

Schengen Visa Waiver Agreement for Vincentians

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Brussels, BELGIUM: St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) will no longer require a visa to travel to any of the 26 countries within the Schengen area of the European Union (EU), effective today.

This exemption also includes Caribbean nationals from Dominica, Grenada, St. Lucia and Trinidad & Tobago.

Travellers from the Caribbean and European countries under the agreement can visit for 90 days within any 180 day period without a visa.

However, the exception will be persons travelling for the purpose of carrying out a paid activity, in that event a visa would be required.

SVG Minister of Foreign Affairs, Senator Hon. Camillo Gonsalves announced that Vincentians are among citizens from some fifty different countries around the world who can now travel without a visa to several countries in Europe, which are part of the Schengen zone.

This followed the signing of a Schengen Visa Waiver Agreement for holders of Vincentian passports and other citizens of the Eastern Caribbean.

Minister Gonsalves pointed out that although the Agreement has taken effect, there may be some administrative challenges or a time lag with all the different countries involved. Therefore he has advised everyone to take the steps to ensure that all the necessary issues are clarified, before finalizing travel plans.

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