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Travel in Europe

Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal and Spain participate in the Schengen Convention, which abolishes internal border controls between these countries (except in special cases). However, customs and immigration controls remain in force when you are travelling to one of the above countries from Canada or any other country that does not participate in the Schengen Convention.

You should ensure that authorities stamp your passport when you enter the Schengen area and that you fulfill all registration formalities

Do You Need a Visa?

You need a visa to travel to certain countries. Your travel agent or the country's embassy or consulate in Canada can advise you of the requirements. You can also check the Travel Reports for the countries you intend to visit in the Travel section of the DFAIT Web site (http://www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/ travelreport/menu_e.htm) or call DFAIT's Consular Affairs Bureau at 1-800-267-6788 (in Canada) or (613) 944-6788. Apply for visas well in advance of your trip. in every country visited. When travelling from one Schengen country to another, always carry your passport with you. When travelling within a Schengen country, always carry a photocopy of your passport with you. Visitors should also make sure they do not extend their stay beyond the period of time allowed by each country.

If you would like information about the entry and registration requirements of Schengen countries, please contact their embassies or consulates in Canada **before** your departure.

When you arrive at your destination, be prepared to prove that you have enough money to support yourself during your stay.

Be aware of the rules and restrictions governing visas and your length of stay. This knowledge can save you both time and money.

Some countries will allow you to enter only if you can prove you will be leaving. Be prepared to show your return or onward ticket or any visas that demonstrate you plan to visit another country.

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