

# Last Minute Tasks

In the second week of September 1970, I boarded a Greyhound bus for New York City. I had a few last minute tasks before boarding my Icelandic Airlines flight. I knew that I would be crossing a number of international borders traveling from Luxembourg to India. If I hoped for a relatively smooth journey, I would need as many visas as I could obtain before leaving the US. So I dutifully made the rounds of the various consulates in NYC.

For my efforts, I ended up with tourist visas for Yugoslavia (for some reason I didn't need a visa for travel through Bulgaria), Iran, Afghanistan, India, and Nepal. I don't think that Turkey required a visa for US citizens in 1970. I was surprised by how easy the process was at most embassies, although I remember the staff of the Afghan consulate seeming a bit scattered. I always wondered if they had received something other than documents in their diplomatic pouches from Afghanistan. Afghanistan was notable at that time for its high quality hashish.

All that was left for me to do was to hop on the "Hippie Express" and begin my Indian Odyssey.



Visas

ENTERED PAKISTAN  
 Via Torkham Kyber  
 S. No. 3815  
 Dated 27-X-76.

LEFT PAKISTAN  
 Via Ganda Singh Wala  
 Date 28-9-76

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Visas



CONSULATE GENERAL  
 OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC  
 OF YUGOSLAVIA  
 485 MADISON AVENUE  
 NEW YORK, N.Y. 10022  
 (212) 638-2300

Br. 4021/1575/70  
 VIZA za ulazak - neograničeni  
 ulazak - izlazak  
 Vazi od 14. Sept. 1970.  
 do 14. Sept. 1971. god.  
 Po ovlaštenju

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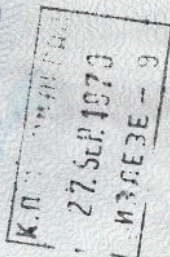
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لیست در کارهای ویزا



تذکره گاه در این مقام ۱۵۰ دلار بزرگ ایران بپردازد  
 ویزا

MULTIPLE ENTRY VISA روادید کثیر المصافره

میر کسولگری شامشاهی  
 The Consulate General of Iran New York  
 آقای Paul R. Haffin  
 جلیو  
 Approved by  
 مدت اعتبار روادید one year  
 مدت اقامت در ایران stay in Iran  
 Three months  
 Type B-1  
 Date Sept. 11, 1970 ۶۹-۷-۲۰  
 No. 3538 ۳۵۳۸





Visas



SEEN AT THE  
ROYAL NEPALESE CONSULATE GENERAL  
NEW YORK

VISA NO. NY/ 700741  
GOOD FOR SINGLE JOURNEY TO  
THE KINGDOM OF NEPAL AND  
VALID FOR VISIT TO KATHMANDU,  
POKHARA AND CHITWAN WITHIN  
SIX MONTHS OF DATE  
HEREOF IF PASSPORT  
REMAINS VALID.

THIS VISA SHALL BE VALID FOR  
FIFTEEN DAYS AFTER ENTRY.

DATE..SEP.14.1970

FEE \$2.00

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Consul General

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Royal Afghan Consulate NEW YORK

THIS TOURIST VISA IS GOOD  
FOR A SINGLE JOURNEY TO  
AFGHANISTAN WITHIN (6)  
MONTHS FROM (SEP 8 1970)



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Visas

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PASSPORT BEARER  
TO OBTAIN NECESSARY VISAS

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No. 11025  
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Perceps

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of

POLICE CHECK-POST 26/2/71

IMMIGRATION OFFICE

RAXAUL  
Date... 26-2-71 8/1965

From To Nepal  
26/3/71  
R. K. D. RAXAUL

one h.  
Lishang  
26/7/71

BORDER EXAMINER  
CUSTOMS CHECK-POST  
6 Raxaul (Champaran), Bihar

VALID FOR ENTRY INTO INDIA INCLUDING  
DARJEELING/KAZIRANGA. THE PERIOD OF STAY  
AT DARJEELING/KAZIRANGA SHOULD NOT  
EXCEED ONE WEEK WITHOUT THE PERMISSION  
OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE CONCERNED.

No.

4453  
TOURIST VISA

Date of Issue SEP - 9 1970

Date of Expiry MAR - 8 1971  
FOR THE FIRST ENTRY

Good For Three (3) Journeys

If Passport Remains Valid.

Period of Stay in India

Three (3) Months From the Date

Of Entry Into India

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CONSULATE GENERAL  
OF INDIA, NEW YORK

