**TOURIST VISA**

Australian citizens travelling on an Australian passport do not need a visa for tourism and are free to stay up to 90 days in a period of 6 months. To avoid complications in transit airports, their passport must have a validity of **at least 6 months** **from the date of prospected exit from the Schengen area,** as per return flight.

**SCHENGEN VISA (Tourism)**

A Schengen visa is valid for a maximum of **90 days** and is issued strictly on the basis of the itinerary provided with the application.

Residents of Western Australia requiring a visa to enter the Schengen area must apply at the Consulate of Italy in Perth if Italy is the **main destination** of their trip, i.e., **if Italy is the Schengen country where they will spend the largest number of days**. Applications from holders of tourist visas are normally not accepted. To find out if your passport requires a visa for Italy, please check on <https://vistoperitalia.esteri.it/home.aspx>

Applications cannot be lodged more than 6 months before the date of intended arrival in the Schengen area. All applicants are strongly encouraged to request an appointment **at least three months** prior to their intended departure. Please, note that requesting an appointment does not mean lodging an application.

Applications can only be lodged in person during an appointment, which all applicants need to book online via our [booking system](https://www.jotform.com/form/200904191897865). Please only book one appointment, as all multiple requests will be cancelled automatically.

During the interview, our visa officers will collect the applicant’s fingerprints as well as a [**FEE**](https://consperth.esteri.it/en/servizi-consolari-e-visti/servizi-per-il-cittadino-straniero/fees/), payable either by debit card (surcharge of 0.25$; no contactless accepted) or in AUD cash.

**WHAT TO BRING AT THE INTERVIEW**

1. [**your visa application form**](https://consperth.esteri.it/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Schengen_visa_application.docx)**,** duly filled, dated and signed;
2. current **passport**, valid for **at least 6 months from the expiry date of the visa requested** and with at least one blank page for the requested visa;
3. one recent, passport-size **photo**;
4. full flight **itinerary**, including border of entry into Italy;
5. proof of sufficient means of **support** for the entire stay (current bank balance/statement);
6. **travel insurance** covering emergency medical expenses for at least Euro 30,000 and product disclosure statement;
7. proof of socio-professional **standing**:
	* letter from employer confirming the employment and the leave permit; last three pay slips;
	* students will need to present current proof of enrolment;
	* unemployed applicants will need to present a letter from guarantor with a copy of valid ID.
8. proof of **accommodation** (hotel booking) for the duration of stay in the Schengen area; in case of sponsorship/private accommodation provided by a family member or a friend, applicants are required to present a [**host declaration form**](https://consperth.esteri.it/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Modello-Lettera-di-invito.pdf) duly **dated and signed** by their host and accompanied by their host’s PhotoID. Hosts must be Italian citizens or holders of a valid Italian residence permit.

After a **complete** application is submitted, a visa is typically issued in 2 weeks, depending on the type of passport.

Our visa officers will be happy to answer any relevant questions during the interview and reserve the right to request additional documentation to support a visa application.