

Visa & Immigration Guide

# China Visa & Entry Guide

Your Comprehensive Guide to Chinese Visa Policies and Entry  
Requirements

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**Important Note:** Visa policies are subject to change. Always verify current requirements with official sources or contact Gomax International for the latest information before traveling.

About Our Company

# About Gomax International

Gomax International is your trusted partner for navigating the complexities of doing business in China. With 10 years of experience and deep local expertise, we provide comprehensive solutions that enable foreign entrepreneurs to establish and grow their presence in the Chinese market.

Our team of bilingual professionals understands both Western business practices and Chinese regulatory requirements, ensuring seamless communication and efficient processes for our clients.

**Why Choose Gomax?** We simplify complexity, accelerate market entry, and ensure compliance with Chinese laws and regulations.



Licensed agent for trademark and human resources service in China

Our Expertise

# Our Service Portfolio

Five core areas to support your China business journey



## Company Registration

Complete legal entity establishment services including WFOE, Joint Venture, and Representative Office setup. We handle all documentation, licensing, and regulatory approvals.

✓ Legal consultation ✓ Documentation ✓ Licensing



## Business Visa Assistance

Expert guidance through China's complex visa application process. We help with M visa, work permits, and residence permits for you and your employees.

✓ M Visa support ✓ Work permits ✓ Residence permits



## Trademark Registration

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✓ IP protection ✓ Trademark filing ✓ Legal enforcement



## Project Matching

Connect with reliable local partners, suppliers, and customers. Our extensive network helps you find the right business opportunities in China.

✓ Business connections ✓ Partner screening ✓ Market entry



## HR Agency Services

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✓ Recruitment ✓ Payroll ✓ Compliance



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# Purpose of This Guide

Navigating China's visa and entry requirements with confidence

## Why This Guide Matters

China's visa policies have evolved significantly, with recent changes including new visa-free arrangements and updated application procedures. **Understanding the current regulations is essential for smooth business travel.**

This guide addresses two key audiences with different requirements: 76 citizens eligible for visa-free entry, Citizens from other countries require M business visas.

### Key Benefits

- ✓ Clear, actionable guidance for each nationality
- ✓ Up-to-date information on policy changes
- ✓ Practical tips to avoid common mistakes
- ✓ Professional insights from our experience

## Visa-Free Policy

Who are eligible for **visa-free entry** up to 30 days for business, tourism, and family visits under the new policy effective June 1, 2025.

Section 2 covers eligibility, required documents, and entry procedures specific to Brazilian passport holders.

## Visa Application

Required to obtain **M Business Visa** for commercial activities. We provide step-by-step application guidance.

Section 3 details document requirements, online form completion, and invitation letter specifications.

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Part One

# Visa-Free Entry for Citizens from 76 Countries

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Comprehensive Guide to China's Visa Waiver Policy by Dec.2026

# Visa-Free Policy Overview

Landmark policy facilitating business and tourism exchanges

## Policy Summary

Starting **June 1, 2025**, China implemented a unilateral visa-free policy for ordinary passport holders from Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Peru, and Uruguay. This marks the first time China has extended visa-free access to Latin American countries.

The policy aims to deepen economic and diplomatic ties, with bilateral trade between China and Latin America surpassing **\$500 billion in 2024**.



Effective Period

**Dec 1, 2023**

to Dec 31, 2026



Maximum Stay

**30 Days**

per entry



Coverage

**78 Countries**

Check the full list

## Eligible Purposes



**Business Activities**

Meetings, negotiations, trade fairs



**Tourism**

Sightseeing, cultural experiences



**Family Visits**

Visiting relatives and friends



**Exchange Visits**

Cultural and academic exchanges



**Transit**

Connecting flights via China

**i Important:** Visa waiver does NOT apply to work, study, journalism, or similar purposes. These activities still require appropriate visas before travel.

# Visa-free Eligible Country List

China's visa free policy for foreign citizens is divided into two categories:

## Mutual Exemption of Ordinary Passport Visas (28 Countries)

Citizens of both parties holding ordinary passports are exempt from each other.

- Asia (10 countries): United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Maldives, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan
- Europe (6 countries): San Marino, Serbia, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania, Russia
- Americas (6 countries): Bahamas, Grenada, Barbados, Dominica, Antigua and Barbuda, Suriname
- Africa (2 countries): Seychelles, Mauritius
- Oceania (4 countries): Fiji, Tonga, Samoa, Solomon Islands.

