

What is a Chinese Visa?

A Chinese visa is a stamp or endorsement placed by officials of a China on a passport that allows the bearer to visit China. Chinese visas are obtained through a visa service from the local consulates of China. "Visit" is further defined as the reason for entry, usually business, tourist or transitory. There are over 270 countries that offer visas and literally thousands of different types of visas available based upon country, type of visit, and length of visit.

Do I need a Chinese visa?

If you are traveling to mainland China, whether for business or tourism, you require a Chinese visa to be obtained from a consulate in advance of your trip. You are exempt from this requirement if you travel and stay only in Hong Kong or Macao for less than 30 days.

What is the difference between a Chinese tourist and business visa?

Chinese visas are issued according to the purpose of the trip; either tourism or business activities. In general, "tourist" visas are issued specifically for the purpose of travel for pleasure, while a "business" visa generally permits a traveler to engage in normal business-related activities (sales meetings, visiting a factory, negotiating agreements, etc.)

How long is a China visa valid?

A Single and Double entry China visa is good for 90 days from issuance. Within 90 days (please note the time difference between China and the U.S.) you can enter China. And from the date of your entrance, you can stay in China for 30 days (the duration period is written in the visa label).

A Multiple entry China visa (Business Only) is good for 6 months from issuance. Within 180 days (please note the time difference between China and the U.S.) you can enter China. And from the date of your entrance, you can stay in China for 30 days (the duration period is written in the visa label)

I am going to mainland China, then to Hong Kong and back to mainland China for one night. Does this mean I must have a double-entry visa?

C. Duration of Stay. In this case, the applicant has 30 days to stay in China before they are required to leave. Values could be 30, 90, 120 or 180 depending upon your needs.

D. Entry Dates. In this case, the applicant must enter before Nov 18, 2004. The visa was issued on May 18, 2004.