

Netherlands - Netherlands Tourist Visa

Visa Application Itinerary & Document Checklist

Visa Details

Destination	Netherlands
Visa name	Netherlands Tourist Visa
Visa type	Tourist
Processing time	Minimum 5-7 working days
Available entry	Single Entry
Apply before	60 days PERFECTION GROWTH

Required Documents

- Valid passport with 6 months validity
- Two recent passport-sized photos
- Confirmed flight and hotel details
- Bank statements for the last 3 months

Other Documents

- Employment NOC or Business proof

Optional Documents

- Accommodation Documents
 - ☐ Hotel reservation for the entire stay
 - ☐ Applicant's name on booking, where possible
 - ☐ Complete address of accommodation
 - ☐ Check-in/check-out dates
 - ☐ Booking confirmation
- If visiting multiple Schengen countries:
 - ☐ Hotel/accommodation proof for each country

- ☐ Complete itinerary showing movement between countries
- Cover Letter – Very Important
- Prepare a professional Netherlands Schengen Tourist Visa Cover Letter containing:
 - Applicant's full name
 - Passport number
 - Purpose of visit
 - Proposed travel dates
 - Number of days
 - Cities/countries to be visited
 - Accommodation details
 - Who is paying for the trip
 - Employment/business details
 - Previous international travel, if relevant
 - Explanation of financial capability
 - Strong reason for returning to India
 - List of major supporting documents
- The Netherlands officially requires a cover letter explaining the reason for the visit, duration, fellow travellers, transportation and accommodation.
- If the Trip is Sponsored
- If another person is paying for the trip, prepare appropriate evidence such as:
 - ☐ Sponsor letter
 - ☐ Sponsor's passport/ID
 - ☐ Sponsor's financial documents
 - ☐ Sponsor's employment/business proof
 - ☐ Bank statements
 - ☐ Proof of relationship
 - ☐ Evidence explaining why the sponsor is funding the trip
- If staying with family/friends in the Netherlands, use the family/friends visit documentation route, rather than presenting the trip simply as a hotel-based tourism trip.
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Application Process

1. Netherlands Tourist Visa – Proper Application Steps from India
2. For an Indian resident travelling to the Netherlands for tourism, you normally need a Schengen short-stay visa (Type C). The application is submitted through VFS Global in India, while the visa decision is made by the Dutch authorities.
3. Step 1 – Check the Correct Schengen Country
4. Before applying, confirm that the Netherlands is the correct country to apply through.



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5. If the Netherlands is your main destination, apply for a Netherlands Schengen visa.
6. If visiting several Schengen countries, apply to the country responsible under the Schengen main-destination rules.
7. Do not simply choose the Netherlands because it is your first country of entry if another Schengen country is actually your main destination.
8. Step 2 – Check Your Passport
9. Your passport should:
 10. Be issued within the last 10 years
 11. Have at least 2 blank visa pages
 12. Remain valid for at least 3 months after leaving the Schengen Area
 13. Be signed
 14. Include copies of the bio-data page and, for Indian nationals, the last page
 15. Include previous Schengen visas/stamps where applicable
16. Step 3 – Complete the Netherlands Schengen Application Form
17. The application form is completed online through the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs portal.
18. You need to:
 19. Create an account.
 20. Enter your email address.
 21. Verify your email.
 22. Select the Short-stay Schengen visa.
 23. Enter your personal information.
 24. Enter passport details.
 25. Provide employment/business information.
 26. State the purpose of travel as tourism.
 27. Enter proposed travel dates.
 28. Provide accommodation and travel information.
 29. Enter details of previous Schengen visas/travel, where applicable.
 30. Review everything carefully.
 31. Submit/generate the application.
 32. Print and sign the completed application form.
33. The Dutch authorities state that applicants should complete their own form; the generated form contains a unique code.
34. Step 4 – Prepare Your Supporting Documents
35. Personal Documents
 36. Original passport
 37. Old passports, if available
 38. Passport copies
 39. Photograph as per Dutch requirements
40. Visa application form



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41. Previous visa copies, if applicable
42. Travel Documents
43. Round-trip flight reservation
44. Detailed day-by-day itinerary
45. Hotel/accommodation reservations
46. Travel medical insurance
47. Financial Documents
48. Personal bank statement – last 3 months, stamped and signed by the bank
49. ITR – last 2 tax years
50. Salary slips, if employed
51. Other genuine financial evidence, where applicable
52. Employment/Business Documents
53. Salaried applicant:
 54. Employment certificate
 55. Employment contract, if applicable
 56. Approved leave letter
 57. Salary slips
 58. Relevant income documents
59. Business/self-employed applicant:
 60. Business/company registration
 61. GST registration, where applicable
 62. Business bank statement
 63. Personal bank statement
 64. ITR
 65. Company/business ownership documents
66. Additional Supporting Documents
67. Cover letter
68. Proof of social/economic ties to India
69. Previous international travel history
70. Family documents, where relevant
71. Property/investment documents, if relevant
72. Sponsor documents, if the trip is sponsored
73. The official Dutch tourism checklist should be used to determine the exact documents applicable to the applicant.
74. Step 5 – Prepare a Strong Cover Letter
75. The cover letter should clearly explain:
 76. Applicant details → Purpose of visit → Travel dates → Places to visit → Accommodation → Travel arrangements → Who will pay → Employment/business → Financial capability → Reasons for returning to India.



