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How to Apply and Get a Japanese Tourist Visa in the Philippines

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As I prepare the requirements for my upcoming vacation to Japan, I took the liberty of sharing the process which have already brought me there twice in late 2012. Should be a good sign, right?

[UPDATE] Filipinos are now eligible to apply for the multiple-entry tourist visas, as part of the relaxation of Japan's visa policies toward ASEAN countries.

STEP 1

Complete all the Requirements for the Tourist Visa Application

1. Philippine Passport

As with other visa applications, tampered passports will not be accepted. Ensure that your passports are in their best condition! Oh and be sure to take out those dainty passport holders.

2. Photo

- 4.5cm x 4.5cm with white background
- Photo must be pasted on the application form.

3. Visa Application Form

Here is a soft copy of the [visa application form \(http://www.ph.emb-japan.go.jp/visiting/consular_j/new%20visa/visa%20application%20form%202012.pdf\)](http://www.ph.emb-japan.go.jp/visiting/consular_j/new%20visa/visa%20application%20form%202012.pdf).

Given that you're hoping to make a good impression, I recommend you fill out the online PDF form with your computer. The form is readily editable so you don't have to worry about converting the file.

4. Birth Certificate*

You may request a birth certificate online from National Statistics Office (NSO).

Fill Out Online Application Form

Pay through Accredited Payment Channel

Wait for Delivery

A copy of the birth certificate costs Php 315 and takes 3-5 working days to be delivered within Metro Manila, Cebu and Davao.

NSO Website (<https://www.ecensus.com.ph/default.aspx>) | **FAQ** (<https://www.ecensus.com.ph/Secure/FAQs.aspx>) | **Payment Instructions** (<https://www.ecensus.com.ph/Secure/PaymentInstructions.aspx>) | **Delivery** (<https://www.ecensus.com.ph/Secure/Delivery.aspx>)

E-mail address e-census.info@census.gov.ph (<mailto:e-census.info@census.gov.ph>)

*Note that you only need to present a birth certificate once for the Japan visa application. As it's already

my third application, I may skip this step.

EXEMPTION OF BIRTH CERTIFICATES & MARRIAGE CONTRACT

If the applicant is has his/her passport (old or valid) with a used Japanese visa

5. Marriage Contract

Same procedure with the birth certificate.

6. Daily Schedule or General Itinerary

Here is a soft copy of the Schedule of Stay (<https://www.google.com.sg/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=1&cad=rja&ved=0CCoQFjAA&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.ph.emb-japan.go.jp%2Fvisit-ing%2Fnew%2520visa%2Frequirements%2Fschedule%2520of%2520stay.doc&ei=zA6fU-ciHKcSKrQeIO4HABw&usg=AFQjCNGrFw7V-jC6rd5LEoZiDPI8ahi18g>) in word format.

Below is a Sample Schedule of Stay,

2012 November 29

Schedule of Stay

The schedules of stay in Japan of the visa applicant are as follows:

Date	Activity Plan	Contact	Accommodation
2012.12.20	Arrive in Osaka from Philippines aboard Flight 5J 828	Tel: 81754061930	Guest House Sakurakomachi Address: 10-2 Kimugasagaidou-cho, Kita-ku, North Kyoto, Kyoto
2012.12.21	Higashiyama District (Eastern Kyoto)	Tel: 075 561 155	Same as above
2012.12.21	Sanjusangendo (Eastern Kyoto)	Tel: 075 525 0033	Same as above
2012.12.21	Gion (Eastern Kyoto)	Tel: 075 541 5315	Same as above
2012.12.22	Shin-Puh-Kan Shopping Centre (Kyoto)	Tel: 075 213 6688	Same as above
2012.12.22	Opa Shopping Centre (Kyoto)	Tel: 075 255 8111	Same as above
2012.12.23	Amerika-mura (Osaka)	Tel: 06 6245 2512	Same as above
2012.12.23	Tokyo Tower (Tokyo)	Tel: 81339712237	Sakura Hotel Ikebukuro Address: 2-40-7 Ikebukuro Toshima-ku, Ikebukuro, Tokyo
2012.12.24	Ski at Yuzawa Town (Niigata)	Tel: 02 5784 3451	Same as above
2012.12.25	Ski at Minakami Town (Gunma)	Tel: 02 7862 2111	Same as above
2012.12.26	Shibuya (Tokyo)	Tel: 03 5457 0109	Same as above
2012.12.26	Harajuku (Tokyo)	Tel: 03 3475 0411	Same as above
2012.12.26	Shinjuku (Tokyo)	Tel: 03 3209 1111	Same as above
2012.12.27	Sumida River Cruise (Tokyo)	Tel: 01 2097 7311	Same as above
2012.12.27	Asahi Beer Tower (Tokyo)	Tel: 03 5608 5277	Same as above
2012.12.28	Sanrio Puroland (Tokyo)	Tel: 8139053631	Weekly Mansion Higashi-Jujo P3 Address: 2-10-2, Naka-jujo, Kita-ku, Ikebukuro, Tokyo
2012.12.29	Sensōji Temple, Asakusa (Tokyo)	Tel: 03 3842 0181	Same as above
2012.12.29	Asakusa Shrine, Asakusa (Tokyo)	Tel: 03 3844 1575	Same as above
2012.12.29	Sumida Park, Asakusa (Tokyo)	Tel: 03 5608 6951	Same as above
2012.12.30	Tokyo Dome City (Tokyo)	Tel: 03 5805 2111	Same as above
2012.12.31	Tokyo Disney Sea (Tokyo)	Tel: 05 7000 8632	Same as above
2013.01.01	Tokyo Disneyland (Tokyo)	Tel: 05 7000 8632	Same as above
2013.01.02	Tokyo Imperial Palace (Tokyo)	Tel: 03 3213 1111	Same as above
2013.01.02	Akihabara (Tokyo)	Tel: 03 3253 4790	Same as above
2013.01.03	Takashimaya Department Store (Kyoto)	Tel: 075 221 881	Same as above
2013.01.03	Return home from Osaka to Philippines on Flight 5J 827	Mobile: [Your number]	Same as above

Sample Schedule of Stay for Japan Visa Application for Citizens of the Philippines

7. Bank Certificate

The intention of this article is to show that you are financially capable of supporting yourself for the dura-

tion of your vacation in Japan. It is known that the cost of living in Japan is high so you have to be smart about how you will be presenting your financial standing. There is no pre-defined monetary basis as long as you will be able to sustain your stay, including any emergencies, based on what you have presented in the schedule of stay.

8. Income Tax Return (Form 2316)

This should readily be available from your HR department.

Otherwise, you can request through Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) (<http://www.bir.gov.ph/>),

Telephone no: 981-8888

Trunkline: 981-7000

Email address: contact_us@cctr.bir.gov.ph (mailto:contact_us@cctr.bir.gov.ph)

Office address: BIR National Office Bldg., BIR Road, Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines

9. Additional proof of your vacation and exit from Japan

It is applicant's responsibility to ensure that he/she meet the requirements for the grant of a visa. Submission of any supporting documents not listed above is encouraged (e.g. applicant's economic or social ties with the Philippines, urgent reasons for visit: medical certificate, wedding invitation). ~ Embassy of Japan in the Philippines

- Certificate of Employment (COE) – stating current position, annual income, length of service and approved leaves
- Airline Ticket / e-Ticket
- Hotel Reservation / Confirmation
- Approved Leaves – with confirmation or acceptance of manager

For those who wish to apply for the 3-year or 1-year multiple entry visa, the additional requirements would have to be submitted (depending under which classification you fall under).

Classification A: Applicants with travel history as temporary visitor to Japan in the last three years without any record of violations of the laws and regulations of Japan during their period of stay.

1. Recent or old passport that shows previous stays in Japan within the last three years.
2. ITR (Income Tax Return) or Bank Certificate of the applicant or of the person who will support the applicant
3. Documents to prove residence in the Philippines (copy of Identification cards etc.)
4. Explanation Letter why the applicant needs a multiple-entry visa

Classification B: Employed individuals with sufficient financial capacity to support their stay in Japan.

