

Travel tips to China

In light of the evolving coronavirus (COVID-19) situation, the Chinese government has issued a series of entry restrictions, visa suspensions and quarantine measures for travelers. Details are outlined in the below table:

Visa issue
<p>According to the last update from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China & National Immigration Administration, the below measures have been enforced:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) All visa free transit services have been suspended, this includes the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24/72/144-hour visa free transit policy • Hainan 30-day visa-free policy • 15-day visa-free policy for foreign cruise-group-tours through Shanghai Port • Guangdong 144-hour visa-free policy for foreign tour groups from Hong Kong or Macao SAR • Guangxi 15-day visa-free policy for foreign tour groups from ASEAN countries <p><i>Additionally, the visa exemption policy is suspended to nationals of Japan, Singapore and Brunei</i></p> 2) Entry restrictions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foreign nationals with visas issued before 28 March 2020 are not permitted to enter China • Foreign nationals with residence permits or APEC Business Travel Cards are not permitted to enter China 3) Entry restriction exemption <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foreigners holding diplomatic, service, courtesy or C visas • Foreign nationals coming to China for necessary economic, trade, scientific or technological activities; foreign nationals arriving for emergency humanitarian needs may apply for visas at Chinese embassies / consulates • Foreign nationals with visas issued on or after 28 March 2020 <p><i>* The abovementioned foreigners entering Shanghai will be subjected to another set of regulations according to the notice released by the municipal government of Shanghai.</i></p> <p>Source: website of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/wjbxw/t1761867.shtml</p>
Quarantine measures
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) All travelers regardless of nationality, entry into China are required to take COVID-19 tests & undergo a compulsory quarantine for 14 days at a government designated facility upon arrival.
Flight information
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) According to the latest update from the Shanghai Airport Authority, all international & Hong Kong-Macau-Taiwan China flights to Shanghai Hongqiao International Airport will be temporarily suspended till further notice. Instead, these flights will be transferred to Shanghai Pudong International Airport. Source: website of Shanghai Airport Authority https://www.shanghaiairport.com/en/jcjt/index_226820497_page_1.html 2) Referring to the latest update from the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC), starting from 8 June 2020, all foreign airlines that are not included in CAAC's Phase Five flight plans* could choose one city# with airport(s) capable of accommodating international passenger flights based on their operating permits, and operate one weekly international passenger flight. *CAAC's Phase Five flight plans: http://www.caac.gov.cn/en/XWZX/202003/t20200318_201519.html

#List of cities with airports that can accommodate International Passenger Flights

http://www.caac.gov.cn/en/XWZX/202006/t20200604_202950.html

Source: website of Civil Aviation Administration of China

http://www.caac.gov.cn/en/XWZX/202006/t20200604_202949.html

Flight information (Cont.)

- 3) For flights to Shanghai, please check with your local travel agent or flight carrier for details.
- 4) (**New) According to the latest update from Civil Aviation Administration of China on 20 July 2020, **travelers from specific countries[†] taking flights bound for China (including those ultimately bound for China who transfer via those countries) are required to present their negative results of COVID-19 nucleic acid tests before boarding.** Details are as follows:
 - Chinese and foreign passengers on China-bound flights shall complete COVID-19 nucleic acid tests within 5 days before boarding. Tests shall be carried out in facilities designated or recognized by overseas Chinese Embassies or Consulates
 - Chinese travelers are required to take photos of and upload their negative results of COVID-19 nucleic acid tests using the international version of the health QR code mini program on WeChat
 - Foreign passengers should apply with the Chinese Embassies or Consulates for the Health Declaration Letter with negative test results of COVID-19
 - Relevant airlines are responsible for checking passengers' health QR codes and Health Declaration Letter before boarding. Passengers will be denied boarding if they fail to meet relevant requirements.
 - Passengers who provide false documents and information shall undertake corresponding legal liabilities.
 - For specific requirements, please refer to notices by the Chinese embassies or consulates in relevant countries.

*List of countries where China-bound passengers are required to obtain COVID-19 negative certificates before boarding (*The list will be updated from time to time, please pay close attention any update*):

https://hr.cs.mfa.gov.cn/help_two/help-two/gj.html

Source: website of Civil Aviation Administration of China

http://www.caac.gov.cn/en/XWZX/202007/t20200721_203702.html

As these restrictions may change at short notice, the information in the table should be used as a guideline only. We will continue to closely monitor the latest developments and update this information.