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If you're planning to take a trip to Indonesia, and you plan on returning within 30 days, all you need is a passport and \$30 fee on arrival.

Of course, that doesn't factor in the cost of air tickets, lodging, and food.

This comes as a blessing to many Bangladeshi travel enthusiasts. Many people love traveling the world, but the visa requirements often set back those plans to actually go out and explore what's out there. The visa processing is often long, always uncertain, and an extra step that anyone would be happy to avoid.

As Bangladeshi citizens, we are already able to visit countries like Nepal, Bhutan, and a host of other places without a prior visa. According to Dhaka Tribune, Indonesia is joining the list of countries that we can visit without obtaining a visa first.

The newspaper confirms that the Indonesian government is waiving the visa requirement for Bangladesh along with 78 other countries. Although you can't get on a plane right now and expect to enter Indonesia without a visa, the new law is expected to take effect sometime in April, at which point, you totally can.

However, this will only be applicable if you plan to leave Indonesia within 30 days of your entry.

The closest country with a lot of tourist spots is obviously India. But the country's visa processing system is designed in a way that makes it impossible for average people to get an appointment date without paying thousands to brokers. Funny thing is, India doesn't officially have any visa fees for Bangladeshi nationals. The IVAC charges BDT 600 for visa processing fee, but more often than not you'll have to pay a lot more than that just to secure an appointment date if you're applying for a tourist visa.

If you're curious, I wrote more about it in [?Getting the Indian Visa?](#) part of this post published on my personal blog.

It's disappointing how nobody in the Indian government bothers to look into such a complex, unfair, and troubled system and do something about it.

The news of Indonesia opening up its borders to Bangladeshi tourists without requiring a visa comes as a huge surprise for Bangladesh travelers. One can only hope that more countries will realize that it's for the best of both sides ? at least in the South Asian region ? to waive the visa for tourists.