

# Do Bulgarians need a SA visa?

Yes, holders of Bulgarian passports need a visa to enter the Republic

# SA visas

- SA – Immigration Problems
- The SA Immigration Act 13 of 2002, as amended in 2004, 2007 and 2012, the SA Immigration Regulations, as well as various internal immigration directives
- Despite the restrictive nature of the Act, it is the Embassy's objective to facilitate the visa process pertaining to package tours

# Principal questions that need answering

- Who is going to SA?
- What is the purpose of their visit?
- Who is paying the bill? Can the visa applicant afford the trip?
- Is the visa applicant permanently occupied outside SA?
- Does the person intend to leave the Republic after the holiday?

# Documents to answer those questions

- Who is going to SA? – passport
- What is the purpose of their visit? – detailed itinerary confirmed by the SA partnering travel agent OR hotel bookings for the whole duration of the tour
- Who is paying the bill? Can the visa applicant afford the trip? – Detailed bank statement of the applicant for the past 3 months; bank certificate/reference in English stating the balance available to the visa applicant may be acceptable
- Is the visa applicant permanently occupied outside SA? – Employment certificate OR company profile of the self-employed
- Does the person intend to leave the Republic after the holiday? – Certificate from employer regarding the use of the applicant's annual paid leave during the tour
- Visa application form
- 2 passport-size photos
- A fee of BGN 84 payable in cash on application, deposited with the Embassy's account as from 01/01/2014
- The visa turnaround time is 5 working days from application date