

Schengen Tourist Visa — Interview Questions & Sample Answers

Sample answers show the **style** officers like — short, specific and honest. Replace the details with your own true situation; never memorise someone else's story.

Q1. Which countries are you visiting?

Sample answer: France, Switzerland and Italy. I will spend six nights in France, three in Switzerland and four in Italy, so I am applying to France as my main destination.

Tip: Know why you applied to this embassy — most nights / main destination rule.

Q2. Why do you want to visit Europe?

Sample answer: It's our 10th wedding anniversary and we have always wanted to see Paris and the Swiss Alps.

Q3. How long is your trip?

Sample answer: Thirteen nights, from 3rd to 16th May.

Tip: Dates must match insurance, hotel bookings and flight reservation.

Q4. Who is paying for your trip?

Sample answer: I am paying from my savings. My bank statements show a balance of about ₹6 lakh.

Q5. What do you do for work?

Sample answer: I am a project manager at Infosys in Bengaluru and have approved leave for these dates.

Q6. Have you been to Europe before?

Sample answer: Yes, I visited Germany in 2023 on a Schengen visa.

Tip: If you have had a Schengen visa before and used it correctly, mention it — it helps a lot.

Q7. Where will you stay?

Sample answer: In hotels booked for every night. I have the bookings here.

Q8. Do you know anyone in Europe?

Sample answer: No, this is a holiday trip only.

Interview day tips

- The 'main destination' rule matters — applying to the wrong embassy is a common refusal reason.
- Insurance, hotels and flights must cover exactly the same dates.
- Explain any large recent deposits in your bank statement in your cover letter.
- Using previous Schengen visas correctly helps you qualify for longer multiple-entry visas next time.