

Germany

Visa required

Visa for Indians visiting Germany

Indian citizens need a Schengen visa to visit Germany. 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**	**18 Nov 2026 (official sources)**

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Germany's tourist (Schengen) visa checklist for Indian applicants, from the German mission in India. Other Schengen countries publish their own list, so do not reuse this one for them.

Processing	Within 15 working days of reaching the visa section
Apply	Not earlier than 6 months and not later than 15 working days before travel
Medical insurance	Valid across the whole Schengen area for the full trip

Identity

- [ ] Valid passport, issued in the last 10 years, with at least 3 months' validity after the planned return
- [ ] At least two empty pages
- [ ] Copy of the biometric and address pages

Forms and photo

- [ ] Schengen application form filled online (VIDEX), printed with all pages and barcodes, and signed
- [ ] Signed declaration of true and complete information
- [ ] Signed declaration of travel with valid medical insurance
- [ ] 1 biometric photo, 35x45 mm, white background, not older than 6 months

Travel plan

- [ ] Personal covering letter with transport and itinerary
- [ ] Detailed itinerary or a travel agency certificate for an organised trip
- [ ] Flight reservation (a booked ticket does not speed up processing)

Stay

- [ ] Hotel, holiday-home or similar reservation for each Schengen country visited
- [ ] Staying with family or friends: host's confirmation, proof of address and a copy of the host's passport or German ID

Insurance

- [ ] Travel medical insurance valid across the Schengen area for the whole trip, at or above the Schengen minimum cover
- [ ] Indian policies are accepted only from insurers approved by the German missions

Money

- [ ] Bank statements for the last 3 months
- [ ] Income tax return acknowledgment for the last 2 assessment years, or Form 16
- [ ] If someone else pays: sponsor letter, sponsor passport copy, sponsor's bank statements for 3 months (stamped by the bank, passbook copies not accepted) and proof of relationship

Work or study proof

- [ ] Employed: pay slips for 3 months, employment contract, leave sanction letter
- [ ] Self-employed: company registration with GST number (India-based) and income tax returns
- [ ] Retired: pension statements for 3 months
- [ ] Student: enrolment certificate and a no-objection certificate from the school or university

Family and minors

- [ ] Marriage, divorce, custody or birth certificates where they apply
- [ ] Child: forms signed by both parents, birth certificate, passport copies of both parents
- [ ] One parent only: proof of sole custody or a notarised consent letter
- [ ] Child travelling alone: notarised consent of both parents

Good to know

- The visa section does not return originals unless you give a copy.
- Documents not in German or English need a translation.
- The mission can ask for more documents, and submitting does not guarantee a visa.

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 Germany 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 3 June 2026, a Schengen category A visa (airport transit visa) is not required for stays of up to 24 hours within the international area.]

Questions agents ask

Do Indians need a visa for Germany?

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

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 Germany with a Schengen visa?

An Indian citizen can stay up to 90 days in any 180-day period across the Schengen area, including Germany, with a short-stay Schengen visa.

Where should I apply for a Schengen visa if I plan to visit Germany and other Schengen countries?

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

Is a transit visa required for Indian citizens passing through Germany?

No transit visa is required for Indian citizens passing through Germany for stays of up to 24 hours within the international area of airports.

Official sources

German Missions in India: tourism checklist
https://india.diplo.de/in-en/-/2674158

German Missions in India: visit / family & friends checklist
https://india.diplo.de/in-en/-/2674162

Approved Indian travel insurers
https://india.diplo.de/in-en/service/-/1984578

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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