## Unilateral visa free (50 countries, until the end of 2026)

China unilaterally allows visa free entry

- Europe (35 countries): France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland, Ireland, Hungary, Austria, Belgium, Luxembourg, Poland, Portugal, Greece, Cyprus, Slovenia, Slovakia, Norway, Finland, Denmark, Iceland, Andorra, Monaco, Liechtenstein, Bulgaria, Romania, Croatia, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Malta, Estonia, Latvia, Sweden, United Kingdom, Russia (until May, 31, Jun. 30 or Dec 31, 2026)
- Asia (7 countries): Brunei, Japan, South Korea, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Kuwait, Bahrain
- Americas (6 countries): Canada, Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Peru, Uruguay
- Oceania (2 countries): Australia, New Zealand.

The visa-free entry policy vary with different countries according to their enrolled date,

# Eligibility Requirements for Visa-free entry

Essential criteria and documentation for visa-free entry

## Passport Requirements

### Document Type

Must hold a **valid ordinary passport**

### Validity Requirement

Passport must be valid for at least **SIX months** beyond departure date

### Exclusions

Travel documents, temporary or emergency passports are **not eligible**

## Minors

Visa waiver requirements for **minors are the same as for adults**. Children must have their own valid ordinary passport and meet all eligibility criteria.

Parents should ensure they carry appropriate documentation such as birth certificates and consent letters, especially when traveling with minors without both parents present.

## Permitted Purposes



### Business

Commercial activities, trade



### Tourism

Sightseeing, leisure



### Family Visits

Relatives and friends



### Exchange

Cultural, academic



### Transit

Connecting flights



### Sports

Competitions, events

## Not Permitted



**Work** - Employment or paid activities



**Study** - Academic programs or courses



**Journalism** - Media reporting activities

# Required Documents & Border Inspection



What to expect and how to prepare for smooth entry

## Essential Documents to Carry

- 1 Valid Ordinary Passport**  
Original passport with sufficient validity for your intended stay duration
- 2 Proof of Travel Purpose**  
Documents supporting your stated purpose (invitation letters, meeting schedules)
- 3 Travel Itinerary**  
Round-trip air tickets and hotel reservations or accommodation details
- 4 Financial Proof**  
Bank statements or evidence of sufficient funds for your stay

## Entry Denial Reasons

- ✗ Purpose doesn't meet visa waiver requirements
- ✗ Insufficient proof of travel purpose or funds
- ✗ Previous immigration violations or deportation
- ✗ Security concerns or prohibited activities

## Border Inspection Process

### Step 1: Document Review

Border inspection authorities examine your passport and verify eligibility for visa-free entry.

### Step 2: Purpose Verification

Officers may ask about your visit purpose. Be prepared to explain and show supporting documents.

### Step 3: Entry Decision

Upon approval, you'll receive an entry stamp. The 30-day stay period begins the following day.

## Pro Tips

- ✓ Organize documents in easy-access folder
- ✓ Be honest and concise in your answers
- ✓ Keep hotel contact info readily available
- ✓ Stay calm and respectful during inspection

# 30-Day Stay Calculation & Important Notes



Understanding the rules and maximizing your visa-free period

## How It's Calculated

The **30-day stay period** is calculated from **00:00 on the day following your entry** into China.

This means if you enter China on March 12, your 30-day period starts on March 13 and lasts until April 12 (inclusive).

### Example Timeline

Entry March 12, 2026 → Day 1: March 13 → Day 30: April 12

## Travel Flexibility

### Departure Location

Can depart for China from any country or region

### Transportation

Applies to air, sea, and land ports open to foreign nationals

### Travel Arrangements

Applies to both individual and group travelers

### Frequency

Multiple entries allowed during policy period

## Extensions

Cannot extend beyond 30 days. Need to stay longer? **Must apply for appropriate visa** before expiration.

## Overstay Consequences

Overstaying may result in fines, detention, deportation, and future entry bans. **Always exit before expiration.**

## Re-entry

Can re-enter for another 30-day period. Border officials may ask about previous visits and purpose.



## Critical Reminder

This visa-free policy is a **trial period** through May 31, 2026. Policies may be extended, modified, or discontinued based on results. **Always verify current requirements** before travel.

