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Re: Clarification of the order of entry of Israeli citizens with Travel Document in Lieu of National Passport

От: DOT Hosts <hosts@tourism.gov.bt>

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Dear Evgenia,

Thank you for your mail and we are looking forward to welcoming you to the Kingdom of Bhutan.

All visitors require a visa before travelling to Bhutan (except those from India, Bangladesh and the Maldives, for whom the relevant processes and fees are outlined separately below). As part of the visa application process, you will be required to pay the Sustainable Development Fee (SDF) of US\$200 per day (per adult; concessionary rates apply for children). More information about the SDF can be found [here](#). You can [apply online for a visa or permit](#) by completing an application form, or if you're travelling with a tour operator or staying at a hotel, they can apply on your behalf. You can apply for yourself and anyone you're travelling with, provided you have the required information for each person travelling. For all visitors except those from India, the SDF is US\$200 per person, per night. For guests from India (who have an Indian passport or Indian voter ID card), the SDF is 1,200 ngultrums, or the equivalent amount in Indian rupees, per person, per night. Without an Indian passport or Indian voter ID card, the full SDF of US\$ 200 will be levied. Children aged 6 to 12 at the time of travel receive a 50% concessionary discount on their SDF. Those children who have not yet turned six are exempt from paying any SDF. To apply for a visa online you will need:

- A digital copy of a valid passport (The passport you provided in the previous letter also fits)
- A recent digital passport photo
- Arrival and departure dates
- Valid travel insurance for the duration of your travel
- Payment details

Therefore, if you have a valid passport then there are no restricted nationalities in Bhutan. Making your preparations as per your needs, interests, and comfort while journeying Bhutan, we are sharing a PDF with a list of certified tour operators below. They are skilled and experienced in guest itinerary planning and will manage your trip conveniently and with the least amount of time wasted, particularly while travelling, a tour operator will help with everything from obtaining your permit/visa in advance to providing accommodations, transportation, and a guide as a guide is mandatory when guests leave the border town for another district or cross the designated places/checkpoints, visiting monuments/monasteries and hiking & trekking. Guides also help look after the safety and security of the visitors, as there are wild animals in the countryside, and the altitude and landscape can sometimes pose unique challenges. This is to ensure that all visitors have a good experience while visiting our country and see the best that Bhutan has to offer. We have also included a PDF with a list of certified tour guides below. For your reference, please refer to the [FAQs](#), <https://bhutan.travel/visa>, <https://bhutan.travel/journal>, and <https://bhutan.travel/visit> to guide your trip.

Bhutan has two national airlines if you wish to travel by flight: [Drukair](#), and [Bhutan Airlines](#) (<http://www.bhutanairlines.bt/quick-links/flight-schedule>). Direct flights to and from our international airport in Paro connect you to Bangladesh (Dhaka), India (Bagdogra, Gauhati, Kolkata, and New Delhi), Nepal (Kathmandu), Singapore, and Thailand (Bangkok). For ticket booking, and doubt clarifications regarding flights, refer above given Links. If you book your trip through a travel agent/operator, they will assist you during your journey in our country. We have four official entry points by road from India for your convenience and to help you choose the best entry point to get to your destination quickly: Samtse and Phuentsholing (in western Bhutan), Gelephu (in central Bhutan), and Samdrup Jongkhar (in eastern Bhutan). Please keep in mind that if you are travelling by road, only the Phuntsholing port of entry is permitted for non-Indian nationals to