



BARRANQUILLA 2018

JUEGOS DEPORTIVOS CENTROAMERICANOS Y DEL CARIBE
CENTRAL AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN SPORTS GAMES

VISA MANUAL



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INTRODUCTION

The XXIII Central American and Caribbean Games Barranquilla 2018 is a multi-sport event that takes place every four years in different cities of countries within the region that includes Central America and the Caribbean Sea Basin, considered the oldest continuing Regional Games in the world. Colombia has been one of the most recurring host countries earning a privileged position over time.

With the aim of preserving and contributing to this tradition, the Organizing Committee of the XXIII Central American and Caribbean Sports Games Barranquilla 2018 is committed to providing all the tools at its disposal to ensure that these Games are up to the task of the past editions and leave an important legacy in the way of organizing and living the Central American and Caribbean Games.

As part of this commitment, COBAR 2018 has prepared this Visa Manual as a practical and simple instructional that establishes the entry guidelines for our country and all the necessary information regarding the Visa application process, so that participants, both government agencies and private parties involved in welcoming delegations and other attendees to the XXIII Central American and Caribbean Games Barranquilla in 2018, bear in mind the recommendations set out here and thus facilitate their process of entry into the country.

COBAR 2018 hopes this document will be very useful and reiterates its commitment to work hard to make the XXIII Central American and Caribbean Games Barranquilla 2018, the Best Central American and Caribbean Games in History!

Sincerely

COBAR 2018

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As amended:

ARTICLE 10. The 31 Olympic Committees Members of CACSO to date are:

1. Antigua y Barbuda,
2. Aruba,
3. Bahamas,
4. Barbados,
5. Belice,
6. Bermuda,
7. Colombia,
8. Costa Rica,
9. Cuba,
10. Dominica,
11. El Salvador,
12. Grenada,
13. Guatemala,
14. Guyana,
15. Haiti,

16. Honduras,
17. Caiman Islands,
18. US Virgin Islands,
19. British Virgin Islands,
20. Jamaica,
21. Mexico,
22. Nicaragua,
23. Panama,
24. Puerto Rico,
25. Dominican Republic,
26. Saint Kitts and Nevis,
27. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines,
28. Saint Lucia,
29. Suriname,
30. Trinidad and Tobago,
31. Venezuela.

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VISAS

It is the National Government's discretionary competence, based on the principle of sovereignty of the State, to authorize the entry, stay and departure of foreigners to, on and from national territory. Notwithstanding the provisions of international treaties, the entry, stay and departure of foreigners to, on and from national territory shall be governed by the provisions of Decree 0834 of 2013

- The visa is the authorization given to a foreigner to enter national territory granted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- The Stay is the time during which the foreigner may remain on national territory.
- The term will be the time between the granting date and the end date indicated on the visa label.
- The requirements for the issue of visas will be provided by ministry resolution.

It's worth noting that the Central American and Caribbean Accreditation Card (TACC) is not a document with immigration validity, i.e., it does not replace the visa or the passport for entry to the country at any time, therefore, it is important to consider the following:

VISITOR VISA:

This visa allows visiting Colombia to perform activities that do not involve receiving remuneration, such as: tourist activities, of cultural interest, transit through Colombia, business, technical work in companies (without receiving payment in Colombia), sports activities, transportation of goods, medical treatment, attending fairs and/or conferences, volunteering, and carrying out studies that do not involve a period of time greater than 180 days.

REASON OF TRIP – TOURISM

The holder of a visitor visa issued to authorize activities for leisure, tourism, cultural interest, participate in a quality event as speaker, exhibitor, artist, athlete, jury, competitor or logistics staff, volunteering in cooperation projects for the development or promotion and protection of human rights will be considered a Foreign tourist. In these cases, the visa label will contain the word "tourism" (tourist category, article 15 of resolution 6045 of 2017).

DO I NEED A VISA?

The Colombian visa will be necessary if you are not traveling as tourist, for example, if you are going to study, accept an employment contract or perform any other remunerated activity. Nationals from countries that do not require a visa to enter Colombia may continue to do so

as long as they travel for tourism or unpaid activities. However, foreign citizens who declare to come for tourism will have to meet the financial capacity to do so and hotel reservation or lodging requirements.

The following basic immigration requirements must be met, which will be checked when entering Colombia as tourist:

Valid passport: One of the main requirements to travel to almost every country in the world is the passport. You are advised to verify your passport's expiry date, as it will lose validity six months prior to its expiry date. Citizens from MERCOSUR member countries can travel with a passport or identity card.

