

Germany Tourist / Schengen Visa — Document Checklist

A calm, complete checklist for a short-stay Schengen tourist visa to Germany.

Personal identification

- Valid passport (2 blank pages, valid 3+ months beyond return date, issued within last 10 years)
- 2 biometric passport photos (35 x 45 mm, white background)
- Copies of all previous Schengen / UK / US visas and used passports

Travel plan

- Confirmed round-trip flight reservation (do not buy the ticket before visa approval)
- Detailed day-by-day itinerary with cities, dates, and activities
- Hotel bookings for the entire stay, OR
- Formal invitation (Verpflichtungserklärung) from your host in Germany + copy of host's ID and Meldebescheinigung

Financial proof

- Personal bank statements from the last 3 months (stamped by the bank)
- Proof of employment: employer letter with position, salary, and approved leave dates
- Latest income tax return (ITR) or business registration if self-employed
- Credit card statements (last 3 months), if applicable

Insurance & ties to home country

- Schengen travel insurance covering the full trip, min. €30,000 medical cover
- Proof of ties to home country (property title, family, ongoing studies, employment continuity)

Application forms & fees

- Completed Schengen (C-visa) application form, signed
- Signed cover letter explaining purpose, itinerary and financing of the trip
- Visa fee: approx. €90 for adults, €45 for children 6–12 years
- VFS / embassy appointment confirmation printout

This checklist is for guidance only and does not replace the official embassy requirements. Requirements can change — always confirm with the German embassy or consulate handling your case. Book a consultation at helloelladigitalstudio.lovable.app/consultation.