



Short stay visa (Schengen Visa)

Citizens of Bosnia and Hercegovina traveling with a biometric passport don't need a Schengen visa for a stay up to 90 days within the period of 180 days

Citizens of certain other countries must hold a short stay visa when traveling to the Schengen States. The EU has a common list of countries whose citizens must have a visa when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement [which can be found here](#).

The Schengen visa is issued for a short stay (tourism, family visit, business trip etc.) of up to 90 days within an 180-day period within the following countries: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and Liechtenstein.

- Foreigners travelling to one of the aforementioned countries may receive a visa for a short stay of 1 to 90 days (maximum), which is valid for all these countries.
- There is no legal right to a visa.
- **If the main destination of travel is Germany, the visa has to be applied for in person at the Visa Section of the German Embassy.**

The following is required to process any application:

- **Application form** signed and completed in German or English.
Minors: application form signed by a person exercising permanent or temporary parental authority or legal guardianship.
The form is available as an online form <https://videx.diplo.de/> or as a download at www.sarajevo.diplo.de,
 - **Passport** (valid at least three month after the visa expires), with at least two blank pages.
One photocopy of the ID page.
 - **1 biometric passport photo** (not older than 6 months, no self-made print)
 - **Travel health insurance** issued in Germany or Bosnia and Hercegovina with a minimum coverage of at least 30.000 Euros valid in all Schengen countries
 - **Local residence permit**
 - **Unaccompanied minors:** notarized approval of the parents or legal guardian with apostil
 - **Non-refundable visa fee of 120 KM/70 KM** (applicants aged 18 and over/age of 6 to 12).
The fee may be waived or reduced in accordance with Article 16 of the common Visa Code.
 - **Proof of accommodation** (hotel booking or letter of invitation)
 - **Proof of funds:** latest three months current account bank statement showing the applicants name. (A certificate of account balance is not sufficient.)
- or***
- **Formal declaration of obligation** (Verpflichtungserklärung) by your host in Germany according to § 66 German Residence Act confirmed by the local German immigration authority.

Additional documentation in relation to the purpose of travel (ANNEX II Visa Codex)

Business Trips

- **Letter of invitation** by a company or authority to attend meetings, conferences or events connected with trade, industry or work including a statement who is covering the costs of the visit
- **Proof of existence and business activities** of the sending company
- **Proof of employment and status** in sending company

Visiting friends and family

- **Letter of invitation** by your host stating the nature of your relationship, date und purpose of your visit, intended frequency of visits (including private address und copy of the host's passport/ID).

Tourism

- **Proof of accommodation (hotel booking)**
- **verification of the transport, travel itinerary** (Tickets, own car, rental car)

Medical Treatment:

- Official document of the medical facility confirming necessity, cost and duration of the medical treatment.
- **Proof of funding** covering the cost of the treatment.

Further documents, if applicable (original and copy):

- **entrepreneurs:** entry in the commercial register and tax assessment
- **employees:** certificate of employment and certificate of vacation
- **students:** certificate of study and study book (just for viewing)
- **pupils:** certificate of school/certificate of exemption from school
- **pensioners:** pension allowance
- **farmers:** excerpt from the cadastral map concerning land ownership

Minors: If a child is only attended by one parent the following is necessary:

- written approval of the absent parent for visa application and the travel (certified signature and apostille)
- in case of sole custody: proof of custody (divorce decree, death certificate)

Please note:

Presentation of the documents above does not guarantee the approval of the visa application.

Copies of documents must be provided by the applicant.

In accordance with the Article 14 of Common Visa Code the visa section reserves the right to request additional documents.

Incorrect and / or incomplete information or forged or falsified documents usually lead to a rejection of an application.

Opening hours and contact of the visa section:

You need to book an **online-appointment:** www.sarajevo.diplo.de

If you have further questions, you can contact the Embassy: Phone number: **+387 33 565380** or by mail: Visastelle@sarj.diplo.de

More information: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32009R0810>