

# Information on Chinese Visa

## 1. Visa Category

F-visa is recommended for guests planning to attend an academic conference in China. An invitation letter, which will be sent by conference organizers promptly after collecting participants' information, is an important supporting document for the F-visa application.

For details of Chinese visa categories and their document requirements, please refer to: [About Chinese Visa \(cs.mfa.gov.cn\)](http://cs.mfa.gov.cn)

## 2. Length of Application Time

Normally, the Chinese Embassy or Consulate issues a visa within 4 to 5 working days and the date of passport collection will be indicated on the pick-up sheet. However, the Embassy or Consulate reserves the right to extend the visa processing time in some special cases. For applicants, it is recommended to submit their visa application about one month before their planned date of entry.

## 3. Application Fee

Please check the official website of the local Chinese Embassy/Consulate. Information for some countries is provided below.

## 4. Rush Service

Rush service is available and generally it costs about CNY 170 to 250.

## 5. Unilateral Visa-free Policy in China

From December 1, 2023 at 00:00 to November 30, 2024 at 24:00 (Beijing time), holders of valid ordinary passports from **France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain and Malaysia** travelling to China for the purposes of trade, tourism, family visit and transit are exempt from visa requirements for a maximum period of 15 days.

Holders of ordinary passports from the 6 above-mentioned countries travelling to China for any other reason or for a stay exceeding 15 days, as well as holders of service passports from France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and Spain, must always apply for a visa before travelling to China. For more details, please consult the websites of

Chinese Embassies in the 6 above countries.

## **6. 144-hour Visa-free Transit Policy in Xiamen**

Citizens from 53 countries holding valid international travel documents and valid passenger tickets for connecting travel (airplane or ship ticket) to a third country/region with confirmed seat and that the departure time is within 144 hours after arriving in Xiamen are eligible to apply for 144-hour visa-free transit at the port of entry in Xiamen. More details are provided below.

## **7. Special Cases**

TE invitation letters are required for visa applicants from Turkey, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, etc., which means visa applications from these countries may take more time.

## **Notice on New Adjustments to Chinese Visa and Entry Policies**

(updated in March 2023)

In order to facilitate the people-to-people exchanges between China and other countries, the following new adjustments to Chinese visa and entry policies have been made, as effective from 0:00 on March 15, 2023:

I. Foreigners with valid visas issued before March 28, 2020 will be allowed to enter China.

II. All categories of Chinese visas can be applied for.

III. Port visas are no longer suspended.

IV. The following visa-free policies will be resumed: Hainan 59 country visa-free entry policy, 15-Day visa-free travel for cruise groups at Shanghai ports, visa-free entry to Guangdong Province for foreigners' group from Hong Kong and Macao SARs, visa-free entry to Guilin of Guangxi Autonomous Region for tourist groups from ASEAN countries.

# FAQ of 144-hour Visa-free Transit Policy in Xiamen

## 1. 144-hour visa-free transit

Citizens from certain countries holding valid international travel documents and valid passenger tickets for connecting travel (airplane or ship ticket) to a third country/region with confirmed seat and that the departure time is within 144 hours after arriving in Xiamen are eligible to apply for 144-hour visa-free transit at the port of entry in Xiamen.

For example, a South Korean citizen travels from Seoul, South Korea via Xiamen to Europe can apply for 144-hour visa-free transit. However, if he/she comes to Xiamen from South Korea and return to South Korea directly from Xiamen, he/she cannot apply for visa-free transit.

## 2. Who are eligible for the 144-hour visa-free transit policy?

Currently, 144-hour visa-free transit is applicable to passport holders from the following 53 countries:

Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Monaco, Russia, United Kingdom, Ireland, Cyprus, Bulgaria, Romania, Ukraine, Serbia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Macedonia, Albania, Belarus, the United States, Canada, Brazil, Mexico, Argentina, Chile, Australia, New Zealand, South Korea, Japan, Singapore, Brunei, United Arab Emirates, Qatar.

