Austria—Visa Requirements

SOURCE: Embassy of Austria

U.S. citizens do not need an entry permit (visa) to stay in Austria as either tourists or on a business trip for a period of up to three months (90 days).

Entry Permit (Visa)

- An entry permit (visa) is issued to individuals who plan to go to Austria on a temporary basis.
- The stay must not exceed six months (in most cases).
- You do not intend to take up any employment in Austria. An entry permit is, in general, not a work authorization. However, starting January 1, 2006, some exceptions to this rule—mainly concerning certain temporary job assignments—come into effect.

If you answer YES to one of the following questions, you will most likely need an entry permit (visa) to enter Austria.

- Do you pass through Austria in (airport) transit?
- Do you intend to temporarily visit Austria as a tourist or to see friends or relatives who live in Austria?
- Are you on a (short-term) business trip to Austria?
- Will you take part in a conference or a seminar in Austria?
- Will you attend a German language course (up to six months)?
- Do you plan to study or to do an internship in Austria for up to six months?
- Will you be working as a guest professor at an Austrian university for one semester?

Residence Permit

A residence permit is issued to foreign nationals who plan to stay in Austria for more than six months.

If you plan to study at a university/college or to attend school (grade 1-12) in Austria for a period exceeding six months, you will need to apply for a Residence Permit.

Required Documents For a Stay Up To Six Months

- Completed and signed Schengen Visa Application.
- Two passport size photographs (not a snapshot).
- Passport - must be valid at least three months beyond date of travel.
- Letter of admission to Austrian School/University or from U.S. University if it is an exchange program, or from the organization under whose auspices you intend to study in Austria or Fulbright Grant (original).
- Proof of lodging.
- Proof of medical insurance - letter from insurance company confirming complete coverage during your stay in Austria, minimum coverage has to be USD 50,000 (copy of your insurance I.D. is not sufficient).
- Emergency coverage only is also not sufficient. Proof of sufficient funds (bank statement). If you are a student - Letter of financial responsibility - unless you are self supporting - which must be signed by parents and notarized. Most recent bank -and/or income statement must be attached.
- Copy of your itinerary or round trip ticket.

**Cost:** US $ 145.40

- If you send it in by mail, only postal money order or cashier’s check will be accepted. If you wish to have your passport returned by mail, a self-addressed, prepaid return envelope should be included with your application.