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# 1. DO I NEED A VISA TO TRAVEL TO THE CZECH REPUBLIC?

- The Czech Republic is a member of the European Union, and the majority of its visa policy is based on EU regulations. Citizens of the European Union, the European Economic Area (Norway, Iceland, and Lichtenstein), and Switzerland are eligible for visa-free entry into the Czech Republic. Given that they do not take up employment and their stay is limited to a maximum of 90 days per 180 days.
- Apart from citizens of the EU, EEA, and Switzerland, the Czech Republic has signed numerous bilateral or multilateral agreements with countries from all over the world to mutually abolish visa requirements. Their stay is also limited to a maximum of 90 days per 180 days, and they are not permitted to work. These countries are listed on the next page.



Albania\* Andorra Antigua and Barbuda Argentina Australia Bahamas Barbados Bosnia and Herzegovina\* Brazil Brunei Canada Chile Colombia Costa Rica Dominica East Timor Georgia\* Grenada Guatemala Honduras Hong Kong\*\*\*\* Israel Japan Kiribati

Malaysia Marshall Islands Mauritius Mexico Micronesia Moldova\* Monaco Montenegro\* New Zealand Nicaragua North Macedonia\* Palau Panama Paraguay Peru Saint Lucia Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Saint Kitts and Nevis Salvador Samoa San Marino Serbia\* Seychelles

Singapore Solomon Islands South Korea Taiwan\*\* Tonga Trinidad and Tobago Tuvalu Ukraine\* **United Arab Emirates** United Kingdom\*\*\*
United States of America Uruguay Vanuatu Vatican Venezuela





- \*Citizens of these countries required to have biometric passports.
- \*\*Only holders of passports that include an identity card number.
- \*\*\* The rules on travel regarding Brexit will stay the same until 31 December 2020.
- \*\*\*\*The visa requirement exemption applies only to holders of the 'Hong Kong Special Administrative Region' passport.

Countries that are not listed on the previous page have to apply for a Schengen visa beforehand to enter the Czech Republic.



#### 2. DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR THE VISA APPLICATION

You are required to present the following documents if your nationality is not eligible for a visa-free entry to the Czech Republic:

- Fully completed, printed and signed Czech Republic visa application form
- Two identical passport-sized photos which are no older than three months
- A passport that is valid for at least three months before the planned date of departure, issued in the last 10 years, and must contain two blank pages
- Copies of previous visas **if applicable**
- A cover letter that states your purpose of visit
- Round-trip flight ticket information
- A travel insurance that is **valid in Czech Republic** and Schengen area as well.
- Hotel booking or accommodation documents covering the duration of stay
- Proof of civil status
- Proof of sufficient income that will cover your expenses during your visit
- There are additionally required or supporting documents from certain applicants:



- Employed:
- Employment contract
- A letter from the company that states your absence, duration of the stay, and confirms returning to current job
- Bank statement of the last six months
- Income tax return if applicable
- Original bank slips
- Student:
- Proof of enrollment and no objection certificate from the registered school
- Sponsorship documents if the applicant cannot support himself/herself financially during the period of the stay

#### Citizens of the United States, the United Kingdom and Canada can enter Czech Republic without a visa if:

Their passport is valid for more than three months from the expected time of arrival to Czech Republic,

They can present proof of sufficient financial means,

Purpose of visit is clear and documented.



#### 3. VISA RULES

- A parent or legal guardian must also sign the visa application form for children under the age of 18.
- The passport should be no more than ten years old and have at least two blank pages.
- The passport must be valid for at least three months after the expected date of arrival in the Czech Republic.
- If a foreign national intends to stay in the Czech Republic for more than 30 days, they must notify the local police department of their intended residence.



#### 4. VFS GLOBAL



Visa applications for the Czech Republic can be made through VFS Global:

https://www.vfsglobal.com/en/individuals/index.html

https://www.vfsglobal.com/czechrepublic/turkey/english/visa fees at glance.html



Plan Ahead

Make an Appointment

Finalize Your Application

Receive Your Visa



## 5. USEFUL LINKS

https://www.mzv.cz/istanbul/en/visa and consular information/index.html

https://www.mzv.cz/jnp/en/information for aliens/types of visas/index.html



### FOR YOUR INFORMATION,

This general information package has been put together to help you with your visa applications.

It is, however, the applicants' responsibility to keep up with current information and to carry out his/her process.







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