

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
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ENTERED PAKISTAN
Via Torgham, Khyber
S. No. 3815
Dated 27-X-76.

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

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Circular stamp: GURBETLIK X 70 BEVAJURDUT VIZI

Visas
Circular stamp: EDIRNE KAPIS 27 IX 70 GİRİS

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. 1976.
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Po ovlašćenju

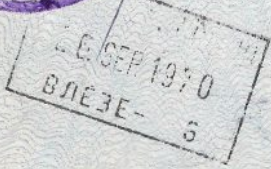
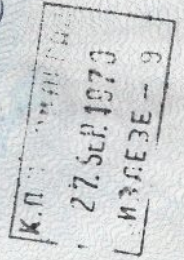
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Circular stamp: GENERALNI KONSULAT SRBIA

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لیست دربارہٴ ویزا
Visas



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لیست گاہ ازین مختار است ۱۵۰ دلار بزرگ ایران
Visas

MULTIPLE ENTRY *روادید کثیر المسافره*

سر کسولگری شامستانی
The Consulate General of Iran *New York*
آقای Paul R. Haffin
مقام Paul R. Haffin
مقام Paul R. Haffin
مدت اعتبار روادید one year
مدت اقامت در ایران stay in Iran
Three months
توجه Costa
تاریخ Sept. 11, 1970
No. 3538



Visas



SEEN AT THE
ROYAL NEPALESE CONSULATE GENERAL
NEW YORK

VISA NO. NY/ 700741
GOOD FOR SINGLE JOURNEY TO
THE KINGDOM OF NEPAL
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

[Signature]
Consul General

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Visas

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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)

[Signature]

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INDIA

Visas

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

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.

1453
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.

CONSUL
CONSULATE GENERAL
OF INDIA, NEW YORK



28-10-70
No. 11025
Monsieur
Paris

New 759/71/ear
Calle de la
of

POLICE CHECK-POST 26/2/71

IMMIGRATION OFFICE

RAXAUL

Date... 26-3-71 of 1965

From To Nepal
26/3/71

R. K. S. RAXAUL

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

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CUSTOMS CHECK-POST
Raxaul (Champaran), Bihar