Economic solvency: You must show that you have enough funds to pay for your travel expenses, such as food, lodging and transportation, among others. According to data provided by the Colombian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, travelers must have US \$40 per day to cover expenses in the territory. If you travel as tourist you must provide evidence of the hotel reservation where you will be staying or otherwise a letter from the family member or friend who will welcome you during your stay.

You can prove that you are economically solvent by showing cash, debit or credit cards, if you are the holder, or any kind of monetary instruments, such as checks, payment orders and any other document that fulfills a purpose equivalent to cash in payment of obligations (Form 530 Luggage, Cash and Monetary Instruments Customs Declaration – Travelers – DIAN).

Return ticket: If you travel to Colombia by air, you must prove that you have a return ticket to your country on the date scheduled to leave Colombia, according to immigration laws.

However, you must bear in mind that some other requirements, such as visa, immigration card, among others, will be necessary depending on your nationality, the reasons for your trip and the time spent in the country

Thus, in accordance with ministry resolution No. 0439 of February 1, 2016, Cuban and Haitian nationals require a visa to enter and remain in Colombian territory.

Regarding Nicaraguan nationals who eventually come to participate in the Games, only those who prove to be natural of the North and South Caribbean Coast Autonomous Regions of that country are exempt from visa to enter and remain in Colombian territory. This in accordance with resolution 5622 of July 19, 2017, which partially amends resolution 0439 of 2016, and can be referred to in the link below:

http://www.cancilleria.gov.co/sites/default/files/Fotos2017/resolucion_5622_de_2017.pdf

For these specific cases, the participation of a sporting event would require a visitor visa, as established in article 10, numeral 8 of Resolution 6045 of 2017.

Foreigners who have applied for their visa before the issue of resolution 6045 of 2017 will be subject to Decree 834 of April 24, 2013; therefore, the Visa type will be Temporary TP 12:

For foreigners wishing to enter national territory to attend or participate, with or without a work contract, in academic, scientific, artistic, cultural or sports events, attend an interview for a personnel selection process at public or private entities, business training, business or enterprise agreements and journalistic coverage, the validity of the visa will be ninety (90) days, with multiple entries.

Regarding the participants that come to fulfill an important task for the Colombian State, this is, all delegations of the Olympic Committees from the participating countries of the XXII Central American and Caribbean Games Barranquilla 2018 that require of a Visa to enter to Colombia, must undergo their visa application in the Visitor Courtesy category, this under the numeral 7 of Article 11 of Resolution 6045 of August 2, 2017 that regulates the issuance of visas.

INSTRUCTIONAL FOR REQUESTING COURTESY VISAS

Below, the instructions that must be followed in order to request for a courtesy visa for participants in events where national interest is presented.

When requesting the V-Courtesy visa online, the name of the liquidator office that corresponds to the Consulate in which the procedure will be done, it is recommended that said office be closest to your place of residence. Courtesy Visas do not have a cost, nevertheless, in order for the system to register said request you must end your application clicking the button that says "Settle Payment"

To initiate the process and fill out the Electronic Visa Application Form, enter here: <https://tramitesmre.cancilleria.gov.co/tramites/enlinea/solicitarVisa.xhtml>

Once the online application is completed, it is suggested to the visa petitioners to contact the office where they applied and denote that the request was made online before said consulate, so that the office can proceed to the study process of the documentation and subsequent approval. In the following link you can find the contact information of the consulates:

<https://tramites.cancilleria.gov.co/ciudadano/directorio/Misiones/enExterior.aspx>

Any doubts regarding this, we can be contacted through the following email: visas.autorizaciones@cancilleria.gov.co

V- Courtesy Visa Requirements

- Complete the Electronic Visa Application Form online.
- Have a valid Passport that is in good shape and with free space for Visas. Attach a copy of the principal page in the passport

For Cuban citizens, a copy of the Passport extension, in the case that said Passport has been expired for more than two years

- Foreigners that are in a different State than that of their nationality must also turn in a copy of the document that, in accordance to the migratory laws of the country in which you are, recognizes your legal, regulated or authorized stay.
- An up to date picture in a 3x4 size in a JPEG format with a white background, with a maximum weight of 300KB and facing to the camera.
- A letter of invitation of the organizing entity of the event that summoned the applicant to participate in said event. One letter is enough for all participants.
- A unique listing that includes full name and passport number of the foreign nationals participating in the event that require visas in order to be granted entry to Colombian national territory. Said listing must be forwarded with enough anticipation to these Offices with the purpose of being forwarded to Colombian consulates for its proper support before the applications of visa of foreign nationals.

