Consolato Generale d'Italia
San Pietroburgo

INVITATION

The invitation-based visa allows entry for a short-term stay to foreign nationals invited by well-known public or private entities, institutions, or organizations to attend specific political, scientific, and/or cultural events and gatherings, provided that the inviting entity covers the costs of their stay.

To apply for the visa, you must submit:

1) A residence visa application form, duly completed and signed;

2) A passport valid for at least three months beyond the duration of the stay;

3) A recent ICAO-format photo;

4) a formal invitation from the inviting institution, in which the latter also undertakes to cover the foreign national's living expenses, in the event that the applicant covers the living expenses, proof of financial means, or a summons from an Italian judicial authority;

5) Round-trip flight reservation;

6) Documented proof of accommodation (hotel reservation, declaration of hospitality, etc.).

7) Travel health insurance, valid for the entire duration of the visa, with a minimum coverage of 30,000.00 euros for emergency hospitalization expenses and repatriation costs;

8) Receipt for payment of consular fees, in accordance with the procedures established by the Italian diplomatic-consular mission with jurisdiction over the territory;

9) Copy of the national passport (page with personal information and page with the residence stamp)

A visa will also be issued to a foreign national summoned or invited by an Italian judicial authority through an official court order served on the diplomatic mission, for the duration specified by that authority. Upon issuance of an entry authorization by the competent Police Headquarters, an invitation visa will be granted for the period strictly necessary to the foreign national—whether a victim or a defendant in criminal proceedings— who must exercise his or her right to a defense, pursuant to Article 17 of Legislative Decree No. 286/1998. Any legal advisors or attorneys of choice for the applicant may be issued a business visa, provided the applicable conditions and requirements are met.

PLEASE NOTE: The list of documents provided above is intended solely as a guide for users. The office reserves the right to conduct further reviews on a case-by-case basis and to request additional documentation as needed.