



Visa-Free Transit Policies for Foreign Nationals



24-hour visa-free transit policy

China has implemented a 24-hour visa-free transit policy for foreign nationals from all other countries around the world at all its accessible exit-entry ports.

Foreign nationals holding valid international travel documents and connecting tickets with confirmed seats, who intend to transit via China by international flights, ships, or trains to third countries or regions, are exempt from visa applications, provided that their stay periods in China will not exceed 24 hours and that they will remain within the corresponding ports. Those who plan to leave the ports must apply for temporary entry permits at the exit-entry border inspection authorities of the corresponding ports.

72-hour or 144-hour visa-free transit policy

Currently, 41 exit-entry ports in 19 provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities directly under the Central Government of China have implemented the 72-hour or 144-hour visa-free transit policy for foreign nationals from 54 countries.

54 countries:

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

41 ports:

72-Hour Visa-Free Transit Policy					
No.	Provincial-Level Administrative Division/Region	Eligible City	Eligible Port	Permitted Stay Area(s)	Notes
1	Hunan Province	Changsha, Hunan	Changsha Huanghua International Airport	Hunan Province	
2	Heilongjiang Province	Harbin, Heilongjiang	Harbin Taiping International Airport	Harbin City	
3	Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region	Guilin, Guangxi	Guilin Liangjiang International Airport	Guilin City	
4		Beihai, Guangxi	Beihai Port (for passenger transport)	Beihai City	
144-Hour Visa-Free Transit Policy					
No.	Province-Level Administrative Division/Region	Eligible Port	Permitted Stay Area(s)	Notes	
1	Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei Region	Beijing Capital International Airport	Beijing Municipality, Tianjin Municipality and Hebei Province	Beijing Municipality, Tianjin Municipality, and Hebei Province have collaboratively implemented the 144-hour visa-free transit. Foreign nationals meeting the policy's requirements can enter and exit China through all the eligible ports within the region, and stay for a maximum of 144 hours in Beijing, Tianjin and Hebei.	
2		Beijing Daxing International Airport			
3		Beijing West Railway Station			
4		Tianjin Binhai International Airport			
5		Tianjin International Cruise Home Port			
6		Shijiazhuang Zhengding International Airport			
7		Qinhuangdao Port (for passenger transport)			
8	Shanghai-Jiangsu-Zhejiang Region	Shanghai Hongqiao International Airport	Shanghai Municipality, Jiangsu Province and Zhejiang Province	Shanghai Municipality, Jiangsu Province and Zhejiang Province have collaboratively implemented the 144-hour visa-free transit. Foreign nationals meeting the policy's requirements can enter and exit China through all the eligible ports within the region, and stay for a maximum of 144 hours in Shanghai, Jiangsu and Zhejiang.	
9		Shanghai Pudong International Airport			
10		Shanghai Port (for passenger transport)			
11		Exit-Entry Port of Shanghai Railway Station			
12		Nanjing Lukou International Airport			
13		Lianyungang Port (for passenger transport)			
14		Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport			
15		Ningbo Lishe International Airport			
16	Wenzhou Port (for passenger transport)				
17	Zhoushan Port (for passenger transport)				
18	Guangdong Province	Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport	Guangdong Province	Foreign nationals meeting the policy's requirements can enter China through the airports in Guangzhou, Shenzhen and Jieyang, as well as Nansha Port and Shekou Port, and stay for a maximum of 144 hours. Foreign nationals having entered China through the aforementioned ports in Guangdong Province are permitted to leave China through all the 36 exit-entry ports providing passenger transport services within the province.	
19		Nansha Port (for passenger transport)			
20		Shenzhen Bao'an International Airport			
21		Shekou Port (for passenger transport)			
22		Jieyang Chaoshan International Airport			
23	Liaoning Province	Shenyang Taoxian International Airport	Liaoning Province		
24		Dalian Zhoushuizi International Airport			
25		Dalian Port (for passenger transport)			
26	Shandong Province	Qingdao Jiaodong International Airport	Shandong Province		
27		Qingdao Port (for passenger transport)			
28	Henan Province	Zhengzhou Xinzheng International Airport	Henan Province		
29	Chongqing Municipality	Chongqing Jiangbei International Airport	Chongqing Municipality		
30	Yunnan Province	Kunming Changshui International Airport	Kunming City, Lijiang City, Yuxi City, Pu'er City, Chuxiong City, Dali Bai Autonomous Prefecture, Xishuangbanna Dai Autonomous Prefecture, Honghe Hani and Yi Autonomous Prefecture and Wenshan City		
31		Lijiang Sanyi International Airport			
32		Exit-Entry Port of Mohan Railway Station			
33	Sichuan Province	Chengdu Shuangliu International Airport	Chengdu City, Leshan City, Deyang City, Suining City, Meishan City, Ya'an City, Ziyang City, Neijiang City, Zigong City, Luzhou City and Yibin City		
34	Shaanxi Province	Xi'an Xianyang International Airport	Xi'an City and Xianyang City		
35	Fujian Province	Xiamen Gaoqi International Airport	Xiamen City		
36		Xiamen Port (for passenger transport)			
37	Hubei Province	Wuhan Tianhe International Airport	Wuhan City		

*Foreign nationals from these countries holding valid international travel documents and connecting tickets with information on confirmed dates and seats for transit via China to third countries or regions within specified time frames can apply for visa-free transits at the exit-entry border inspection authorities of the ports in the cities where the visa-free transit policies are in effect. The exit-entry border inspection authorities will then process their applications and grant temporary entry to the eligible foreign nationals. The duration of stay for each foreign national starts from 0:00 on the day following the day of entry.