Sao Tome and Principe visa guide for Bangladeshi passport holders

How to apply: eVisaST online entry authorisation (confirm eligibility) · Last checked: 6 November 2026 · Online version: https://travelcsbd.com/visa/sao-tome-and-principe/

Sao Tome and Principe's Migration and Borders Service (SMF) offers an online entry-authorisation service called eVisaST on smf.st, alongside a visa enquiry service. The UK FCDO summarises that only some nationalities can enter visa-free for up to 15 days, and that others must meet the government's entry requirements, and an entry fee of EUR 20 is payable on arrival. We could not open the eVisaST portal or the SMF fee page from our systems, and no official page we read names Bangladesh, so Bangladesh-specific visa category, fee, stay and processing time are marked for confirmation. Last checked 5 November 2026.

Quick facts

Visa needed?
Very likely yes. Visa-free entry is limited to certain nationalities and Bangladesh is not named on pages we read. Confirm with our office.
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Where to apply
Online through eVisaST on the SMF website (smf.st) under 'Entry authorisation'. SMF headquarters: Av. 12 de Julho, Sao Tome.
Partly verified

Entry fee on arrival
EUR 20, payable on arrival in US dollars or local currency (UK FCDO summary of local rules).
Partly verified

eVisa fee
Not confirmed. SMF has a fees (Taxas) page, but we could not read it. Third-party figures conflict, so we do not publish one.
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Processing time
Not confirmed officially. Third-party sources suggest several working days; apply well in advance.
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Stay
Visa-free stay for eligible nationalities is up to 15 days (UK FCDO). Stay for Bangladeshi eVisa holders not confirmed.
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Passport validity
Must be valid for the duration of the stay (UK FCDO). Many sources advise at least 6 months; confirm.
Partly verified

Yellow fever
Certificate needed if arriving from a country with yellow fever transmission risk (UK FCDO summary).
Partly verified

Funds and ticket

Return or onward ticket and accommodation details are commonly asked; not confirmed officially.

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Nearest mission

We did not verify any Sao Tome and Principe mission in Dhaka. Contact SMF or the nearest embassy via our office.

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Where to apply: receiving authority

Servico de Migracao e Fronteiras (SMF), Sao Tome and Principe

Address: Av. 12 de Julho, CP no. 513, Sao Tome, Sao Tome and Principe (apply online via eVisaST)
Phone: +239 2222098
Email: direccaosmf@gmail.com
Hours: Confirm with SMF
Web: https://www.smf.st
Note: Online eVisaST entry authorisation. No mission in Dhaka verified. Fee and Bangladesh eligibility to be confirmed.

Partly verified

How to apply

- The SMF website (smf.st) lists eVisaST, eCidadao and a visa-enquiry service under entry authorisation. Use only the official SMF site; many commercial look-alike sites charge extra.
- SMF contact listed on its site: Av. 12 de Julho, CP 513, Sao Tome; phone +239 2222098; email direccaosmf@gmail.com.
- Travel Counsellor Ltd. can help confirm eligibility and prepare your documents, but the decision rests with Sao Tome and Principe authorities.

Partly verified

Total cost

- Government eVisa fee: not confirmed from an official page. Entry fee on arrival: EUR 20 (UK FCDO summary). Hotel tourist tax may apply locally. Travel Counsellor Ltd. service charges, if any, are quoted separately in BDT by our office. Confirm BDT with our office.

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Health and entry

- Carry a yellow fever certificate in case it is asked on arrival, and check travel health advice for malaria before travel.
- Check the visa rules of any transit country on your route separately.

Partly verified

Document checklist

Tick each item as you collect it. Documents change by visa type and profile; our counsellor confirms your exact list.

Core documents (all applicants)

- ☐ Passport valid for the whole stay, ideally at least 6 months (confirm)
- ☐ Passport data page scan for the online form
- ☐ Passport-style photograph
- ☐ Flight and accommodation details (genuine bookings only)

- ☐ Proof of funds
- ☐ Yellow fever certificate if arriving from a risk country
- ☐ EUR 20 entry fee in cash on arrival

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Employed applicants (supporting)

- ☐ Job letter, NOC and bank statement

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Business owners (supporting)

- ☐ Trade licence, bank statement and invitation letter if relevant

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Students (supporting)

- ☐ Institution letter and sponsor bank statement

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Children (supporting)

- ☐ Birth certificate and parent consent as a precaution

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Things to watch

- We could not access the eVisaST portal or SMF fee page, so Bangladesh-specific rules are unconfirmed.
- Third-party sites quote conflicting eVisa fees. Pay only on the official SMF site.
- Travel Counsellor Ltd. is a private consultancy, not an embassy. Decisions rest with Sao Tome and Principe authorities.
- No approval is guaranteed and fees can change.

Frequently asked questions

Do Bangladeshis need a visa for Sao Tome and Principe?

Visa-free entry applies only to certain nationalities and Bangladesh is not named on pages we read. Assume you need authorisation and confirm with our office.

Where do I apply?

Through eVisaST on the SMF website, smf.st.

Is there a fee on arrival?

The UK FCDO says an entry fee of EUR 20 is payable on arrival in US dollars or local currency.

What is the eVisa fee?

We could not confirm it from an official page, so we do not publish a figure. Confirm with our office.

Is approval guaranteed?

No. SMF decides, and fees and rules can change.

Official sources

SMF - Servico de Migracao e Fronteiras (official site): https://www.smf.st
UK FCDO - Sao Tome and Principe entry requirements (reference): https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/sao-tome-and-principe/entry-requirements

Need help with your application?

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