Have in mind to perform said procedure with enough time. Once the visa is approved the petitioner will receive an Electronic Visa that will enable his/her entry to Colombia.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS FROM COUNTRIES THAT DO NOT REQUIRE VISA

COUNTRIES THAT DO NOT REQUIRE VISA TO ENTER COLOMBIA	
1	Antigua and Barbuda
2	Aruba (Netherlands)
3	Bahamas
4	Barbados
5	Belize
6	Bermuda
7	Costa Rica
8	Dominica
9	El Salvador
10	Grenada
11	Guadeloupe
12	Guatemala
13	Guyana (**)
14	French Guiana
15	Honduras
16	Cayman Islands
17	Turks and Caicos Islands
18	British Virgin Islands
19	US Virgin Islands
20	Jamaica
21	Martinique

22	Mexico
23	Panama
24	Puerto Rico
25	Dominican Republic
26	Saint Kitts and Nevis
27	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
28	Saint Lucia
29	Sint Maarten (Netherlands)
30	Suriname
31	Trinidad and Tobago
32	Venezuela
33	Curaçao (Netherlands)

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS FROM COUNTRIES THAT DO REQUIRE VISA

COUNTRIES THAT DO REQUIRE VISA TO ENTER COLOMBIA

1	Cuba(*) (**)
2	Haiti
3	Nicaragua

Below are all the countries of the world that do require and do not require Visa to enter Colombia. For verification purposes and further information, below is a link to resolution 1128 of February 14, 2018, which repeals resolutions 439 of 2016, 5622 of 2017 and 6771 of 2017, whereby provisions on visa exemption are issued.

http://www.cancilleria.gov.co/sites/default/files/resolucion_1128_de_2018.pdf

COUNTRIES	VISA REQUIRED TO ENTER COLOMBIA	
	YES	NO
Afghanistan (**)	X	
Albania	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
Germany		X
Andorra		X
Angola (**)	X	
Antigua and Barbuda		X
Saudi Arabia	X	
Algeria	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	

COUNTRIES	VISA REQUIRED TO ENTER COLOMBIA	
	YES	NO
Argentina		X
Armenia	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
Australia		X
Austria		X
Azerbaijan		X
Bahamas		X
Bahrain	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
Bangladesh	X	
Barbados		X
Belgium		X
Belize		X
Benin	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
Belarus	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
Bosnia and Herzegovina		X
Botswana	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
Brazil		X
Brunei Darussalam		X
Bulgaria		X
Burkina Faso	X No necesitan autorización previa al grupo interno de trabajo Visas e Inmigración	
Burundi	X No necesitan autorización previa al grupo interno de trabajo Visas e Inmigración	
Bhutan		X
Cape Verde	X No necesitan autorización previa al grupo interno de trabajo Visas e Inmigración	
Cambodia (**)	X	For holders of a residence permit in a Member State of the "Schengen Area" or in the United States of America
Cameroon	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	For current or USA or Schengen visa or residence holders
Canada		X

COUNTRIES	VISA REQUIRED TO ENTER COLOMBIA	
	YES	NO
Chad	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
Czech Republic		X
Chile		X
People's Republic of China (*)	X	For holders of a residence permit in a Member State of the "Schengen Area" or in the United States of America
Cyprus		For current or USA or Schengen visa or residence holders X
Comoros	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
Congo	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
Democratic Republic of Congo	X	
Republic of Korea		X
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	X	
Côte d'Ivoire	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
Costa Rica		X
Croatia		X
Cuba (*) (**)	X	
Denmark		X
Djibouti (**)	X	
Ecuador		X
Egypt	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
El Salvador		X
United Arab Emirates		X
Eritrea	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
Slovakia		
Slovenia		X
Spain		X
United States of America		X
Estonia		X
Ethiopia	X	
Fiji		X
Philippines		X

COUNTRIES	VISA REQUIRED TO ENTER COLOMBIA	
	YES	NO
Finland		X
France		X
Gabon	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
Gambia	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
Georgia		X
Ghana	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
Grenada		X
Greece		X
Guatemala		X
Guinea	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
Guinea-Bissau	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
Equatorial Guinea	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
Guyana		X
Haiti	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
Honduras		X
Hungary		X
India	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	For holders of a residence permit in a Member State of the "Schengen Area" or in the United States of America For current or USA or Schengen visa or residence holders
Indonesia		X
Iran (*) (**)	X	
Iraq (**)	X	
Ireland		X
Iceland		X
Marshall Islands		X
Solomon Islands		X
Israel		X
Italy		X