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77. The Netherlands specifically asks for a cover letter explaining the reason for the visit, duration, fellow travellers where applicable, transportation and accommodation.
78. Step 6 – Arrange Travel Medical Insurance
79. The insurance should:
 80. Be in the applicant's name
 81. Cover the entire Schengen Area
 82. Cover the complete period of stay
 83. Provide at least €30,000 medical coverage
 84. Include emergency medical treatment/hospitalisation and repatriation requirements
85. Step 7 – Book the VFS Appointment
86. Once the documents are ready, book an appointment with VFS Global.
87. Applications for the Netherlands can be submitted at VFS centres in:
 88. Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Chandigarh, Chennai, Cochin, Hyderabad, Jalandhar, Kolkata, Lucknow, Mumbai, Pune and New Delhi.
 89. Official VFS Global – Netherlands Visa Application India
90. The Dutch government advises applicants to book the appointment themselves rather than using an intermediary.
91. Step 8 – Attend the VFS Appointment
92. On the appointment date:
 93. Reach VFS on time.
 94. Carry your original passport.
 95. Carry the completed and signed application form.
 96. Carry the complete supporting-document file.
 97. Carry the required checklist.
 98. Submit your documents.
 99. Provide fingerprints/biometrics if required.
100. Answer questions about your proposed trip if asked.
101. Pay the applicable visa fee and VFS service charges.
102. Choose passport collection/delivery.
103. Keep your VFS receipt and reference number.
104. Applicants generally need to appear personally, and fingerprints are taken from applicants aged 12 or older, subject to applicable rules.
105. Step 9 – Application Processing
106. After submission, the application is forwarded for processing by the Dutch authorities.
107. They may:
 108. Request additional documents
 109. Ask for clarification
 110. Invite you for an interview
111. Verify information provided in the application

112. VFS currently states an average processing time of 25 calendar days, with a maximum of 45 calendar days.
113. Therefore, avoid making non-refundable travel arrangements based solely on an expected processing date.
114. Step 10 – Track Your Application
115. Use the VFS reference number received at the time of submission to track your application online.
116. Step 11 – Passport Collection / Delivery
117. When processing is completed, VFS will notify you.
118. You can:
119. Collect your passport from VFS, or
120. Use the available passport-delivery service.
121. The notification itself does not necessarily tell you whether the visa was approved. You need to receive/check the passport to see the decision.
122. Step 12 – Check the Visa Sticker
123. If approved, immediately check:
124. Name
125. Passport number
126. Visa validity
127. Number of entries
128. Duration of stay
129. Validity/territorial information
130. If there is an error, contact the Dutch authorities promptly.
131. Step 13 – Travel to the Netherlands
132. A Schengen visa allows a stay of up to 90 days in any 180-day period, subject to the actual validity and duration granted on your visa.
133. At the border, immigration officers may ask for supporting evidence such as:
134. Passport and visa
135. Return/onward travel
136. Hotel/accommodation
137. Travel itinerary
138. Financial means
139. Travel insurance
140. Purpose of visit
141. A visa does not automatically guarantee entry.
142. ☐ Complete Process at a Glance
143. Check correct Schengen country
144. ↓
145. Check passport eligibility
146. ↓



147. Create Dutch visa application account
148. ↓
149. Complete & print application form
150. ↓
151. Prepare complete documents
152. ↓
153. Prepare itinerary + hotel + flight reservation
154. ↓
155. Arrange €30,000 Schengen insurance
156. ↓
157. Prepare cover letter & financial/employment proof
158. ↓
159. Book VFS appointment
160. ↓
161. Attend VFS personally
162. ↓
163. Submit documents + passport + biometrics
164. ↓
165. Pay applicable fees
166. ↓
167. Track application
168. ↓
169. Receive/collect passport
170. ↓
171. Check visa sticker
172. ↓
173. Travel to Netherlands 🇳🇱🇳🇱🇳🇱🇳🇱
174. Application timing: You can apply up to 6 months before your planned trip and should apply at least 15 days before travel.

Processing Time

Minimum 5-7 working days

Fees

Single entry visa (inclusive of GST)

Category	Total Cost
Adult	₹17,850/-



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Category	Total Cost
Child	₹17,850/-
Infant	₹8,925/-

Multiple entry visa (inclusive of GST)

Category	Total Cost
Adult	₹32,130/-
Child	₹32,130/-
Infant	₹16,065/-

Above cost is inclusive of GST. Embassy / VFS fees are separate unless stated.

Important Notes



- Important Notes Before Applying
- 1. Apply through the correct Schengen country.
- If you are travelling to several Schengen countries, determine the correct country of application based on your main destination/main purpose.
- 2. Don't purchase a non-refundable flight ticket unnecessarily.
- A reservation is generally sufficient for the application.
- 3. Financial documents must be genuine and consistent.
- Large unexplained deposits immediately before applying can create questions.
- 4. Your itinerary should be realistic.
- Flight dates, hotel dates, leave dates, insurance and itinerary should all match.
- 5. Employment/business ties are important.
- Clearly demonstrate why you need to return to India after the holiday.
- 6. Previous travel history can help, but it does not guarantee approval.
- 7. Never submit false documents or information.
- 8. Apply early.
- The official guidance allows applications up to 6 months before travel and advises applying at least 15 days before departure.

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