ENTERING THE EU BORDERS & VISAS

THE SCHENGEN AREA OF FREE MOVEMENT
An area without internal borders where EU citizens and non-EU nationals may move freely

- **EU Schengen States**
- **Non-Schengen EU States**
- **Non-EU Schengen States**

AT: Austria  
BE: Belgium  
BG: Bulgaria  
CH: Switzerland  
CY: Cyprus  
CZ: Czech Republic  
DE: Germany  
DK: Denmark  
EE: Estonia  
EL: Greece  
ES: Spain  
FI: Finland  
FR: France  
HR: Croatia  
HU: Hungary  
IE: Ireland  
IS: Iceland  
IT: Italy  
LI: Liechtenstein  
LT: Lithuania  
LU: Luxembourg  
LV: Latvia  
MT: Malta  
NL: Netherlands  
NO: Norway  
PL: Poland  
PT: Portugal  
RO: Romania  
SE: Sweden  
SI: Slovenia  
SK: Slovakia  
UK: United Kingdom

Canary Islands (ES)  
Madeira (PT)  
Azores (PT)
AN AREA WITH COMMON EXTERNAL BORDERS

External borders = Schengen States' land borders, including river and lake borders, sea borders and their airports, river ports, sea ports and lake ports, provided they are not internal borders

7 702 km of land borders
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41 915 km of maritime borders
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approx. 650 air border crossing points
CROSSINGS OF THE SCHENGEN AREA’S EXTERNAL BORDERS

Note: Information collected by Member States in the framework of the External Borders Fund (2007-13)
VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SCHENGEN AREA

Some non-EU nationals need a short-stay Schengen visa to visit the Schengen area.

Schengen visa = uniform short-stay visa that entitles the holder to transit through or stay in the territories of all Schengen States for a duration of maximum 90 days per 180 days period and that may be issued for the purpose of a single or multiple entries.

Note: State of play as at 14/4/2015; for more up-to-date information, please visit the DG Migration and Home Affairs website: http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/what-we-do/policies/borders-and-visas/visa-policy/apply_for_a_visa/index_en.htm
MOST SCHENGEN VISA APPLICATIONS COME FROM...

- **Russia Federation**: 5,768,182 visas
  - 0.9% Refusal rate
  - 99.1% Acceptance rate
  - 60.0% Share of multiple entry visas issued
  - 40.0% Share of single entry visas issued

- **China**: 1,800,369 visas
  - 3.0% Refusal rate
  - 97.0% Acceptance rate
  - 84.4% Share of multiple entry visas issued
  - 15.6% Share of single entry visas issued

- **Ukraine**: 1,387,086 visas
  - 2.0% Refusal rate
  - 98.0% Acceptance rate
  - 52.4% Share of multiple entry visas issued
  - 47.6% Share of single entry visas issued

- **Belarus**: 881,404 visas
  - 0.3% Refusal rate
  - 99.7% Acceptance rate
  - 51.2% Share of multiple entry visas issued
  - 48.8% Share of single entry visas issued

- **Turkey**: 813,339 visas
  - 4.4% Refusal rate
  - 95.6% Acceptance rate
  - 58.1% Share of multiple entry visas issued
  - 41.9% Share of single entry visas issued

- **Algeria**: 593,624 visas
  - 25.5% Refusal rate
  - 74.5% Acceptance rate
  - 34.0% Share of multiple entry visas issued
  - 66.0% Share of single entry visas issued

- **India**: 568,216 visas
  - 6.4% Refusal rate
  - 93.6% Acceptance rate
  - 45.3% Share of multiple entry visas issued
  - 54.7% Share of single entry visas issued

- **Morocco**: 434,652 visas
  - 12.4% Refusal rate
  - 87.6% Acceptance rate
  - 56.2% Share of multiple entry visas issued
  - 43.8% Share of single entry visas issued

- **Saudi Arabia**: 308,879 visas
  - 2.5% Refusal rate
  - 97.5% Acceptance rate
  - 74.9% Share of multiple entry visas issued
  - 25.1% Share of single entry visas issued

- **United Arab Emirates**: 253,765 visas
  - 7.6% Refusal rate
  - 92.4% Acceptance rate
  - 58.6% Share of multiple entry visas issued
  - 41.4% Share of single entry visas issued

Source: DG Migration and Home Affairs, 2014
MOST SCHENGEN VISA APPLICATIONS COME FROM...

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* Figures concern non-EU nationals residing in the UK who are under the visa obligation
TOP APPLICANT COUNTRIES

Source: DG Migration and Home Affairs, 2014
SCHENGEN VISA APPLICATIONS

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