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Part Two

# M Business Visa for Citizens from Other Countries

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Step-by-Step Guide to Obtaining Your China Business Visa

For Citizens from other countries

# M Visa Overview & Application Process

Commercial and trade activity visa requirements and procedures

## What is the M Visa?

The **M Visa** is issued to individuals who intend to visit China for **commercial and trade activities**. This includes business meetings, negotiations, market research, and participation in trade fairs or exhibitions.

US citizens typically receive **10-year multiple-entry M visas**, allowing flexibility for ongoing business relationships with Chinese partners.

## Application Timeline



Regular Processing

**4-5 Business Days**



Express Service (up to countries)

**3 Business Days**

## When to Apply

Apply **2-4 weeks before travel**. Avoid peak seasons if possible.

## Visa Validity

Typically **10-year multiple entry** for US citizens, 60-day max stay per visit.

## Where to Apply

At your local **Chinese embassy/consulate Visa Center**.

## Step-by-Step Process

- 1 Complete Application Form**  
Fill out China Online Visa Application
- 2 Gather Required Documents**  
Collect the scanned full passport, digital photo, employment proof
- 3 Confirm Your Application Online**  
Comax will Submit it online after your confirmation
- 4 Submit Hardcopies to Visa Center and Pay Visa Fees**  
Print out the application. Go in person to submit and pay Visa Fees on site.
- 5 Attend Interview (If Required)**  
Some applicants may be called for verification interview
- 6 Collect Passport & Visa**  
Return on pickup date with receipt to collect your passport

# Required Documents: The Complete Checklist



Comprehensive list of documents for M visa application

## Basic Documents

### Original Passport

- Valid for at least 6 months beyond departure date
- Must have blank visa pages
- Scan the full passport. If your China visa is in another passport, please scan it, too.

### Visa Application Form

- Application form online (Gomax International will help with it)
- Print full set
- Sign confirmation page

### Passport Photo

- Recent color photo (within 6 months)
- Size: 48mm x 33mm
- Professional quality, white background

### Proof of Residence if submit the application rather than your home country

- Residence permit in other country
- Driver License must show applicant's name and local address
- Need a strong reason why you do not apply in your home country

## M Visa Specific

### Invitation Letter

A PU letter and a company invitation from a Chinese company with complete details for required content

### Employment Certificate

A Letter from your employer stating position, purpose of visit, and business contact information

### Business Registration

Copy of Chinese inviting company's business license and your employer's business certificate

### Previous Chinese Visas

Copy of previously issued Chinese visas (if applicable)

## Document Requirements

### Full Copy of your Passport

Please scan your full passport to Gomax

### Itinerary and translation


Provide your itinerary in English for translation

### Passport Photo

Must be digital. No glasses and two ears must show clear

### Paper Size

Print out your documents in standard A4 paper

 **Important:** Requirements may vary with individuals. Please book your personal consulting with Gomax expert for your own checklist.

# Application Form: Critical Details



Complete guide to China's Online Visa Application system

## Getting Started

### Purchase Visa Online Assistance fee

\$120 for one person

### Book Your Consulting online

Scan the QR code to book and upload your payment info.

### Prepare your personal documents

Including PDF application form provide by ExpertinChina.com

## Online Visa Assistance



## Critical Form Sections

### Consulate Selection

- Select the consulate based on your residence address (driver's license or utility bill).
- Select it at the beginning of your online application form

### Travel Itinerary

- Provide tentative dates and addresses
- Don't use past dates
- Include city and full address

### Work History

- Provide at least 5 years
- List in reverse chronological order
- Don't leave position/duties blank

### Previous Travel

- Truthfully fill previous Chinese visas
- Include visits in last 12 months
- Upload copies if available

## Common Mistakes to Avoid

- ✘ **Incorrect Photo**  
Wrong size, background, shadows
- ✘ **Wrong Apply Location**  
Selecting a visa center in a wrong city
- ✘ **Unsigned Form**  
Forgetting to sign the printed application form
- ✘ **Incomplete Info**  
Missing travel history or work details



**Critical Warning:** No changes can be made after submitting the application, including the apply city. Double-check all information carefully. If you need to correct errors or change your apply city after submission, you must start a completely new application.

