

Multiple entry visa with maximum 90 days validity:

The Embassy is quite restrictive with granting a multiple entry visa. It has to be proved by the applicant that there is genuine need for a multiple entry visa. This need is documented through the booking submitted with the application.

If the applicant shows that he/she is intending to spend the entire visa period inside Schengen a multiple entry visa will not be granted, for instance a booking Hanoi – Paris – Oslo, with return Oslo – Paris – Hanoi.

If the applicant submits a booking showing that he/she also has plans to visit countries outside the Schengen area; i.e. United Kingdoms/Ireland, Switzerland, Russia or any of the countries that is yet not a member (see map over Schengen area

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Image:SchengenAgreement_map.png) during the visit to the Schengen area, a multiple entry visa would be needed to enter back to the Schengen area and could then be granted by the Embassy.

Multiple entry visa with one year validity:

Other categories that could be granted a multiple entry visa are bona fide business partners of Norwegian companies that frequently visit Norway. Another category that could be granted multiple entry visa is Vietnamese spouses of Norwegians living in Vietnam.

The requirement in these cases is that the applicant submits a travel - health insurance with one year validity.

Those who have been granted a one year multiple entry visa could visit the Schengen area up to 180 days in year, provided that they do not stay more then 90 days in a period of 180 days.