COUNTRIES	VISA REQUIRED TO ENTER COLOMBIA	
	YES	NO
Jamaica		X
Japan		X
Jordan (**)	X	
Kazakhstan		X
Kenya	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
Kyrgyzstan	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
Kiribati	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
Kuwait	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
Kosovo	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
Lao People's Democratic Republic (**)	X	
Lesotho	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
Latvia		X
Lebanon (**)	X	
Liberia (**)	X	
Libya (**)	X	
Liechtenstein		X
Lithuania		X
Luxembourg		X
Macedonia	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
Madagascar	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
Malaysia		X
Malawi	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
Maldives	X No necesitan autorización previa al grupo interno de trabajo Visas e Inmigración	
Mali	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
Malta		X

COUNTRIES	VISA REQUIRED TO ENTER COLOMBIA	
	YES	NO
Morocco (*)	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
Mauritius	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
Mauritania	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
Mexico		X
Micronesia		X
Moldova	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
Monaco		X
Mongolia	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
Montenegro		X
Mozambique(**)	X	
Myanmar(**)	X	For holders of a residence permit in a Member State of the "Schengen Area" or in the United States of America
Namibia	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
Nauru	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
Nepal	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
Nicaragua	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
		For holders of a residence permit in a Member State of the "Schengen Area" or in the United States of America
		For current or USA or Schengen visa or residence holders
		Holders of Visa issued by the Canadian Government or holders of residence permit of that country
		Natives of the North and South Caribbean Coast Autonomous Regions of that country

COUNTRIES	VISA REQUIRED TO ENTER COLOMBIA	
	YES	NO
Niger	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
Nigeria (**)	X	
Norway		
New Zealand		X
Oman	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
Netherlands		X
Pakistan (**)	X	
Palau		X
Panama		X
Papua New Guinea		X
Paraguay		X
Peru		X
Poland		X
Portugal		X
Qatar		X
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland		X
Central African Republic	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
Dominican Republic		X
Romania		X
Russian Federation		X
Rwanda	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
Saint Kitts and Nevis		X
Samoa		X
San Marino		X
Saint Lucia		X
Holy See		X
São Tomé and Príncipe	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines		X
Senegal	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
Serbia		X
Seychelles	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	

COUNTRIES	VISA REQUIRED TO ENTER COLOMBIA	
	YES	NO
Sierra Leona (**)	X	
Singapore		
Syria (**)	X	
Somalia (**)	X	
Sri Lanka (**)	X	
South Africa		X
South Sudan	X	
Sudan (**)	X	
Sweden		X
Switzerland		X
Suriname		X
Swaziland	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
Thailand	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	For holders of a residence permit in a Member State of the "Schengen Area" or in the United States of America For current or USA or Schengen visa or residence holders
Tanzania	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
Tajikistan	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
East Timor	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
Togo	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
Tonga	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
Trinidad and Tobago		X
Tunisia	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
Turkmenistan	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
Turkey		X
Tuvalu	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	

COUNTRIES	VISA REQUIRED TO ENTER COLOMBIA	
	YES	NO
Ukraine	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
Uganda (**)	X	
Uruguay		X
Uzbekistan	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
Vanuatu	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
Venezuela		X
Vietnam	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	For holders of a residence permit in a Member State of the "Schengen Area" or in the United States of America For current or USA or Schengen visa or residence holders
Yemen (**)	X	
Zambia	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
Zimbabwe	X Prior authorization from the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group will not be required	
OTHER TERRITORIES		
Aruba (Netherlands)		X
Bonaire (Netherlands)		X
Curaçao (Netherlands)		X
Hong Kong (SAR-China)		X
Macau (SAR-China) (issued when entering the territory)	X	
Palestine (**)	X	
Saba (Netherlands)		X
Sint Maarten (Netherlands)		X
Sint Eustatius (Netherlands)		X
Sovereign Military Order of Malta		X
Taiwan		X

WHAT SHOULD I DO TO APPLY FOR A VISA IN COLOMBIA?

If you are going to request a visa, remember that Colombia has two options to do so: personally and online.

It is important to keep in mind that for all types of visas, the interested party must complete an electronic application form.

The Visa Authority can complete the application review process online without requiring the presence of the applicant.

