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## General information on Schengen visa

A Schengen visa enables a foreigner to travel to and between all countries of the Schengen area, unless the area of validity is limited in the visa sticker itself: Austria, Belgium, 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.

You have to apply for your Schengen visa at the Embassy of your **MAIN destination**. If the main destination cannot be determined, responsibility for issuance of the visa lies with the Schengen state of first entry.

Main travel destination	Visa Application Centre	Embassy Address and Contact Information
France* Portugal Spain Monaco Czech Republic	<b>Schengen Visa Application Centre</b> No 61,Janadhipathi mw, Colombo 1 Tel: 011-2350620 <a href="mailto:info.francesl@vfshelpline.com">info.francesl@vfshelpline.com</a> <a href="http://www.vfs-france.com">www.vfs-france.com</a>	<b>Embassy of France</b> 89 Rosmead Place, Colombo 7 Tel.: +94-11-2639 400 Fax : +94-11-2639 401 <a href="http://www.ambafrance-lk.org">www.ambafrance-lk.org</a>
Germany Austria Estonia Hungary Latvia	<b>Schengen Visa Application Centre</b> No 61,Janadhipathi mw, Colombo 1 Tel: 011-2350630  <b>German Visa Application Centre in Jaffna</b> 89 Brown Road, Jaffna  Tel: 021 492 2150 <a href="mailto:info.germansl@vfshelpline.com">info.germansl@vfshelpline.com</a> <a href="http://www.vfs-germany.com">www.vfs-germany.com</a>	<b>Embassy of Federal Republic of Germany</b> 43, Temple Lane, Colombo 3 Tel.: +94-11-2580 431 Mob.: +94-77-3541017 (appointments: Tuesday 2 -3 pm) Fax: +94-11-2504104 <a href="http://www.colombo.diplo.de">www.colombo.diplo.de</a>
Italy Malta Slovakia	<b>Schengen Visa Application Centre</b> No 61,Janadhipathi mw, Colombo 1 Tel: 0720910109 <a href="mailto:info.italysl@vfshelpline.com">info.italysl@vfshelpline.com</a> <a href="http://www.italy-vfs.com">www.italy-vfs.com</a>	<b>Embassy of Italy</b> 55, Jawatta Road, Colombo 5 Tel.: +94-11-2588 388 Fax: +94-11-2588 622 <a href="http://www.ambcolombo.esteri.it">www.ambcolombo.esteri.it</a>
Norway** Denmark Finland Iceland Sweden Lithuania	<b>Schengen Visa Application Centre</b> No 61,Janadhipathi mw, Colombo 1 Tel: 0720910110 <a href="mailto:info.norwaysl@vfshelpline.com">info.norwaysl@vfshelpline.com</a> <a href="http://www.vfsglobal.com/norway/srilanka/contactus.html">http://www.vfsglobal.com/norway/srilanka/contactus.html</a>	<b>Royal Norwegian Embassy</b> No. 49, Bullers Lane, Colombo 7 Tel.: +94-11-5608700 Fax: +94-11-5608791 <a href="http://www.norway.lk">www.norway.lk</a>
Switzerland Liechtenstein The Netherlands Belgium Luxembourg Poland Slovenia	<b>Schengen Visa Application Centre</b> No 61,Janadhipathi mw, Colombo 1 Tel: 011 2350670  <b>Switzerland Visa Application Centre in Jaffna</b> 89 Brown Road, Jaffna Tel.: 021 492 2150 <a href="mailto:Info.switzerlands1@vfshelpline.com">Info.switzerlands1@vfshelpline.com</a> <a href="https://www.vfsglobal.ch/Switzerland/Srilanka/Index.html">https://www.vfsglobal.ch/Switzerland/Srilanka/Index.html</a>	<b>Embassy of Switzerland</b> 63, Srimath R.G. Senanayake Mawatha (Gregory's Road) Colombo 7 Tel.: +94-11 269 12 20 Fax: +94-11 269 12 00 <a href="http://www.eda.admin.ch/colombo">www.eda.admin.ch/colombo</a>
Greece	<b>Schengen Visa Application Centre</b> No 61,Janadhipathi mw, Colombo 1 Tel: 0720910108 <a href="mailto:info.greecesl@vfshelpline.com">info.greecesl@vfshelpline.com</a> <a href="http://www.vfsglobal.com/greece/srilanka/">http://www.vfsglobal.com/greece/srilanka/</a>	<b>Consular Office in New Delhi</b> Address : Dr S. Radhakrishnan Marg, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi 110021 Tel. : (009111) 26880700-4 Fax : (009111) 24675231 <a href="http://www.mfa.gr/newdelhi">www.mfa.gr/newdelhi</a>
Austria	<b>Schengen Visa Application Centre</b> No 61,Janadhipathi mw, Colombo 1 Tel: 0720910105 <a href="mailto:info.austriasl@vfshelpline.com">info.austriasl@vfshelpline.com</a> <a href="http://www.at-vfsglobal-sl.com/">http://www.at-vfsglobal-sl.com/</a>	<b>Consular Office in New Delhi</b> Address:EP-13,Chandragupta Marg, , Chanakyapuri, New Delhi 110021 Tel. : (009111) 24192700 Fax : (009111) 2688 6929 <a href="http://www.bmeia.gv.at/en/embassy/new-delhi.html">http://www.bmeia.gv.at/en/embassy/new-delhi.html</a>

- The mere possession of a visa does not confer an automatic right of entry. Visa holders are requested to present proof that they fulfil the entry conditions at the Schengen border. They should especially carry valid passport with valid visa, proof of purpose of trip, proof of sufficient finances etc. and must not be a danger to the public order, internal security, public health or international relations.
- The purpose of a proposed visit cannot be altered once the visa has been issued.

3. It is recommended that you apply as early as possible. The application cannot be lodged earlier than three months before. Please bear in mind that there may be waiting times for appointments of up to two weeks.
  4. Applications shall be processed within 15 calendar days of the date of lodging of an admissible application. In individual cases, notably when further scrutiny is needed or in cases of representation, this period may be extended up to 30 calendar days. When additional documentation is needed, the period may be extended up to 60 calendar days.
  5. When the application is admissible, the Embassy will stamp your passport. This stamp has no legal implications.
  6. Nationals or specific categories of nationals of the following countries are subject to prior consultation or information: Afghanistan, Algeria, Bangladesh, Belarus, D.R. Congo, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kazakhstan, North Korea, Lebanon, Libya, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, Vietnam, Yemen, Palestinians, Uzbekistan, Refugees, Stateless Persons.
- \* The French Embassy also processes visas for the French Overseas Territories and for Burkina Faso, Central African Republic, Gabon, Ivory Coast, Mauritania, Monaco, Senegal, Djibouti and Togo
- \*\* The Norwegian Embassy also processes applications for visas to Svalbard/Spitzbergen.
- \*\*\* The Embassy of the Netherlands processes visas for Aruba and Netherlands Antilles. Their address is  
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Tel.: +94-11-2510200  
Fax: +94-11-2502855  
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