

# VISA REQUIREMENTS

## **Visa for the Netherlands: The Schengen visa**

The Netherlands is part of the Schengen Area: 26 European countries of the European Union with no border controls between them. These countries issue a common visa, the Schengen visa.

## **How to apply for a Schengen visa**

The 26 Schengen countries are: Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland.

A Schengen visa's validity may be limited to only one country (for instance the Netherlands) or a specified number of countries (for instance Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands). In such cases, the visa holder may visit only the countries for which the Schengen visa is valid.

## **Who needs a Schengen visa?**

Whether you need a Schengen visa depends on your nationality.

You do NOT need a Schengen visa for a stay of up to 90 days if you are a national of one of these countries:

- Albania, Andorra, Antigua & Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria
- Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Brunei, Bulgaria
- Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic
- Denmark
- El Salvador, Estonia
- Finland, France
- Germany, Greece, Guatemala
- Honduras, Hungary
- Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy
- Japan
- Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg
- Macedonia, FYR of a, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Montenegro a
- New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway
- Panama, Paraguay, Poland, Portugal
- Romania
- San Marino, Serbia a, b, Seychelles, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Korea,
- Spain, St Kitts and Nevis, Sweden, Switzerland
- Taiwan e, f
- United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay
- Vatican City, Venezuela

If you do not need a visa, you may enter the Netherlands as long as you meet the following conditions:

- you have a valid passport;
- you have enough money; (€34 per day);
- you have a bona fide reason for visiting the Netherlands;
- you are not considered a threat to public order, national security or international relations.

Family members of EU/EEA nationals

If you are a family member of an EU/EEA or Swiss national, you may qualify for an accelerated free visa procedure as long as you meet the following criteria:

- you are a first-degree family member (this includes a spouse, partner or child who is under 21) of an EU/EEA or Swiss national; and that EU/EEA national is travelling to or is residing in a member state other than that of which he/she is a national; and you are accompanying the EU/EEA national or planning to join him/her.

If you think you qualify for visa facilitation you will need to show proof that you meet these criteria when you submit your visa application.

For all other countries, entry visas can be obtained from any Dutch consular authority:

<http://www.government.nl/issues/visa-for-the-netherlands-and-the-caribbean-parts-of-the-kingdom/visa-for-the-netherlands-the-schengen-visa>

### **Visa contact information**

Depending on your questions, you can contact the following authorities:

The Dutch mission in the country where you intend to apply for a visa.

The mission's website provides a great deal of basic information: it tells you when the Visa Section is open, how you can make an appointment for your visa application, what documents you have to take with you, and how you should pay for the visa. You can find embassies, consulates and other representations by using the search engine on <http://www.government.nl/issues/visa-for-the-netherlands-and-the-caribbean-parts-of-the-kingdom/visa-contact-information>

In the event of visa problems occurring for any team, please contact:

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