

Bulgaria

Visa required

Visa for Indians visiting Bulgaria

Indian ordinary passport holders need a visa for Bulgaria. Holders of a valid double- or multiple-entry Schengen visa (or a Schengen residence permit) do not need a separate Bulgaria visa for stays of up to 90 days in any 180-day period, within the Schengen visa's validity.

ENTRY RULE	ALLOWED STAY	RULES CHECKED
Visa required (Schengen multi-entry visa accepted)	**90 days in 180**	**11 Nov 2026**

Checklist: steps & documents

- ☐ Already have a multiple-entry Schengen visa? You can use it for Bulgaria within its validity.
- ☐ Otherwise apply for a Bulgaria short-stay visa at its embassy or consulate in India.
- ☐ Entry is never automatic; border officers can still refuse entry.

The general guide for this country. Ask for the full document list on the official site below.

Key points

- Indian ordinary passports: visa required for Bulgaria.
- A valid double- or multiple-entry Schengen visa or residence permit lets you visit Bulgaria without a separate visa, up to 90 days in any 180 days.
- Bulgaria's visa table lists India as visa required.

Conditions

Schengen Visa Required

Questions agents ask

Do Indians need a visa for Bulgaria?

Yes, unless you hold a valid double- or multiple-entry Schengen visa or residence permit, which Bulgaria accepts for stays of up to 90 days in 180.

Can I use a Schengen visa to enter Bulgaria?

Yes, if you have a valid double- or multiple-entry Schengen visa or residence permit, you can enter Bulgaria without a separate visa for up to 90 days in any 180-day period, within the Schengen visa's validity.

How long can I stay in Bulgaria with a Schengen visa?

With a valid Schengen visa, you can stay in Bulgaria for up to 90 days in any 180-day period, as long as it is within the visa's validity.

Where can I apply for a Bulgaria visa if I don't have a Schengen visa?

You can apply for a Bulgaria short-stay visa at the Bulgarian embassy or consulate in India.

Is there a maximum stay allowed for Indian passport holders in Bulgaria without a Schengen visa?

Indian passport holders need a visa for Bulgaria. Without a Schengen visa, the allowed stay is determined by the visa issued by Bulgaria, which is typically for short stays.

Can I extend my stay in Bulgaria if I entered with a Schengen visa?

If you entered Bulgaria with a Schengen visa, you must leave before the visa expires. Extensions are not typically allowed unless granted by Bulgarian immigration authorities on a case-by-case basis.

What are the entry conditions for Indian passport holders in Bulgaria?

Indian passport holders need a visa for Bulgaria. Entry is not automatic, and border officers may refuse entry even with a valid visa, depending on the circumstances.

Official sources

Official visa / e-visa site
https://www.mfa.bg/en/services-travel/consular-services/travel-bulgaria/visa-bulgaria

Bulgaria MFA: visa regime table for ordinary passports (2 Jul 2026)
https://www.mfa.bg/upload/161580/02_07_2026_EN_VisaRegime_for_foreigners_ordinary_passports-...

Fees are not listed here because they change often and differ by centre: check the current fee on the official site.

Rules change often. Confirm with the official site before you book (our copy was checked 11 Nov 2026).

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