

Travel tips to China

In light of the evolving coronavirus (COVID-19) situation, China has resumed visa issuance & lift some travel restrictions since 8 January 2023. Details are outlined in the below table:

Visa issue
<p>According to the latest notice from the National Immigration Administration, passport, visa issuance and other facilitation measures have been implemented since 8 January, 2023. Details are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Resume the acceptance and examination of foreigners' applications for the extension, renewal and re-issuance of ordinary visa, the issuance, renewal and re-issuance of stay permit, and the issuance, extension, renewal and re-issuance of residence permit. In case of urgent needs, expedited procedures may be applied for. Resume the issuance of port visa, the implementation of the 24/72/144-hour visa-free transit policy, and the issuance of temporary entry permit in accordance with the law. <p><i>* We can provide you with an invitation letter in order to expedite (but not guarantee) your visa application through Chinese Authorities. For more details, please contact Ms. Crean Kwan at crean.kwan@hongkong.messefrankfurt.com.</i></p> <p>Source: website of National Immigration Administration of China https://en.nia.gov.cn/n162/n232/c107304/content.html</p>
Travel measures
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Inbound travelers (except travelers from Hong Kong & Macau) to China are advised to take a PCR test within 48 hours before their departure. People with a positive test result are advised to postpone their travels until they test negative. There is no need for travelers to apply for a health code from Chinese diplomatic and consular missions. They will declare their health status on the customs card. (**New) Travelers from Hong Kong & Macau are not required to take a PCR test within 48 hours before their departure starting from 6 February 2023. However, the Customs Health Declaration form must still be completed by all passengers travelling to the Chinese Mainland. If they have travel history to any overseas places (including Taiwan, China) in the past 7 days are still required to present a negative PCR test that has been conducted within 48 hours of the start of their journey. Nucleic acid tests for international arrivals will be cancelled starting from 8 January 2023. Those with an abnormal health status declaration or fever symptoms will receive an antigen test at customs. They will be advised to self-isolate at home until recovery or be treated in hospital, depending on their health conditions. <p><i>* As measures may change at short notice, please check with your local travel agent or flight carrier for updated information before departure.</i></p> <p>Source: website of the State Council of the People's Republic of China http://english.www.gov.cn/statecouncil/ministries/202212/27/content_WS63aa980fc6d0a757729e4d35.html Source: Shanghai Municipal People's Government (Chinese version only) https://www.shanghai.gov.cn/sjzccs/20230203/2d43448e53474740b6bbe8764d44e8b9.html</p>
Flight information
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Adjustment and control measures will no longer be implemented on international passenger flights, and both Chinese and foreign airlines could resume their scheduled passenger flights as per the arrangements prescribed in the framework of bilateral Air Service Agreements. Gradually resume accepting applications for international passenger charter flights from domestic and foreign airlines, and fully restore pre-pandemic processes and requirements in the summer and autumn of 2023. The service procedures for inbound flights at each airport shall be optimized to improve operational efficiency, and the prevention and control requirements to personnel, space and facilities will be lifted, so as to fully release the supporting resources and enhance the accommodating capability to receive international flights. Flights will no longer be classified by the level of risks, and passenger load factor (PLF) restrictions of no higher than 75% for inbound flights will be lifted. <p>Source: website of Civil Aviation Administration of China http://www.caac.gov.cn/en/XWZX/202212/t20221229_216739.html</p>

As these measures 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.