## 3. What are the requirements for 144-hour visa-free transit via Xiamen port of entry?

Applicants should meet the following three requirements:

- 3.1 They must be citizens from one of the 53 eligible countries specified above;
- 3.2 They must have a valid international travel document and a valid passenger ticket for connecting travel (airplane ticket or ship ticket) to a third country/region with a confirmed seat and that the departure time is within 144 hours after arriving in Xiamen;
- 3.3 They must transit via Xiamen Gaoqi International Airport, Wutong Wharf and Xiamen International Cruise Center to a third country/region.

#### **4. Areas allowed to stay**

Foreigners who enter Xiamen via 144-hour visa-free transit are only allowed to stay in the administrative area of Xiamen Municipality.

#### **5. How to calculate the duration of the 144-hour visa-free transit?**

The duration of stay as referred to in the 144-hour visa-free transit policy will begin from 00:00 o'clock the following day after entry into Xiamen. For example, a 144-hour transit visa-free passenger enters at Xiamen Gaoqi International Airport today. Starting from 00:00AM tomorrow, he/she is allowed to stay in Xiamen for 144 hours. The duration of stay will be specified on the temporary entry permit issued by the Chinese immigration inspection authority on his/her passport.

#### **6. Xiamen ports of entry and exit for the 144-hour visa-free transit**

Citizens of the 53 eligible countries can only apply for the 144-hour visa-free transit when entering and exiting via Xiamen Gaoqi International Airport, Wutong Wharf and Xiamen International Cruise Center.

#### **7. If the applicant does not hold a connecting flight/ship ticket to a third country/region at the time of entry, but plans to purchase ticket within 144 hours after entering Xiamen, can he/she apply for the 144-hour visa-free transit?**

According to the regulations, any applicant eligible for 144-hour visa-free transit must hold a connecting travel ticket with confirmed date and seat for application, before his/her entry into Xiamen. Therefore, this policy is not applicable to those who do not hold a 144-hour connecting travel ticket before entry.

#### **8. Can foreigner passengers enter Xiamen via the 144-hour visa-free transit while leave China via another city?**

Foreign passengers eligible for the 144-hour visa-free transit via Xiamen must enter Xiamen from one country/region and proceed to a third country/region via Xiamen port of entry and exit, namely Xiamen Gaoqi International Airport, Wutong Wharf, and Xiamen International Cruise Center, within 144 hours. They are not allowed to leave China from airport or seaport in other cities.

#### **9. What are the regulations pertaining to the accommodation registration for 144-hour visa-free transit foreigners?**

In accordance with the provisions of the Law of the People's Republic of China on Exit and Entry Administration, foreigners who stay in a hotel should register at the hotel reception. For those staying at a place other than hotel, they must register at the local police station within 24 hours of arrival. Those who fail to fulfill the registration can be imposed penalties by local public security authority in accordance with relevant laws and regulations.

**10. Can foreigner passengers leave for other cities in China after they have entered Xiamen via 144-hour visa-free transit?**

Foreign passengers who enter Xiamen via 144-hour visa-free transit cannot leave the administrative area of Xiamen during their stay.

**11. What should 144-hour visa-free transit passengers do if they have to extend their stay or travel beyond Xiamen due to force majeure or other reasons?**

144-hour visa-free transit passengers should apply for the corresponding stay permit with the Exit-Entry Administration Bureau of Xiamen Public Security Bureau (PSB) if they have to extend their stay or travel beyond the administrative area of Xiamen due to force majeure, such as disease, disaster, accident or other reasons.

**12. What should 144-hour visa-free transit passengers do if they lose their entry and exit documents during their stay in Xiamen?**

144-hour visa-free transit passengers should immediately report lost/stolen passport to the local police station at the area where the loss or theft occurs. The Exit and Entry Administration Bureau of Xiamen PSB will issue a police report of lost/stolen passport or exit documents based on his/her accommodation registration record, receipt of case report by the police station and entry record. They could then apply for a new passport at the embassy or consulates of their home countries in China with the police report of lost/stolen passport. After that, they need to come back to the Exit and Entry Administration Bureau of Xiamen PSB to apply for a stay permit or a Foreigner's Entry and Exit Pass with the new passport before they exit China.

## Quick Links

### Embassy of China in the US:

[Requirements and Procedures for Chinese Visa Application \(Updated in March, 2023\) Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the United States of America \(us.china-embassy.gov.cn\)](#)

### Processing Time and Fees

Regular service: 4 business days

Express service: 3 business days (urgent situation)

**Note:** The above processing time is average and for reference only. Some applications may require longer processing time that a pick-up date cannot be confirmed until notified by the Visa Office.

