

Schengen Visa Cost Guide 2026

Every fee, itemised — for Indian travellers applying from Hyderabad, Mumbai, Delhi & across India

A Schengen visa costs more than the embassy fee alone. This guide breaks down every charge an Indian applicant pays in 2026, so there are no surprises. The visa fee is set by the European Commission and is identical for all 29 Schengen countries. **All fees are non-refundable** — you pay for processing, not approval, which is why a well-prepared application matters.

What you actually pay (per applicant)

Cost item	Who you pay	Amount (2026)
Schengen visa fee — adult (Type C, short stay)	Consulate / VFS	€90 · approx ₹8,500–9,000
Schengen visa fee — child aged 6–11	Consulate / VFS	€45 · approx ₹4,300–4,500
Schengen visa fee — child under 6	—	Free
VFS Global service charge	VFS	approx ₹2,000–2,500
Travel insurance (min €30,000 medical cover)	Insurer	approx ₹1,000–2,500
Photographs (Schengen spec, 35×45 mm)	Studio	approx ₹150–300
IMAD Travel service fee (document review, slot, cover letter, itinerary)	IMAD Travel	from ₹3,500
Typical all-inclusive total — one adult		approx ₹19,500

Rupee figures are approximate and move with the daily exchange rate (€1 ≈ ₹95–100 in 2026). The euro fee is the fixed, authoritative number. Optional add-ons (SMS updates, premium lounge, courier return) are extra and not required.

IMAD does not mark up government or VFS fees. You pay the visa fee and VFS charge directly to the consulate or application centre. Our service fee is separate and listed up front — no hidden charges.

Worked examples

Solo traveller

approx ₹19,500

1 adult, all-inclusive

Couple

approx ₹39,000

2 adults, all-inclusive

Family of 4

approx ₹62,000

2 adults + 2 children (6–11)

Family-of-4 estimate assumes both children are aged 6–11 (€45 each). Children under 6 pay no visa fee, lowering the total.

Estimate your own cost

Print this page and fill in the right-hand column for your group:

Cost item	Per person	× travellers	Your total
Schengen visa fee (adult €90 / child 6–11 €45)	₹ _____	_____	₹ _____
VFS service charge	₹ _____	_____	₹ _____
Travel insurance	₹ _____	_____	₹ _____
Photographs	₹ _____	_____	₹ _____
IMAD service fee	₹ _____	_____	₹ _____
Grand total			₹ _____

Good to know

- **The fee is the same in every Schengen country** — France, Germany, Italy, Spain or any of the 29 states. Don't pay a "premium" for a particular country's visa.
- **Non-refundable** — you don't get the €90 back if refused. Prepare properly the first time.
- **Apply 6 weeks to 6 months before travel.** Peak-season slots (May–August) fill 6–8 weeks ahead at VFS Hyderabad.
- Always confirm the current VFS service charge on the official VFS Global site for your destination country.

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