

Embassy vs. Consulate: What is the difference?

Diplomatic offices are often found around the world to aid and allow multiple foreign interactions to occur. Embassies and Consulates are the result of such diplomatic relationships.

Often, the terms Embassy and Consulate are used together yet they are different. An Embassy is often located in a country's capital city. An Embassy is responsible for representing the home country abroad and handling foreign diplomatic affairs. In contrast, a consulate is generally found in the largest tourist city of a foreign country. Consulates generally handle minor diplomatic issues and are responsible for issuing visas to migrants and tourists.