1. Employment Certificate
2. ITR (Income Tax Return)
3. Documents to prove residence in the Philippines (copy of Identification cards etc.)
4. Explanation Letter why the applicant needs a multiple-entry visa

STEP 2

Submit Application to an Accredited Agency

Click [here \(http://www.ph.emb-japan.go.jp/visiting/new%20visa/list%20of%20accredited%20agencies.htm\)](http://www.ph.emb-japan.go.jp/visiting/new%20visa/list%20of%20accredited%20agencies.htm) for the detailed list of accredited agencies by the Embassy of Japan.

- [Discovery Tour, Inc. \(http://www.discoverytour.ph/japanvisa\)](http://www.discoverytour.ph/japanvisa)
- [Rajah Travel Corporation \(http://www.rajahtravel.com\)](http://www.rajahtravel.com)
- [Reli Tours & Travel Agency \(http://www.relitours.ph\)](http://www.relitours.ph)
- [Attic Tours Phils., Inc. \(http://www.attictours.asia\)](http://www.attictours.asia)
- [Friendship Tours and Resorts Corporation \(http://www.friendshipmanila.com\)](http://www.friendshipmanila.com)
- [Pan Pacific Travel Corporation \(http://panpacifictravel.com.ph/\)](http://panpacifictravel.com.ph/) *applications without Japanese Guarantor only*

I recommend that you submit your visa application directly to the accredited agencies listed above, otherwise you might be charged with additional handling fees. I've personally experienced this because I was charged twice the handling fee when we submitted the application through a non-accredited travel agency in Manila.

The handling fee of my 2nd visa application through Friendship Tours and Resorts Corporation in Dusit Thani Hotel was only Php 1,200. The staff were friendly and approachable. I submitted my application on Friday afternoon and by Monday afternoon I had already received an SMS from the agency that my passport is ready for pick up. Of course, the agency has no control on the turn around of your application once they have transmitted it to the Embassy.

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I wish you the best of luck on your application!

Should you have any inquiries or suggestions, feel free to leave a comment below or email me at theeagertraveller@gmail.com (<mailto:theeagertraveller@gmail.com>).

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Click [here for the official tourist visa application \(http://www.ph.emb-japan.go.jp/visiting/new%20visa/tourism.htm\)](http://www.ph.emb-japan.go.jp/visiting/new%20visa/tourism.htm) by the Embassy of Japan in the Philippines.

In case you've missed it, you might want to check out,

[Autumn in Japan \(http://theeagertraveller.com/2012/11/25/vibrant-energy-of-autumn-in-japan/\)](http://theeagertraveller.com/2012/11/25/vibrant-energy-of-autumn-in-japan/) : Day 1 (<http://theeagertraveller.com/2012/11/18/autumn-season-in-japan-osaka-to-kyoto-jr-west-pass-day-1-of-8/>) | **Day 2** (<http://theeagertraveller.com/2012/11/19/autumn-season-in-japan-philosophers-path-honen-in-temple-kiyomizu-dera-day-2-of-8/>) | **Day 3** (<http://theeagertraveller.com/2012/11/20/autumn-season-in-japan-kamo-river-osaka-aquarium-shinsaibashi-day-3-of-8/>) | **Day 4** (<http://theeagertraveller.com>)

[/2012/11/21/autumn-season-in-japan-osaka-castle-park-dotonbori-shinsaibashi-day-4-of-8/](http://theeagertraveller.com/2012/11/21/autumn-season-in-japan-osaka-castle-park-dotonbori-shinsaibashi-day-4-of-8/)) | Day 5 (<http://theeagertraveller.com/2012/11/22/autumn-season-in-japan-kinkaku-ji-nijo-castle-kiyomizu-dera-day-5-of-8/>) | Day 6 (<http://theeagertraveller.com/2012/11/23/autumn-season-in-japan-fushimi-inari-arashiyama-yakiniku-buffet-day-6-of-8/>) | Day 7 (<http://theeagertraveller.com/2012/11/24/autumn-season-in-japan-kobe-harborland-nankinmachi-tetsujin-28-go-day-7-of-8/>) | Day 8 (<http://theeagertraveller.com/2012/11/25/autumn-season-in-japan-nara-todaiji-daibutsuden-day-8-of-8/>)