1. Face-to-face visa procedure: Go to your nearest Colombian consulate, there you will be informed about the payment methods and opening hours.

*COLOMBIAN EMBASSIES AND CONSULATES ABROAD IN THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES THAT REQUIRE VISA



Embassy of Cuba in Colombia Website

<http://cuba.embajada.gov.co/>

Embassy of Colombia in Cuba
 Local Telephone: (537) 2049644 / 2049645 / 2041248
 Address: Calle 14 No. 515, entre 5a. y 7a. Miramar, La Habana
 Email: ecuba@cancilleria.gov.co



Embassy of Haiti in Colombia

<http://santodomingo.consulado.gov.co/>

Contact information in Santo Domingo
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 Fax No: (809) 5623253
 Email: csantodomingo@cancilleria.gov.co



Embassy of Nicaragua in Colombia Website

<http://nicaragua.embajada.gov.co/>
<http://managua.consulado.gov.co/>

Local Telephone: 2255-1753/1742

Santo Domingo, Altos del Mirador, de la entrada 1 cuadra al sur, 1 cuadra al este,

40 metros al sur, casa # 52 Managua

Email: enicaragua@cancilleria.gov.co

LINKS:

Through the following links you can access the location, contact and opening hours of the consulates of Colombia in Havana and in Santo Domingo, to whose jurisdiction Haiti belongs, for the respective visa procedure:

<http://lahabana.consulado.gov.co/>

<http://santodomingo.consulado.gov.co/>

Natives of regions other than the North and South Caribbean Coast Autonomous Regions of Nicaragua must process the Colombian visa at the Consulate in Managua, as provided in resolution 5622 of July 19, 2017, which partially amends resolution 0439 of 2016, and can be accessed in the link below:

http://www.cancilleria.gov.co/sites/default/files/Fotos2017/resolucion_5622_de_2017.pdf

<http://managua.consulado.gov.co/>

2. Online visa procedure

- Go to www.cancilleria.gov.co
- Click on the services procedures section.
- Select the visa option.
- In the menu, click on the link "apply for a visa online here". Fill out the form with the required information and attach the requested documents.
- Pay the value for review. You will receive a response at the email registered in the form.
- If your visa application is approved, pay the cost of the visa within the period established by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (30 calendar days).
- The steps to follow will be sent to the email provided



GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING A VISA APPLICATION:

1. Have a valid passport or travel document, in good condition and with free space for visas.
2. Fill out the electronic visa application form (APPENDIX 2).
3. All required documents other than identity documents or travel documents must have a date of issue no longer than three months before the registration of the application.
4. All documents from abroad must be apostilled or legalized and have an official translation into Spanish if issued in another language. The official translation must be either legalized or apostilled, as appropriate.
5. If bank statements are required, these may be presented without apostille or legalization and without Spanish translation if their content can be clearly interpreted by the visa officer.
6. If the legal background is required, when the visa application is submitted to a Colombian consulate based in the country of origin of the applicant, the legal or criminal background certificate according to the procedures provided in such country will be sufficient. When the application is submitted to the Domestic Visas and Immigration Work Group, the legal or criminal background certified by the consulate of the country of origin accredited in Colombia or apostilled or legalized, as appropriate, may be presented.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATIONS OF MINORS OR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

1. Submit a birth certificate or record or the corresponding document, proving the name of the parents or persons exercising parental authority or guardianship of the minor.
2. Provide a visa application letter, signed by one of the parents or by the legal guardian, where the person's personal caregiver will be fully identified.
3. Letter of acceptance of responsibility signed by the minor's authorized caregiver, if other than the parents or custodian or guardian.
4. Refers to the inability to act on their own, for example, due to mental illness or by court order. Prevents a person from making decisions autonomously.

REQUISITOS GENERALES PARA SOLICITUDES DE MENORES DE EDAD O PERSONAS DISCAPACITADAS

1. Presentar registro, acta de nacimiento o el documento que haga sus veces, que acredite el nombre de padres o personas que ejercen la patria potestad o tutoría del menor.
2. Aportar una carta de solicitud de visa, firmada por uno de los padres o por el tutor legal donde se identifique plenamente quién tendrá a cargo el cuidado personal del menor.
3. Carta de aceptación de responsabilidad firmada por la persona autorizada para el cuidado del menor cuando esta no sea el padre o no tenga la patria potestad o la tutoría.
4. Está referida a la incapacidad para actuar por sí misma, por ejemplo, por enfermedad mental o por orden judicial. Es aquella que le impide a una persona tomar decisiones de forma autónoma.

