

## **WHEN IS A BULGARIAN VISA REQUIRED?**

Canadian citizens do NOT need a visa to visit Bulgaria for up to 30 days!

Citizens of the following countries can enter Bulgaria and spend **UP TO 90 DAYS** as visitors/tourists **WITHOUT A VISA**: all EU-member countries, Hungary, Iceland, the Republic of Korea, Lithuania, Malta, Norway, San Marino, Switzerland, and Tunisia (60 days).

Citizens of the following countries can enter Bulgaria and spend **UP TO 30 DAYS** as visitors/tourists **WITHOUT A VISA**: Andorra, Australia, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Eritrea, Estonia, Israel, Ireland, Japan, Liechtenstein, Macedonia, Monaco, New Zealand, Poland, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, USA, Vatican City.

Visas are required for longer periods of stay or for purposes other than tourism/visit.

Citizens of countries not listed above need to apply for a Bulgarian visa in all cases\*.

\* Note: The above information is subject to change in line with the general goal of travel facilitation. Thus, citizens of countries not listed above are advised to ask for updated information

## **VISA APPLICATION**

To apply for a Bulgarian single entry visa, please submit:

- 1) Passport or Travel Document valid for at least 6 months after the date the application is received
- 2) Fully completed visa application form, available from all Bulgarian consulates and consular sections at Bulgarian Embassies.
- 3) One passport-size photo
- 4) Copy of Record of Landing (only for Canadian permanent residents who are not Canadian citizens)
- 5) Invitation from a Bulgarian host or proof of hotel reservation
- 6) If documents are sent by mail, a self-addressed pre-stamped envelope for return by registered mail or courier must be enclosed
- 7) Non-refundable application fee of 35 CAD, collected at the time of application (additional visa fee is collected when the visa is received)

Generally, **multiple entry visas** are granted for business purposes and supporting documentation may be required.

Payment of fees is accepted in cash, certified cheque or money order, only in Canadian dollars.

**Personal cheques and credit cards are not accepted.**

If payment is submitted by mail two separate cheques or money orders (one for the application and one for the visa fee) should be sent, payable to "the Bulgarian consulate".

## **VISAS AND FEES**

<b>Type of Visa</b>	<b>Total Fee in CDN \$ (application + visa)</b>	
<b>Single Entry</b>	85.00 (35 + 50)	Allows a stay of up to three months. Duration of stay will be marked on the visa sticker. Processing time: seven business days.
<b>3 months Multiple Entry</b>	125.00 (35 + 90)	Allows unlimited number of entries from the date of issue and up to 90 days of stay in total; for business purposes.
<b>6 months Multiple Entry</b>	145.00 (35 + 110)	Allows unlimited number of entries from the date of issue and up to 90 days of stay in total; for business purposes.
<b>Urgent Entry</b>	115.00 (35 + 80)	Issued in urgent cases. Processing time: three business days.
<b>Transit*</b>	70.00 (35 + 35)	Allows a maximum stay of 24 hours in Bulgaria on route to another country.
<b>Urgent Transit</b>	85.00 (35 + 50)	Allows a maximum stay of 24 hours in Bulgaria on route to another country.
<b>Double Transit</b>	100.00 (35 + 65)	Valid for two transit stays of 24 hours each in Bulgaria on route to another country.

\*Note: To receive a transit visa the applicant has to possess a valid visa for the next destination where applicable

## **INSURANCE**

Medical insurance covering the whole period of stay in Bulgaria is required. Proof of medical insurance should be presented to the border officials upon entering the country.

## **DRIVING**

Motor vehicle insurance can be arranged at the border. To drive in Bulgaria during the period of stay allowed by the visa, a valid driving license from the country of citizenship is required.

## **TRAVELLING WITH PETS**

Pets you must have a certificate of veterinarian examination carried out within one week before departure, as well as a certificate of rabies shot made during the last six months.

## **POLICE REGISTRATION**

It is mandatory that all foreign visitors register with a regional police department within 48 hours of entering Bulgaria. This is stipulated by Bulgarian law and non-compliance may result in fines from BGN 200 to BGN 5,000. Bulgarian authorities must also be notified in case a foreign visitor changes the address where s/he is staying. In the case of staying at a hotel, the registration is carried out by the hotel's administration.