

Travel tips to Mainland China

In light of the evolving coronavirus (COVID-19) situation, Chinese government has issued a number of measures for travelers in order to prevent & control further widespread infection. The guidelines are outlined as below and may change at short notice. Please refer to the latest information published by Chinese Government.

Visa

According to the last update from Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China & National Immigration Administration on 26 March, the below measures have been enforced.

Visa restrictions

All visa free transit services have been suspended. This includes the:

- 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

Additionally, the visa exemption policy is suspended to nationals of Japan, Singapore and Brunei

Entry restrictions

- 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

Entry restriction exemption*

- 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

** The above-mentioned foreigners entering Shanghai will be subjected to another set of regulations according to the notice released by the municipal government of Shanghai.*

Further entry restrictions in Sanya and Haikou

- Travelers travelling on China ID cards or PRC passports that show Hubei province as the place of issue, or travelers have visited Hubei province in the past 14 days will be denied entry

Transit restrictions

- Travelers are NO longer permitted to transit through Beijing Capital International Airport and Xiamen Airport

Quarantine measures

- 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.

Source: website of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China
https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/wjbxw/t1761867.shtml

Shanghai Airport

According to the latest update from Shanghai Airport Authority, all international & Hong Kong-Macau-Taiwan China flights to Shanghai Hongqiao International Airport will be temporarily suspended till further notice. All these flights should land in Shanghai via Shanghai Pudong International Airport.

Source: website of Shanghai Airport Authority

https://www.shanghaiairport.com/en/jcjt/index_226820497_page_1.html

International passenger flights

Referring to the latest update from 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

For the flights to Shanghai, please check with your local travel agent or flight carrier for details.