



## India Connect

### How do I apply for a visa to India?



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If you are planning a trip to India, irrespective of the reason of travel, you need to complete an online application form, take a print out and submit it at the nearest India Visa Application Center in the United Kingdom.

This Form is common for all categories being applied for and can be found on our website at <http://in.vfsglobal.co.uk> along with all required information on fees, documents required and

locations where the application can be submitted.

You also have the option to send us the application form and all required documents via post to our visa application center in Hayes.

It is very important to keep in mind that the two photographs that you do need to submit along with your application must be of a specific size i.e. 50x50 and with a white background. The visa centers in London, Birmingham and Edinburgh do have photo booths that will be able to provide you with the right size and quality.

Please note that incorrect or incomplete applications, documentation or photographs may not allow us to proceed with accepting your dossier at the visa center. A comprehensive FAQ tab on the homepage of our website will provide you with more information on your application requirements.

#### Where do I apply for a visa to India?

There are 8 locations within the United Kingdom where you can submit your application for a visa to India. These are:

#### India Visa Application Center

60-62 Wilton Road, Victoria, London, SW1V 1DE.

#### India Visa Application Center

142-148 Goswell Road, London EC1V 7DU.

#### India Visa Application Center

1-3, Canalside, Uxbridge Road, Hayes, Middlesex, UB4 0JN

#### India Visa Application Center

20 - 21 Pemberton Street, Birmingham B18 6NY

#### India Visa Application Center

66 Hanover Buildings Rose Street, Edinburgh EH2 2NN

Submission of Application for all the above centers: 0830 - 1430 Hrs

Collection of processed passports from all the above centers: 1300 - 1630 Hrs Monday-Friday

#### India Visa Application Center

C/o. The India Centre, Sanquhar Street, Splott, Cardiff, CF24 2AA.

Working hours are from 09.00hrs until 14.30hrs Monday to Friday

#### India Visa Application Center

C/o. Mel Milaap Centre 134 Berkeley Street, Glasgow, G3 7HY.

Working hours are from 0930 - 1430 Hrs Monday-Friday

#### India Visa Application Center

C/o. Jain Community Centre 669 Stockport Road, Longsight, Manchester, M12 4QE.

Working hours are from 0930 - 1430 Hrs Monday-Friday

#### What documents are required and the subsequent fees to be charged?

Complete information on the documents required and the subsequent fees which will be charged can be found under the section 'All About Your Visa' on the homepage of our website <http://in.vfsglobal.co.uk>. Under each category information is broken down into four tabs at the top of the page titled: Visa Fees, Document Checklist, Application Form, Photo Specifications and FAQ.

For more information regarding any queries about Indian Visa please contact by email or post:

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## Kilimanjaro charity honeymoon trek

Newly weds **Stuart Jackson** (33) and **Sonia** (31), of Duke Street, Fletton, Peterborough, have pledged to climb Africa's highest mountain as part of their honeymoon - and in the process raise invaluable funds for deprived children.

They are looking to raise at least £1,000 for Save The Children through their journey to the so-called "roof of Africa" and at the same time make good on their life-long commitment to each other.

Stuart said: "What better way to start married life than to take on one of the biggest challenges you can possibly do. After that everything will be easy."

The couple, who met through their jobs working for travel giant Thomas Cook, started the climb on September 24 following their wedding in Ibiza on September 17.

As part of their preparations the couple have, twice a week, been climbing up and down their staircase at home 30 times in a row.



Thomas Cook employees **Sonia Dalsania** and **Stuart Jackson** set to climb Mt Kilimanjaro for save The Children charity whilst on honeymoon later this year

After starting racing up and down the stairs in January, they believe they will have scaled a height

equivalent to going up and down the 5,895-metre Mount Kilimanjaro by the time they start the climb.

Their training has also involved climbing up and down Wales' highest peak, Snowdon twice as well as cycling to work and going to the gym.

Stuart said: "Around here we are a little bit short of mountains."

Sonia, a former Orton Longueville Secondary School pupil, said: "I can't wait to do it now. We have been building up to it for quite some time. Planning started in August last year."

The couple's chosen cause, Save the Children, is particularly close to the heart of Stuart, who has volunteered for the charity.

He spent six months in Honduras and El Salvador in Central America in 2004 helping the charity with its a construction project building schools and homes in the area.

He said: "They're helping people that have nobody else helping them."

To sponsor the couple visit [www.justgiving.com/Sonia-Dalsania](http://www.justgiving.com/Sonia-Dalsania)

## TiE UK: Fostering Entrepreneurship

To recognise and honour the contribution of businessmen and women in the field of commerce, the Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE) UK, a unique non profit organisation dedicated to fostering entrepreneurship will hold its first awards in December. The awards will celebrate the achievements and the difference made by the business community in trade and social welfare.

The annual TiE UK awards to be held on December 6 at the Millenium Mayfair will be given in five categories for outstanding entrepreneur of the year award, most innovative social enterprise award, most impactful contribution to early stage businesses, extraordinary contribution to TiE UK, entrepreneur of the year. It will recognise the contribution of successful entrepreneurs in the UK, charter members, sponsors and role models.



Dr Sanjeev B Ahuja

Although established since the last 11 years, it is for the first time that the organisation will be holding the awards. "Not many people outside the business community know about us. The awards is a way to make people aware of TiE UK and its work," said Dr

**Sanjeev B Ahuja**, President TiE UK. The non profit organisation is one of the 57 chapters established in 14 countries and five continents with over 28,000 members. The organisation aims to foster entrepreneurship while making it the engine for sustainable economic growth.

"There are number of men and women who are doing great work in the field of business by setting up innovative productions and ideas. We want to honour the contribution of such people and provide an inspiration for budding entrepreneurs through their suc-

cess stories," he said. Noted and renowned names from the industry including CEO **Hamilton Bradshaw James Caan**, Chairman **Cobra Beer Lord Karan Bilimoria**, **Nick O'Donohoe**, **Dr Rami Ranger** and **Pinky Lilani** of Spice Magic are expected to attend the awards. While discussions will focus on the current economic crisis in Europe, the government's efforts to tackle the fiscal deficits, unemployment, the awards will also provide a platform to entrepreneurs for networking and establishing some business deals.

In the last three years TiE UK helped 200 entrepreneurs with their business ideas. These entrepreneurs have come from across different backgrounds and age groups with the youngest being a 14 year old school student who wanted to establish an online tutorial classes.

## ICAI (UK): Bringing Professionals Together

UK (London) Chapter of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India is organising its Second Annual event on 25 November, 2011 at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, London W14 9HE and is likely to be attended by more than 250 people including members, guests from business houses, financial institutes and senior functionaries from accountancy profession. This year's Annual Event is sponsored by State Bank of

India, UK and event partners are The Association of Corporate Treasurers, The Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales, and HDFC Bank, UK.

This is the second such annual event of the chapter after the success of last year's event which brings together members of the Institute of chartered accountants of India in the UK, their family and friends. The event promises to be a fun filled evening with Indian

Classical and Bollywood music & Dance performance, a raffle with exciting prizes (Amazon Kindle, digital camera), appetizing food and plenty of opportunity for networking. To cover the cost of the event, the chapter is charging only £10 per person.

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), one of the largest accounting bodies in the whole world, is recognized globally for its contribution in the fields

of education, professional development, maintenance of high accounting, auditing and ethical standards.

UK (London) Chapter of ICAI is one of the largest and most active chapters of the 21 overseas chapters of ICAI and has more than 600 registered members. The Chapter was formed 10 years ago with the mission of promoting the Indian Chartered Accountancy Profession in UK.