Winter in Japan (<http://theeagertraveller.com/2013/01/03/wonderful-winter-experience-in-japan/>) : Day 1 – 2 (<http://theeagertraveller.com/2012/12/20/winter-in-japan-doshisha-business-school-year-end-party-day-1-2-of-15/>) | Day 3 – 4 – 5 (<http://theeagertraveller.com/2012/12/22/winter-in-japan-kyoto-association-pinoy-scholars-year-end-party-day-3-4-5-of-15/>) | Day 6 (<http://theeagertraveller.com/2012/12/25/winter-in-japan-universal-studios-japan-day-6-of-15/>) | Day 7 (<http://theeagertraveller.com/2012/12/26/winter-in-japan-kinkaku-ji-shimogamo-shrine-sanjo-day-7-of-15/>) | Day 8 (<http://theeagertraveller.com/2012/12/27/winter-in-japan-shinkansen-bullet-train-to-tokyo-day-8-of-15/>) | Day 9 (<http://theeagertraveller.com/2012/12/28/winter-in-japan-tokyo-disney-sea-day-9-of-15/>) | Day 10 (<http://theeagertraveller.com/2012/12/29/winter-in-japan-skiing-at-kusatsu-kokusai-ski-resort-day-10-of-15/>) | Day 11 (<http://theeagertraveller.com/2012/12/30/winter-in-japan-traditional-dining-hot-spring-best-unagidon-day-11-of-15/>) | Day 12 – 13 – 14 – 15 (<http://theeagertraveller.com/2012/12/31/winter-in-japan-new-year-kiyomizu-dera-shopping-in-osaka-departure-day-12-13-14-of-15/>)

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248 thoughts on “How to Apply and Get a Japanese Tourist Visa in the Philippines”

1. [jaepooh](#)

Hi! I'm currently making the Schedule of Stay for our planned trip in December. What contact numbers should I put if say we visit Tokyo Tower or Universal Studios. Right now, I'm not sure if we'll be able to use of phone in PH... can we use the contact number of the establishment? What if we just want to tour around Gion or Mt. Fuji?

Appreciate your help! And I really find your blog posts informative. Thanks for sharing these!

[AUGUST 19, 2014 AT 7:58 AM](#) | [REPLY](#)

2. [polin](#)

Hi, for a single entry visa, how long can i stay in Japan? Is it 3 months? And say it is 3 months and i'll go back to home after this 3 months, can i apply immediately for another visa? Or is there a prescribed time to be out of Japan (say a month) before i can apply again?

Thank you!

AUGUST 18, 2014 AT 9:53 AM | REPLY

3. **JENNIFER S.PANCHO**

hello po paano mag apply tourist sa japan 5days lang ?ano kailangan requirments po ?

AUGUST 17, 2014 AT 3:52 PM | REPLY

4. **leslie**

hi! ask ko lang kung may iba pa bng requirements aside sa na mention sa website at sa blog, kasi resident and working ako in dubai,UAE, pero philippine passport holder ako. mag vacation ako in philippines then will visit in japan together ng family ko and my son so where going to apply family visa. Parehas lang ba ang requirements or may karagdagan pang documents. I have already this ff. documents.

- 1.certificate of employment in Dubai with company stamp
- 2.salary certificate with company stamp (there is no Income tax in this country)
- 3.Personal/ Residential ID in Dubai
- 4.Bank Certificate

Confused lang po ako baka kasi masayang lang po ung ticket kung may kulang pa akong documents. Thanks in advance.

Leslie

AUGUST 16, 2014 AT 8:40 PM | REPLY

5. Pingback: [How to apply for a Tourist Visa for Japan | When in Japan](#)

6. **Robinson Cabalfin Jr.**

How can I apply for a tourist visa going to Japan from Dubai, UAE? I am a Filipino citizen and currently working here in the UAE.

AUGUST 13, 2014 AT 6:49 AM | REPLY

7. **mmmaaaiirrriiirraaa**

mam paano po magapply papuntang japan ksi po may relatives ako dun at ano ang kailangang requirements..thanks

AUGUST 7, 2014 AT 2:14 PM | REPLY

o **joy**

<http://www.ph.emb-japan.go.jp/visiting/new%20visa/tourism.htm>

basahin u lang po ito

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