



## CONSULADO GENERAL DE COLOMBIA

### ENTRANCE AND STAY PERMIT

The Administrative Department of Security - DAS - may grant an Entrance and Stay Permit to foreign visitors when a visa to enter the country is not required, prior the presentation of a valid passport and a ticket to exit the country.

#### WHO CAN OBTAIN THIS PERMIT?

**Tourist Visitor:** To fulfill activities of resting and relaxation for a period of ninety (90) calendar days, which can be extended up to ninety (90) additional days within the same calendar year.

**Temporary Visitor:** For the foreigner who participates in academic activities, seminars, conferences, symposiums, exhibits, courses, special studies, not longer than an academic semester; medical treatment, interviews for employment in public or private enterprises; to attend commercial and/or business interviews, up to one-hundred and eighty (180) calendar days within the same calendar year.

To participate in sporting, scientific, and cultural, unpaid and free of charge events, it is required that the corresponding institution or enterprise extend an application by which it assumes responsibility and justifies the admittance of the foreigner to the country during the duration of the event. The application must be presented by the foreigner at the time of entrance to the country.

For the foreigner who intends to perform journalistic activities in order to cover a particular event; to the journalist reporter, photographer, or who shows proof of being part of a journalistic team, up to the length of time of the events to be covered.

For the foreigners needed to give training to private or public enterprises, upon the presentation of a letter of responsibility from the enterprise, justifying the presence of the foreigner. The length of the permit will be up to thirty (30) calendar days.

In the event of academic activities, seminars, conferences, symposiums, exhibitions, courses or special studies, the foreigner must present, upon arrival, a letter of invitation, registration or acceptance by the corresponding entity.

**Technical Visitor:** To the foreigner who, upon judgment of the immigration authority, must enter the national territory in order to lend urgent technical services to public or private enterprises, prior the presentation of a letter of responsibility from the entity by which it justifies the urgency of the required services. The length of the permit will be up to thirty (30) calendar days.

The letter of responsibility addressed to the DAS, must include the presentation of the applicant, his/her position and justification of the services, by a detailed explanation of the reasons of the trip. It must agree to assume responsibility for the expenses of the trip, including the return to the country of origin or to the country of his/her last residence. It must be **TRANSLATED INTO SPANISH, NOTARIZED**, and the original, as well as the copies (if required) must be **APOSTILLED**.



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### **THE FOREIGNER MUST PRESENT UPON ARRIVAL**

- A valid passport.
- The letter of responsibility from the enterprise, explaining the purpose of the trip, and a return ticket.

If more time is required for the technical assistance, the foreigner must apply for a **WORK VISA**.

### **ENTRANCE PERMIT OF A GROUP IN TRANSIT**

The DAS may grant Entrance Permit for a length of time up to seventy two (72) hours to passengers of a group in transit, from ships or tourist cruises that would visit the Colombian sea and river ports and who re-embark in the same ship.

For that purpose, the migratory authority of the port must receive, with seventy-two (72) hours of anticipation, from the Captain of the Ship or from the responsible maritime agency, the list of the passengers and the ship's crew who will disembark, with the indication of valid passport or similar document, of each one of them, and the length of the visit.

It is understood, by ships or cruisers, those of international voyage, whose boarding passengers take part in a group program, and who have foreseen temporary tourist stops in one or more different ports.

Likewise, the DAS may grant a permit to passengers, or a group in transit who disembark in the sea or river port, for the strictly necessary length of time, in order to travel to another country through the airport of the same city. Also, to passengers of international flights, who arrive to the airport to embark in the ships or cruisers from those countries for which a visa is not required.

In all cases the passengers must present, upon arrival at the air or sea port, a credential extended by the sea line or airline which confirms them as passengers or members of the group in transit, stating their personal data, their residence and nationality.

The persons that need to disembark in the Colombian territory, in order to travel to another country, will only need the entrance permit extended by the migratory authority, for the required time and as long as it refers to foreigners who do not require a visa to enter the country.

When referring to migratory control, it is understood for calendar year the period from the first (1) of January and the thirty-first (31) of December. No foreigner that enters the country as a visiting tourist or temporary visitor will be permitted to stay for more than one hundred and eighty (180) continuous or discontinuous days within the same calendar year.

### **THIS PERMIT APPLIES ONLY TO THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH WHICH COLOMBIA HAS SUBSCRIBED AGREEMENTS OF VISA EXEMPTION**