# Processing Time, Fees & Pro Tips

Essential details for successful M visa application



## Processing Times & Fees

**Regular Service**  
Standard processing

**4-5**  
business days

**Express Service**  
Faster processing

**3**  
business days

## Fee Structure

Standard Visa Fee (Estimated)

**\$140**

Express Service Surcharge

**+\$25**

**Payment Methods:** Credit/debit card, money order, cashier's check

**Not Accepted:** Cash, personal checks

## Best Practices & Pro Tips

- 1 Apply Early**  
Submit application **2-4 weeks before travel** to allow buffer time.
- 2 Double-Check Everything**  
Review all information before submission. **No changes allowed** after submitting.
- 3 Use Professional Photos**  
Have photos taken by professionals familiar with **Chinese visa requirements**.
- 4 Organize Documents**  
Arrange in checklist order. Bring extras of key documents.
- 5 Verify at Pickup**  
Check visa details immediately for errors before leaving.



**Typical US Citizen Visa**

10-year multiple-entry visa with 60-day maximum stay per visit.

**Note:** Processing times are averages. Some applications may require longer. The pick-up receipt will indicate the earliest estimated date for collection. Check online status before visiting.

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Part Three

# Entry Requirements & Best Practices

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Essential Information for Smooth Entry into China

# China Entry Procedures

Step-by-step guide from arrival to exit of the airport

## Standard Entry Process

- 1 Entry Card**  
Fill out your entry card on the airplane to save your processing time.
- 2 Frontier Inspection**  
Present passport and visa to border control. Answer questions about visit purpose. Have supporting documents ready.
- 3 Customs Declaration**  
Complete customs declaration form. Declare items exceeding duty-free allowances or requiring declaration.
- 4 Security Check**  
Standard security screening of carry-on luggage and personal items before exiting to arrivals area.

## Required Documents for Entry

-  Valid passport with visa (if required)
-  Completed entry card (provided by airline/ship)
-  Customs declaration form
-  Supporting documents (invitation, tickets, etc.)

## Items to Declare

### Currency

USD 5,000+ or equivalent

### Electronics


Professional equipment, multiple devices

### High-Value Items

Jewelry, watches, luxury goods

### Restricted Items

Biological materials, food products

 **Tips: No phones allowed during entry. No photos. Google phones don't work in China.**

# People Forbidden from Entry

Categories of individuals prohibited from entering China



## Immigration Violations

### Deported Individuals

Those previously deported from China who are within the regulated re-entry prohibition period.

### Invalid Documents

Holders of expired, forged, or altered passports and visas.

### Stolen Documents

Individuals using stolen or lost passports belonging to others.



## Security Concerns

### Terrorism Suspects

Known or suspected terrorists, individuals with links to violent or subversive activities.

### Criminal Activities

Suspected smugglers, drug traffickers, or those involved in prostitution.

### National Security

Those likely to engage in activities harmful to China's security or interests.



## Other Reasons

### Financial Inability

Individuals who cannot demonstrate sufficient funds to cover their stay in China.

### Health Grounds

Those with serious mental disorders or specified infectious diseases.

### Refusal of Inspection

Individuals who refuse to have their credentials and documents checked.



## Legal Authority

The **Ministry of Public Security** and **Ministry of State Security** have authority to prohibit entry. **Frontier inspection officers make final decisions** at ports of entry.

# Best Practices & Key Reminders

Essential tips for successful travel to China

## Before You Travel

- ✓ **Verify Passport Validity**  
Ensure your passport is valid for at least 6 months beyond your planned departure date.
- ✓ **Check Current Policies**  
Visa policies can change. Verify latest requirements with official sources.
- ✓ **Prepare Documents**  
Organize all required documents in a dedicated folder for easy access.
- ✓ **Register with Embassy**  
Consider registering with your country's embassy in China for safety updates.

## At Border Control

- 👤 **Be Respectful** – Maintain polite, professional attitude
- 🗨️ **Answer Clearly** – Be concise and honest
- 📁 **Have Documents Ready** – Keep them accessible
- 📱 **Stay Connected** – Ensure phone works in China

## During Your Stay

- 🌐 **Carry Passport**  
Always carry your passport or a copy. Required for hotels, trains, and security checks.
- 🕒 **Respect Visa Conditions**  
Do not overstay. Do not engage in activities not permitted by your visa type.
- 👤 **Register Accommodation**  
Hotels handle registration. If staying with friends, register at local police station within 24 hours.

## Emergency Contacts

Police  
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Medical Emergency  
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Fire  
119

Directory  
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💡 **Remember:** Download WeChat for communication. Many services require it. Consider a VPN for accessing blocked websites. [Gomax International is here to help](#) with any issues.



# We're Here to Help

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Contact Gomax International for personalized assistance with your China visa and entry needs. Our experienced team is ready to guide you through every step of the process.



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