

INFORMATION TO VISA HOLDERS

You have been issued a visa for the territories of the Schengen States.¹ As soon as you receive your short-stay visa, make sure that all the information it contains is correct. Please check the following:

- ✓ Your passport has a passport number. This number is also indicated on the visa sticker. Make sure that these numbers are the same.
- ✓ You applied for your visa for a specific period or periods. Check that your air ticket corresponds with the entry and exit dates indicated on the visa sticker.
- ✓ Check that the number of entries you require for your itinerary (one, two, or multiple) corresponds with the number of entries indicated on your visa sticker.
- ✓ Check that your name is spelled correctly.

Do this yourself in order to avoid any problems or extra costs arising when using your visa. If you think that the information on the visa is incorrect, tell the Embassy immediately, so that any errors can be corrected.

How to read the visa sticker

DURATION OF STAY.....DAYS indicates the number of days you may stay in the Schengen area. The days should be counted from the date you enter the Schengen area (the entry stamp) to the date you exit the Schengen area (the exit stamp), i.e., both days included.

The period of time between “FROM ...UNTIL” is usually longer than the number of days printed in the “DURATION OF STAY” field. The difference in period is meant to give you flexibility to plan your entry into and exit from the Schengen area, but your stay in the Schengen area must never exceed the exact number of days in the “DURATION OF STAY ...DAYS” field. No matter how many days you have stayed in the Schengen area, you must leave no later than the date printed in the “UNTIL” field.

Controls at the border

Your short-stay visa allows you to travel to Norway and to other Schengen States, but the final control of the entry conditions is done when you cross the Schengen-border. A visa does not automatically entitle you to cross the Schengen border. It is therefore recommended that you carry with you copies of the documents which you presented when you applied for the visa (e.g., letters of invitation, travel confirmations, other documents stating the purpose of your stay). This will help to make the border control procedure easier and avoid delays at the border.

NB! You must keep to the period of stay allowed by your visa. If you need to stay longer, please contact the local police.

¹ Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Bulgaria*, Romania* (*only internal air and sea border)