### Regular Visa Service Fees

Number of Entry	U.S.Citizen	Non-U.S. Citizen*
Single Entry	\$140	\$23
Double Entries		\$34
Multiple Entries for 6 Months		\$45
Multiple Entries for 12 Months or more		\$68
J1/J2	\$171	

**Note:** 1. The visa fees listed above are applicable from December 11, 2023 to December 31, 2024.

\*2. Visa fees for certain non-U.S. Citizens vary from the list above. Please check with the Visa Office for details.

3. For an express service, there is an additional fee of \$25 per visa.

## Embassy of China in the UK:

[Notice on Adjustment of Visa Application Requirements \(Updated in March 2023\)](#)  
 [\(gb.china-embassy.gov.cn\)](http://gb.china-embassy.gov.cn)

Fees: [Visa Fees \(bio.visaforchina.cn\)](http://bio.visaforchina.cn)

### Schedule of Fees (Sterling)

effective from December 11th, 2023

Total amount of fees / per person (VAT inclusive)																		
	UK			Israel			Canada			Argentina			Brazil			Uruguay		
	Regular	Express	Urgent	Regular	Express	Urgent	Regular	Express	Urgent	Regular	Express	Urgent	Regular	Express	Urgent	Regular	Express	Urgent
	130	161	182															
5-Year	194	225	246	81	112	133	110	141	162	158	189	210	143	174	195	92	123	144
10-Year	257	288	309															
	Others			Romania			Serbia			US			Panama					
	Regular	Express	Urgent	Regular	Express	Urgent	Regular	Express	Urgent	Regular	Express	Urgent	Regular	Express	Urgent			
Single Entry	87	118	139	112	143	164												
Double Entries	98	129	150	127	158	179												
Multiple Entries (6 months)	109	140	161	158	189	210	67	98	119	179	210	231	103	134	155			
Multiple Entries (12 months)	130	161	182	158	189	210												

#### Notes:

- The total amount of fees to be paid by an applicant is as shown above, itemised as: visa fees + application service fees (VAT inclusive).
- Visa Fees are tax exempted and collected on behalf of the Chinese Embassy in UK, the visa fee amount varies based on nationality.
- Application Service Fees ( details as below) are charged by the Centre, this is a fixed price, as shown below:

Application Service Fees			
Regular Service (Four working days)	Express Service (Three working days)	Urgent Service (Two working days)	Passport Post Back
66.00 (VAT inclusive)	78.00 (VAT inclusive)	90.00 (VAT inclusive)	90.00 (VAT inclusive)



**Embassy of China in France:** [Visas \(fr.china-embassy.gov.cn\)](https://fr.china-embassy.gov.cn)

**Fees:** [Avis sur une baisse temporaire des tarifs de visa chinois \(fr.china-embassy.gov.cn\)](https://fr.china-embassy.gov.cn)

Pour faciliter les échanges des personnels entre la Chine et les pays étrangers, une baisse temporaire des tarifs de visa chinois (les frais de service non compris) sera effective à compter du 11 décembre 2023 au 31 décembre 2024 comme suit:

<b>Types de visa</b>	<b>Passeports des pays membres de l'espace Schengen</b>	<b>Passeport américain</b>	<b>Remarques</b>
Visa pour une entrée	45 euros par personne	129 euros par personne	Veuillez contacter le Centre de service de visa chinois sur les tarifs pour les titulaires de passeports des autres pays étrangers et pour le visa de Régions Administratives Spéciales de Hong Kong et de Macao.
Visa pour deux entrées			
Visa pour multiples entrées			
Visa collectif pour une entrée	34 euros par personne	104 euros par personne	

Les demandes de visa chinois acceptées avant le 11 décembre seront facturées aux tarifs normaux.

