



Visa is a necessity for visitors traveling to mainland China. Visas are issued through Chinese embassies and consulates overseas. Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months after the duration of your intended stay. To obtain a China visa at the Chinese border entry points is very difficult.

### **Single-Entry Visa**

The single-Entry Visa is mostly used. The period of validity of China Single-entry visas are usually 3 months, and a maximum of 30 days will be permitted to stay in China as a tourist or businessman.

### **Double-Entry Visa**

Literally, the Double-Entry Visa is issued for those who need to leave and re-enter Mainland China.

Travelers who leave Mainland China for Hong Kong and Macau will need to apply for a new

visa or double-entry visa, if they wish to re-enter Mainland China.

### **Hong Kong & Macau**

Residents of most countries can enter Hong Kong without applying for a visa in advance and are allowed to stay for 90 days. A visa will be issued upon arrival.

Residents of 65 countries, including the United States, Japan and European countries can enter Macau without applying for a visa in advance. A visa will be issued at the border control, and it allows a stay of 30 days.

For transit passengers who hold tickets and have booked seats on international airliners flying on route to a third country no more than 24 hours in advance, Visas are not required.

For more up-to-date information, please check with the Chinese embassy in your country.

### **[Tibet Travel Permit](#)**

According to Chinese government regulations, independent travelers are forbidden from traveling to Tibet. Besides a valid China visa, a Tibet Travel Permit is also needed to enter Tibet. Issued by Tibet Tourism Bureau, the Tibet Travel Permits can only be obtained through travel agents.

### **Types of China Visa**

Ordinary visa consists of eight sub-categories, namely L, F, Z, X, C, G, D, J-1 and J-2.

L (tourist visa): Issued to an applicant who comes to China for tourist purposes, family visiting or other personal affairs.

F (business visa): Issued to an applicant who is invited to China for visit, research, lecture, business, scientific-technological and culture exchanges or short-term advanced studies or intern practice for a period of no more than six months.

Z (work visa): Issued to an applicant who is to take up a post or employment in China, and their accompanying family members.

X (student visa): Issued to an applicant who comes to China for the purpose of study, advanced studies or intern practice for a period over six months.

C (crew visa): Issued to crewmembers on international aviation, navigation and land transportation missions and family members accompanying them.

G (transit visa): Issued to those who transit through China.

D (resident visa): Issued to applicant who is to reside permanently in China.

J-1 (journalist visa): Issued to foreign resident correspondents in China.

J-2 (journalist visa): Issued to foreign correspondents on temporary interview missions in China.

