

France

Visa required

Visa for Indians visiting France

Indian citizens need a Schengen visa to visit France. A short-stay Schengen visa allows up to 90 days in any 180-day period across the Schengen area.

ENTRY RULE	ALLOWED STAY	RULES CHECKED
Schengen visa before travel	**90 days in any 180**	**10 Nov 2026**

Checklist: steps & documents

- [ ] Apply at the consulate of France if it is your only or main destination. Visiting several countries? Apply to the one where you will stay longest; if the stays are equal, the first one you will enter.
- [ ] Submit at least 15 days and no earlier than 6 months before your trip.
- [ ] Include travel medical insurance covering emergency medical care, hospitalisation and repatriation (including in the event of death).
- [ ] Give your fingerprints and photo when you apply, unless you gave them for a previous application recently.
- [ ] Count your days: 90 days in any rolling 180-day period, across all Schengen countries combined.
- [ ] Carry copies of your insurance, bookings and proof of funds; border guards can ask for them.

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

Key points

- India is on the EU list of countries whose nationals need a visa (Regulation (EU) 2018/1806, Annex I).
- A Schengen visa for France also covers the other Schengen countries, for up to 90 days in any 180-day period.
- Normal processing time: 15 days, which can be extended up to 45 days if more checks or documents are needed.

Conditions

Schengen Visa Required Transit Visa: Not Required [Effective 10 Apr 2026, travellers enroute to a third country (outside the EU), remaining in the international zone of French airports, do not require a category A transit visa.]

Questions agents ask

Do Indians need a visa for France?

Yes. India is on the EU's visa-required list, so Indian citizens need a Schengen visa for France.

How long does a Schengen visa take?

Normally 15 days; it can be extended up to 45 days if more checks are needed. Apply at least 15 days before you travel.

Can I visit other countries on this visa?

Yes. A Schengen visa covers all Schengen countries for up to 90 days in any 180-day period.

How long can an Indian stay in France on a Schengen visa?

An Indian citizen can stay up to 90 days in any 180-day period across the Schengen area, including France.

Where should I apply for a Schengen visa if I plan to visit multiple countries?

Apply at the consulate of the country you will spend the most time in. If stays are equal, apply to the first country you will enter.

What documents are required when applying for a Schengen visa?

You must submit travel medical insurance, proof of accommodation, travel itinerary, and proof of sufficient funds. Also, provide fingerprints and a photo unless recently done.

Official sources

Official visa / e-visa site

https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/policies/schengen-borders-and-visa/visa-policy/applying-sc...

EUR-Lex: Regulation (EU) 2018/1806, Annex I (consolidated 30 Dec 2025): India on the visa list

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2018/1806/oj

European Commission: Visa policy

https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/policies/schengen-borders-and-visa/visa-policy_en

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 10 Nov 2026).

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