

Francisco

Visita Apostólica a Colombia 2017



Instructional Material

For foreign journalists interested in covering the visit of Pope Francis to Colombia from 6 to 10 September 2017 and the processing of their visas.





1. Foreign journalists, interested in traveling to Colombia to cover the visit of Pope Francis, from September 6 to 10, 2017, from the following countries, must file the **TEMPORARY VISA TP-12.**

Afghanistan	Guinea-Bissau	Nicaragua
Albania	Equatorial Guinea	Niger
Angola	Haiti	Qatar
Saudi Arabia	India	Central African Republic
Argelia	Iran	Rwanda
Armenia	Iraq	Sao Tome and Principe
Bahrain	Jordan	Senegal
Bangladesh	Kenya	Serbia
Benin	Kyrgyzstan	Seychelles
Belarus	Kiribati	Sierra Leone
Boznia and Herzegovina	Kuwait	Syria
Botswana	Kosovo	Somalia
Burundi	Democratic Republic of Laos	Sri Lanka
Cape Verde	Lesotho	South Sudan
Cambodia	Lebanon	Sudan
Cameroon	Liberia	Swaziland
Chad	Libya	Thailand
People's Republic of China	Macedonia	Tanzania
Comoros	Madagascar	Tajikistan
Congo	Malawi	East Timor
Democratic Republic of Congo	Maldives	Togo
Korea, Democratic People's	Mali	Tonga
Republic	Morocco	Tunisia
Ivory Coast	Mauricio	Turkmenistan
Cuba	Mauritania	Tuvalu
Djibouti	Moldova	Ukraine
Egypt	Mongolia	Uganda
Eritrea	Montenegro	Uzbekistan
Ethiopia	Mozambique	Vanuatu
Gabon	Myanmar	Yemen
Gambia	Namibia	Zambia
Ghana	Nauru	Zimbabwe
Guinea	Nepal	



2. The application for the TP-12 visa must be done in two ways:

- At the link http://www.cancilleria.gov.co/tramites_servicios/visas, indicating that the office that will carry out the study of the application is: BTA.Visas. When you do the procedure online, you will receive an electronic visa that will enable you to enter to Colombia. You must have it on your smartphone or present a print-copy.
- If you prefer, you can go to the closest Colombian Consulate to your place of residence to start the procedure. There, they will inform you about the time of delivery of your visa.

3. **Requirements for the TP12 Visa:**
Attach the following documents:

A filled visa application form. In the “additional information” space indicate that you will be covering as a journalist the Pope’s visit to Colombia.

- A recent 4X3 portrait color picture, with white background.
- Passport or travel document valid for at least one hundred and eighty (180) days.
- Copy of the main page of your passport where the personal information of the holder is registered.
- Photocopy or electronic information of your return tickets to your country of origin.
- Costs: Visa Study: USD 52 Visa issuance: USD 107

4. Consult the list of Consular Offices on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Colombia on the following link
<https://tramites.cancilleria.gov.co/ciudadano/directorio/Misiones/enExterior.aspx>.

5. Please, make sure to start your procedure with enough time ahead.

6. Citizens with passports from countries not mentioned in the list above, ARE NOT REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR A TP-12 VISA. Upon entry to the country, the Colombian immigration authorities will issue a Permit for Entry and Permanence - PIP (for its Spanish initials) for the established time to cover the event.