The Ultimate Cookbook

FOR CULTURAL MANAGERS

INFOGRAPHIC VERSION

VISAS FOR THIRD COUNTRY NATIONAL ARTISTS TRAVELLING TO THE SCHENGEN AREA

This infographic contains the most recent information on visas for third country nationals (October 2023). It complements the info in the cookbook.

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Start by asking

Do I need a visa to travel to the Schengen area?

Ask yourself the following questions



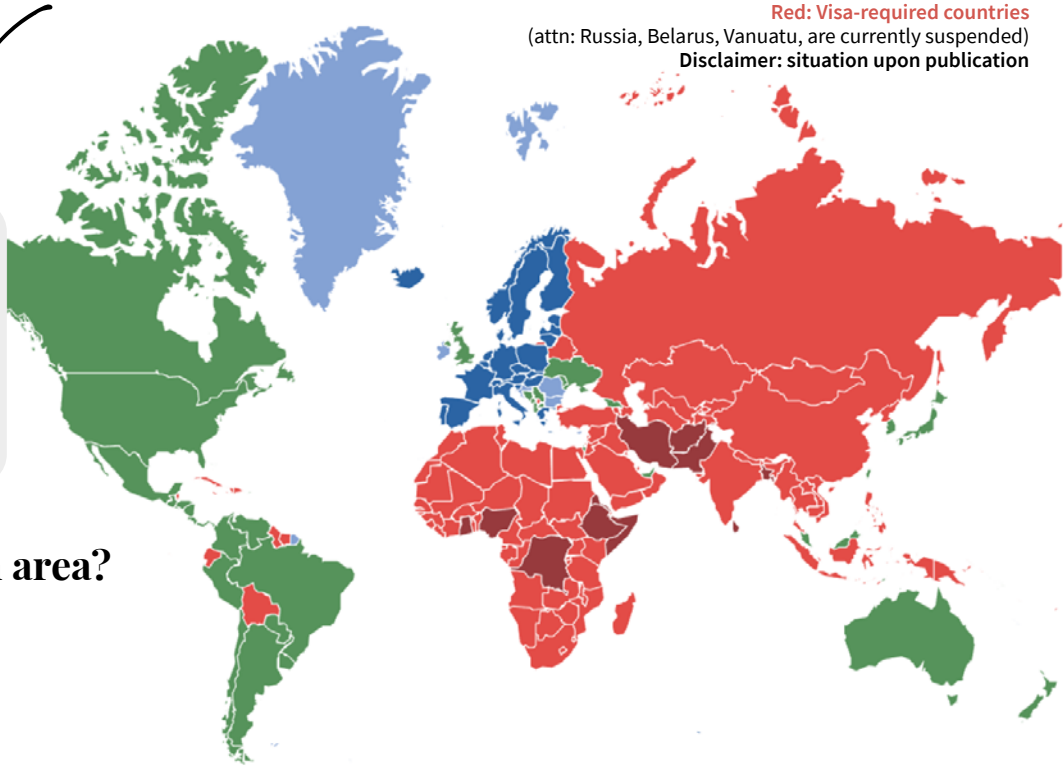
What's **my nationality?**

What's the **purpose of the visit?**

What's the **duration of the journey?**

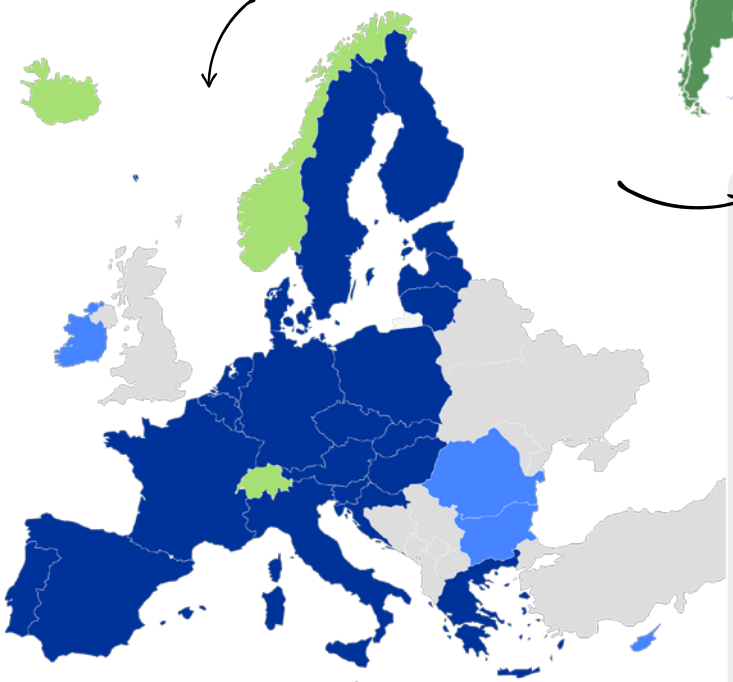
What's the **country of destination?**

Blue: Schengen area
Green: visa-exempt countries
Red: Visa-required countries
(attn: Russia, Belarus, Vanuatu, are currently suspended)
Disclaimer: situation upon publication



What's the Schengen area?

Have a look at the map.



27 countries

23 European Union Member States

04 Non-European Union Countries

What type of visas exist in the EU?

