

SHORT STAY VISA WITH DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT PREVIOUS REQUIREMENTS

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Warning! You can only apply within 3 months before of your departure date.

US citizens who wish to stay in Spain for tourist or business purposes for **up to 90 days** do not need a visa without prejudice to meet the entry requirements specified by custom authorities.

To apply for a Short Stay/Schengen visa **every applicant must appear in person**. Applicants must have permanent residency status in the USA (alien resident "Green Card" or US valid visa except B1/B2). The request for a visa must be made at the Consulate of Spain which has jurisdiction where the applicant resides.

This Consulate General has jurisdiction over the following states: New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and Delaware. The visa will be affixed to your passport, at this Consular Office, before your departure and must be presented at the Schengen border officials at the port of entry. You can not request the visa in Spain or through the mail.

To **make an appointment** for this type of visa please send an email with your request to cog.nuevayork@maec.es.

WHAT IS A SCHENGEN VISA?

The **Schengen Agreement** establishes a unified type of **visa for short stays (up to 90 days)** for the participant European countries: GERMANY, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, DENMARK, SLOVAKIA, SLOVENIA, SPAIN, ESTONIA, FINLAND, FRANCE, GREECE, HUNGARY, ICELAND, ITALY, LATVIA, LITHUANIA, LUXEMBOURG, MALTA, NORWAY, NETHERLANDS, POLAND, PORTUGAL, CZECH REPUBLIC, SWEDEN AND SWITZERLAND.

A Schengen Visa issued by an Embassy or Consulate of the aforementioned countries allows the holder to travel freely in all these countries. It will be issued by the Embassy or Consulate of the country of your main destination, the one where you will spend the longest period of time.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

1. One [Schengen application form](#), duly filled out and signed.
2. **Passport** (original and photocopy) valid for a minimum of three months after the expected visa stay and with at least two blank pages available.
3. **One passport size photograph** in color, 2 x 2 inches (51 x 51 mm) in size, printed on matte or glossy photo quality paper, taken within the last 6 months to reflect your current appearance and in front of a plain white or off-white background.
4. **Note verbale** from the Permanent Mission;
5. **When the applicant is under 18 years**, a notarized authorization letter to apply for a visa from the parents or custodians is required.

•ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS MAY APPLY•