have a consulate in Turkiye.
- Transportation to Bhutan is provided by the national airline company Druk Air via India, Bangladesh, Thailand or Nepal, and visas can be obtained from the Embassies of the Kingdom of Bhutan in these countries.
- Turkish Citizens can make their visa applications from the border as a Border Gate Visa according to their travel purpose. ***However, for this, they must first get approval from the Foreign Ministries of the Kingdom of Bhutan.*** Bhutan, which follows a limited tourism policy, requires foreigners who will visit this country for touristic purposes to deposit a certain amount of money to tourism agencies recognized by the Bhutan Government for each day of their stay in Bhutan.
- The documents required for visa from Turkish citizens must be completed and delivered to the visa officers at the border.

2. RECOMMENDED VACCINES

- Hepatitis A and B, typhoid, diphtheria, pertussis, polio, rabies, tetanus, cholera, meningitis and Japanese encephalitis vaccines are recommended by the World Health Organization. It is also beneficial to get a flu vaccine before going to Bhutan.

3. VISA TYPES

- Business
- Tourist
- Special Purpose

4. VISA TO ENTER BHUTAN

- Bhutanese visas and entry permits are only issued by the Department of Immigration, Ministry of Home and Cultural Affairs in Bhutan once a duly filled visa application form is submitted to the Department for verification and issuance of visa.

Click [here](#) for Visa application form.

- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs shall verify and recommend visa application for only members of the international organizations, government delegations and foreign donors (Visa clearance for foreign donors may also be processed by the Ministry of Finance.).
- Verification and recommendation of visas for other foreigners shall be carried out by other relevant agencies.

5. REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY FOR A VISA

Tourist Visa

- For other tourist visitors, excluding nationals of India, Bangladesh and Maldives, visas are processed through an online system by licensed Bhutanese tour operator. You can find the list of tour operators at the website of the Tourism Council of Bhutan (TCB): <https://www.tourism.gov.bt/tour-operators>
- Click [here](#) for requirements to apply for a tourist visa.

Personal guest visa

- Personal guest visa may be issued to individuals coming to Bhutan on the invitation of a Bhutanese citizen and foreign professional (holding Work Permit) or Diplomat residing in the country.
- A personal guest shall be permitted to stay in the Kingdom for actual duration of stay or thirty days whichever is less.
- Personal guest visa shall be limited to a maximum of two guests in a year.
- Click [here](#) for requirements to apply for a personal guest visa.
- Click [here](#) to apply for Personal Guest Application form for Bhutanese.
- Click [here](#) to apply for Personal Guest Application form for Foreigners.

Visa on Arrival

- Nationals of Bangladesh and Maldives do not require visa in order to enter Bhutan and can get Visa on Arrival stamped on their passports upon arrival.
- Nationals of Thailand and Switzerland holding Official and Diplomatic passports shall be issued Visa on Arrival at the point of entry by immigration authorities. However, nationals of Thailand and Swiss carrying ordinary passports need to process Bhutanese visa in advance.
- Click [here](#) for requirements to apply for Visa on Arrival.

Student visa

- Individuals coming to study in Bhutan may apply for a student visa.
- A person seeking permission to enter the Kingdom as a student shall be admitted for an approved period depending on the length of his course of study.
- Click [here](#) for requirements to apply for a student visa.

Student Permit

- A Student Permit shall be issued to a foreigner enrolled as student in an academic institution, school and college including *shedra* and *drupdey* for regular academic course.
- Student permit shall not be renewed beyond the length of one's course of study.
- Click [here](#) for requirements to apply for a student permit.
- Click [here](#) for Application form for Student Permit

6. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR BHUTAN VISA APPLICATION

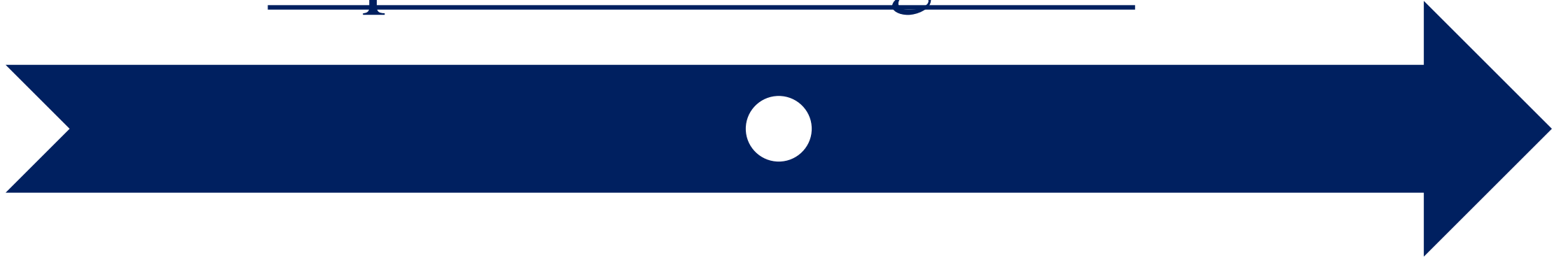
- Passport : You must have a passport valid for at least 6 months.
- Photograph: 2 biometric photographs taken within at least 6 months are required.
- Bhutan Visa Application Form: The visa application form is an official document prepared by the Bhutanese Consulate and is prepared in English. Therefore, when filling out the form, you must fill it carefully. This application form provides detailed information about the person who will travel to the Kingdom of Bhutan. For this reason, the information given must be filled in completely, making sure that it is correct. Otherwise, your visa application may be rejected. You must fill in the Visa Application Form in capital letters legibly and if a minor mistake is made, you should request a new form and correct it.
- Hotel and Flight Reservations: The printout of the document that you have made a hotel reservation during your stay in the Kingdom of Bhutan and the official document of your flight ticket to and from Bhutan are requested from you in your visa application.
- Visa Fee for the Kingdom of Bhutan: In order to obtain a visa to Bhutan, the bank receipt showing that you have paid the visa fee must be submitted at the time of application along with the application documents.
- Bank Account Information: For the days of your stay in Bhutan, a certified statement of account statement is required showing that you have an amount of around 200-250 USD per day in your bank account.

- Vaccines Required : It is recommended that vaccinations such as Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Diphtheria, Typhoid, Pertussis, Rabies, Polio, Tetanus, Cholera be made before going to Bhutan.
- Health insurance: Persons who will travel to Bhutan must have a document showing that they have an International Travel Health Insurance, which must be attached to their Visa Documents.
- Employee Visa Application: Documents showing that working people who want to go to Bhutan are working in Turkey; There is a condition that documents such as SGK service statement, SGK entry document must be present in your Visa Application file.
- Business Owner Visa Application: If the person who will apply for a visa is a business owner; The official printouts of the commercial newspaper registry, the Commercial registry and the signature circular must be included in the Visa Application files.
- Turkish citizens wishing to travel to Bhutan for commercial purposes must obtain a Bhutan Business Visa. For this, you must submit the documents stating the reason for the visit to the Bhutan Chamber of Commerce and apply for a visa with the necessary documents you will receive from there.
- Those who want to travel to Bhutan for special purposes should apply to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bhutan after completing the necessary documents for the visa mentioned above. After getting approval from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bhutan, they can easily obtain their visa by applying for a Gate Visa at the border in order to obtain a special purpose visa.

*This page has been prepared to provide general information about the Bhutan Visa application documents; however, the information may vary. It is therefore advised that you conduct your own research for up-to-date information.

7. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

<https://www.mfa.gov.bt/>



8. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Visa procedures of countries that do not have a representative in Türkiye:

https://www.mfa.gov.tr/turkiye_de-temsilcilici-olmayan-ulkelerin-vize-islemleri.tr.mfa

For further information on Visa and Permit to enter Bhutan, visit the website of Department of Immigration, Ministry of home and Cultural Affairs.



<https://www.doi.gov.bt/?lang=en>

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION,

This general information package has been put together to help you with your visa applications.

It is, however, the **applicants' responsibility** to keep up with current information and to carry out his/her process.

If you have any questions, please contact us at the email address listed below:

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