EUROPEAN UNION LEVEL

Short-stay Schengen visa
for visa-required nationals

- **maximum 90 days** in a 180-day period
- **Single entry** valid for duration of the stay
- **Multiple entry (MEV)** Reliable frequent travellers 1 year – 2 years – 5 years
- **ATTENTION!** A Schengen visa doesn't give you automatically an entitlement to work

MEMBER STATE LEVEL

National Visa

- when **> 90 days stay**, usually to study or work

OF RELEVANCE FOR UK ARTISTS

Visa for the purpose of paid engagement:

- ✓ in specific cases,
- ✓ for specific categories,
- ✓ periods >90 days

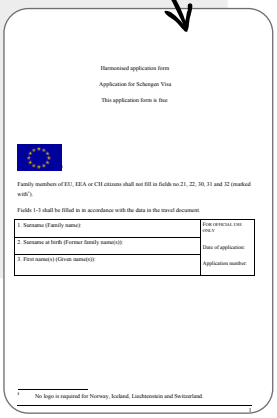
Short-stay Schengen visa
Application procedure

	VISIT OF 1 COUNTRY	VISIT OF MORE THAN 1 COUNTRY
WHERE	Go to consulate of this country **Common practice** External service provider	Go to consulate of country of longest stay (most common) or country of main destination for the purpose of stay
WHEN	As from **6 months** in advance	To at least **15 days before**
COST	**80 EUROS** (children 6-12y 40€)	**SERVICE PROVIDER MAXIMUM 40€** (exceptionally 80€)

in 2028
Visa digitalisation of application procedure

Requested documents:

- **Valid passport**
  - ☐ At least 2 empty pages
  - ☐ Been issued in last 10 years
  - ☐ 3 months valid after date of leaving Schengen area
- **Recent identity photograph**
- **Biometric data (fin erprints)** — *Attention* Still at consulate
- **Travel medical insurance**
  min. 30.000€ & valid for entire Schengen
- **Visa application form**
  → ARTISTS! Explain purpose of stay on the form
- **Other possible documents requested:**
  - ☐ Proof of sponsorship
  - ☐ Proof of financial m ans (or subsistence during stay)
  - ☐ Proof of will to return to resident country (family, work, …)
  - ☐ Info on travel and accomodation
  - ☐ **In cultural context**: invitation letter from organiser!


Harmonised application form
Application for Schengen Visa
This application form is free

Family members of EU, EEA or CH citizens shall not fill in fields no 21, 22, 30, 31 and 32 (marked with*).

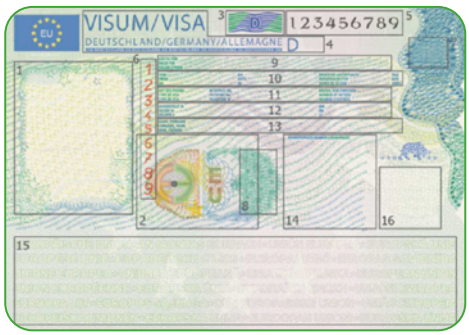
Fields 1-3 shall be filled in in accordance with the data in the travel document.

1. Surname (Family name):	FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
2. Surname at birth (Former family name(s)):	Date of application:
3. First name(s) (Given name(s)):	Application number:

* No logo is required for Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Switzerland.

When accepted!

Visa Sticker in passport
Indicating period and territory



Period of the visa holder's stay.
Territory in which the visa holder is entitled to travel.

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Digitalisation of visa sticker

Some additional info

WHEN THE VISIT OF THE THIRD COUNTRY NATIONAL HAS AN ARTISTIC PURPOSE

↓ VISA APPLICATION FORM
Indicate purpose of journey → tick box ☑ 'cultural'

↓ VISA FEE
Waived for representatives of non-profit o ganisations < 25 years, → when participating in seminars, conferences, cultural events organised by non-profit o ganisations

Waived for participants < 25 years, → when participating in seminars, conferences, cultural events organised by non-profit o ganisations

Waived or reduced in specific ases → when serving to promote cultural interests or interests in field of oreign policy

↓ VISA APPLICATIONS MAY BE LODGED
by a cultural association or institution on behalf of its members

Understanding

the 90/180 day principle

for third-country nationals visiting
the Schengen-area

90 DAYS IN ANY 180-DAY PERIOD
What does it mean?

The notion of "any", implies a **"moving" 180-day reference period**, looking backwards at each day of your stay (be it at the entry or at the day of an actual check), into the last 180-day period. This way you can verify if the 90 days / 180-day requirement continues to be fulfilled

The date of entry = fi st day of stay on the territory of the Member States
The date of exit = last day of stay on the territory of the Member States

If you are absent for an uninterrupted period of 90 days then you can start a new stay for up to 90 days.

CALCULATOR OF TRAVEL DAYS RAMAINING UNDER A SCHENGEN SHORT-STAY VISA



Short-stay Schengen visa calculator tool available HERE

Do you come from a visa-exempt country?

*In **mid-2025** you will need an ETIAS travel authorisation*

ETIAS = European Travel Information and Authorisation System

WHAT? Travel authorisation

HOW? Linked to a valid traveler's passport

WHO? Citizens of approx 60 visa-exempt countries (see map above on this infographic)

DURATION? Valid for up to three years or until the passport expires

COST? 7€ (only for 18-70 year old people) – **electronic payment**

TERRITORY? 30 European countries: 27 EU MS + Iceland, Norway, Switzerland

APPLICATION PROCEDURE? Online – 10 minutes to fill in - Positive response in a few minutes (in principle not more than 96 hours – very exceptionally 4 weeks)

CONCRETELY? Enter the territory of European countries as often as wanted for short-term stays - normally for up to 90 days in any 180-day period.

BY WHOM? Yourself or someone else on your behalf (declaration of representation needed)

REJECTION? Justifi ation is provided – applicant right to appeal (to be done with MS which took the decision)

This is the link to the official ETIAS website



For further information read

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