



Nepal: Tibetan and Himalayan Peoples

Please return this form acknowledging your understanding of the following information. SIT will send you visa instructions **via email** in June/July for **Fall** programs, and in December for **Spring** programs. You are solely responsible for submitting all necessary pre-visa materials to SIT in a timely fashion in order to start the visa process. Failure to do so will delay the visa process not only for you, but for the entire group.

I understand that:

- I am responsible for sending pre-visa materials to SIT within the amount of time specified by my Admissions Counselor. Failure to do so could result in my removal from the program.
- Before planning any pre-program travel, I must consult with my Admissions Counselor to ensure that this is possible. If it interferes with the visa process, I must change my travel plans accordingly.
- Participating in international travel during the three months prior to the start of my program has the potential to prevent me from obtaining my visa.
- The Nepali government may change visa requirements and fees at any time. I must accept and accommodate these changes and pay all necessary fees at the time of application in Nepal.
- The Indian government may change visa requirements and fees at any time. I must accept and accommodate these changes and pay all necessary fees at the time of application for India.
- Issuance of visas is at the sole discretion of the Nepali and Indian governments. SIT assumes no responsibility for the application process or if the participant's visa(s) is/are denied.
- I understand that SIT has no affiliation with the Nepali government.
- I have read and understand the pre-visa instructions, and I will submit my materials to SIT by the deadlines communicated to me by my Admissions Counselor.
- Students without a US passport may be subject to additional or different requirements for obtaining a visa or meeting other conditions of entry into the country or countries listed above. Many countries require individuals to apply for visas in person at the relevant embassy or consulate located in their country of citizenship. We strongly recommend that you contact the embassy of each country the program will be traveling to very early in the process to confirm visa and/or entry requirements applicable to your country of citizenship and determine next steps while allowing plenty of time to apply. If the foreign consulate(s) permits non-US passport holders to apply for the required visa from within the United States, applicants are encouraged to contact Travia Visa Services. As an experienced visa agent working closely with a number of SIT programs, Travia may be able to assist you in your visa application process. A service discount is available by entering "SIT" as the corporate code in your Travia online application. It is your responsibility to confirm and complete the visa application process particular to your situation, and to keep your admissions counselor informed.

By providing this information, I confirm my acknowledgment of the aforementioned points and that the information below is current and correct.

Name (*print*): _____

Permanent Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Special notes on your individual process (*travel plans prior to program, non-US passport, etc.*):

Signature _____ Date _____