Embassy of China in Germany: [Konsularservice \(de.china-embassy.gov.cn\)](http://Konsularservice(de.china-embassy.gov.cn))

Fees: [Visa Fee Reduction Notice \(visaforchina.cn\)](http://Visa Fee Reduction Notice(visaforchina.cn))

Price List							
	Schengen Coutry	Service Fee	Tax from Service fee	Total Fee (regular)	Total Fee (postal)	Total Fee (express2)	Total Fee (express1)
Single Entry	45	55	10.45	110.45	146.15	155.25	177.15
Double Entries	45	55	10.45	110.45	146.15	155.25	177.15
Multiple entries within 6 months	45	55	10.45	110.45	146.15	155.25	177.15
Multiple entries within 1 years	45	55	10.45	110.45	146.15	155.25	177.15
	Other Coutries	Service Fee	Tax from Service fee	Total Fee (regular)	Total Fee (postal)	Total Fee (express2)	Total Fee (express1)
Single Entry	23	55	10.45	88.45	124.15	133.25	155.15
Double Entries	38	55	10.45	103.45	139.15	148.25	170.15
Multiple entries within 6 months	53	55	10.45	118.45	154.15	163.25	185.15
Multiple entries within 1 years	65	55	10.45	130.45	166.15	175.25	197.15
	Romania	Service Fee	Tax from Service fee	Total Fee (regular)	Total Fee (postal)	Total Fee (express2)	Total Fee (express1)
Single Entry	42	55	10.45	107.45	143.15	152.25	174.15
Double Entries	56	55	10.45	121.45	157.15	166.25	188.15
Multiple entries within 6 months	84	55	10.45	149.45	185.15	194.25	216.15
Multiple entries within 1 years	84	55	10.45	149.45	185.15	194.25	216.15
<b>Philippines</b>	39	55	10.45	104.45	140.15	149.25	171.15
<b>Israel</b>	19	55	10.45	84.45	120.15	129.25	151.15
<b>Argentina</b>	105	55	10.45	170.45	206.15	215.25	237.15
<b>Chile</b>	0	55	10.45	65.45	101.15	110.25	132.15
<b>Canada</b>	60	55	10.45	125.45	161.15	170.25	192.15
<b>SRB Serbia</b>	2	55	10.45	67.45	103.15	112.25	134.15
<b>Brazil</b>	86	55	10.45	151.45	187.15	196.25	218.15
<b>US</b>	129	55	10.45	194.45	230.15	239.25	261.15

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**Embassy of China in Japan:** [領事ウィンドー - 中華人民共和国駐日本国大使館 \(jp.china-embassy.gov.cn\)](http://jp.china-embassy.gov.cn)

**Fees:** [关于降低签证规费的通知 - 中华人民共和国驻日本大使馆 \(jp.china-embassy.gov.cn\)](http://jp.china-embassy.gov.cn)

为便利中外人员往来，自2023年12月11日至2024年12月31日，中国驻日本使领馆对赴华签证规费进行调减，调整后的签证规费表如下：

序号	项目种类	收费项目	签证规费（日元）
1.	日本 国籍签证	一次签证	2250
2.		二次签证	3750
3.		半年多次签证	4500
4.		一年多次签证	7500
5.	第三国 国籍签证	一次签证	3000
6.		二次签证	4500
7.		半年及以下多次签证	6000
8.		一年及以上多次签证	9000

对12月11日前已受理的签证申请，按原标准收费。

Embassy of China in South Korea: [中国签证 \(kr.china-embassy.gov.cn\)](http://kr.china-embassy.gov.cn)

Processing time and fees: [三、办理时限及收费标准 \(kr.china-embassy.gov.cn\)](http://kr.china-embassy.gov.cn)

单位: 韩元

国家 Nationality	签证类别 Visa Types	普通件 (4个工作日) Regular service (the 4th working day collection)	加急2 (3个工作日) Express service 2 (the 3rd working day collection)	加急1 (2个工作日) Express service 1 (the 2nd working day collection)
韩国 Republic of Korea	1次 Single Entry	26000	50000	61000
	2次 Double Entries	40000	64000	75000
	半年多次 Multiple entries for 6 months	53000	77000	88000
	1年及1年以上多次 Multiple entries for 12 months or more	75000	99000	110000
	团签 Group Visa	11000	23000	28500

\*Please kindly check **the Visa Validity, Entries, Duration of Each Stay, etc. of your Chinese visa** when you have obtained one.