VISAS OVERVIEW

The authority in charge of issuing visas will have the power to request additional documentation, as well as to carry out interviews when deemed appropriate, in person or by any suitable means of communication.

All persons with an approved visa and whose validity is less than three (3) months, may enter, stay and leave the country by presenting the electronic visa without the need to have an official label stamped on the passport or travel document. And, if so required by the foreigner, he/she will have a period of two (2) months after the issue date to request the printing and labelling of the visa.

COST OF THE VISA APPLICATION REVIEW

The cost of any visa application review, regardless of the final decision adopted, is established by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (see table: Visa Fees).

Tarifas Visa

TYPES OF VISA	IN COLOMBIA AND THE REST OF THE WORLD IN DOLLARS		EUROPE AND CUBA VALUE IN EUROS	
	VISITOR	REVIEW	REVIEW	VISA
Tourism	US\$52	US\$67	€40	€52
Event Participant	US\$52	US\$170	€40	€131
Cortesía	0	0	0	0

The value to be paid by Nicaraguan citizens in accordance with the provisions of article 7 of resolution 1128 of February 14, 2018, will be the equivalent in Colombian pesos of ten (10) dollars according to the representative market exchange rate on the day of entry into national territory (resolution 1128, article 8)

Note: The National Government in any case retains sovereignty, autonomy and discretion to deny or refuse a visa application or a request to enter national territory either for security reasons or in cases where the connections with the sporting event are unclear and on which there are reasons to believe that with their entry into the country a different purpose is pursued other than participating in the event.

CUSTOMS, SPECIAL EFFECTS AND LUGGAGE (DIAN)

CUSTOMS (for detailed information, refer to the Customs Manual)

1. Declaration: During the flight or upon arrival in Colombia from abroad, the traveler receives Form No. 530 Luggage, Cash and Monetary Instruments Customs Declaration – Travelers, which must be completed in full and signed, to be submitted to the customs authority who will determine the fulfillment of customs formalities and the payment of the corresponding taxes.

For imports by travelers, they can only bring goods that are introduced occasionally and consist exclusively of goods reserved for personal or family use, or goods that are intended to be offered as gifts, without their nature or quantity reflecting any intention of commercial activity.

2. Luggage: Travelers entering the country will have the right to bring accompanied luggage amounting to a total value of one thousand five hundred United States dollars (US \$1,500) or its equivalent, without payment of taxes, without import license and without limit of stay abroad. (Personal belongings of travelers will not be taken into account in the US \$1,500 quota).

Travelers entering the country will have the right to bring up to three units of household goods, whether electric, sporting goods and trade articles, up to a total value of two thousand five hundred United States dollars (US \$2,500) or its equivalent, as accompanied or unaccompanied baggage, without an import license accrediting a minimum stay abroad of five (5) calendar days and WITH PAYMENT of a single tax of fifteen percent (15%) ad valorem. The taxable base to determine the amount of the established tax will be the value that the customs establishes based on the invoice presented by the declarant. If no invoice is provided, the customs office will use the list of reference prices determined by the customs director. The amount will be calculated in the document indicated by the DIAN and shall be paid at the bank authorized by the Colombian Tax and Customs Authority, located at the airport of arrival in Colombia.

3. Cash: THE ENTRY OF MORE THAN (US \$10,000) IN CASH OR ITS EQUIVALENT IN OTHER CURRENCIES IS NOT PERMITTED.

A traveler may ONLY carry foreign currency or Colombian legal currency in cash and representative currency certificates up to a total amount of ten thousand United States dollars (US \$10,000), or its equivalent in other currencies, without having to declare it to the customs authorities.

A traveler may temporarily carry the quota of foreign currency or Colombian legal currency in cash of other travelers of their family group (children), or when acting as custodian, guardian or representative.

Values higher than those mentioned can only be entered using the financial system, bank transfers or through securities transport companies. If a traveler carries more than (US \$10,000), or its equivalent in other currencies, the excess will be withheld by the customs authority and will be subject to the respective procedure, and to the payment of a penalty of 30% of the value withheld.

This means that, if the traveler declares a sum greater than (US \$10,000), the excess will also be withheld and undergo the respective procedure, and will be subject to the payment of a penalty of 30% of the value withheld.

ANNEXES:

- NATIONALITIES THAT DO AND DO NOT REQUIRE VISA TO ENTER COLOMBIA
- ELECTRONIC VISA FORM
- Customs Freight Transport Manual



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