

Travel tips to China

In light of the evolving coronavirus (COVID-19) situation, China has resumed visa issuance & lift some travel restrictions since 29 April 2023. Details are outlined in the below table:

Visa issue

(New)** The following new adjustments to Chinese visa and entry policies have been made, as effective from 00:00 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.

** We can provide you with an invitation letter in order to expedite (but not guarantee) your visa application through Chinese Authorities. For more details, please contact Ms. Allison Chiu at Allison.Chiu@hongkong.messefrankfurt.com.*

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http://us.china-embassy.gov.cn/eng/zvtz/202303/t20230315_11041658.htm

Travel measures

(New)** Starting from April 29, inbound travelers may choose to take antigen tests within 48 hours prior to boarding other than nucleic acid tests. Airlines will no longer check pre-departure testing results.

(New)** Guide on Epidemic Prevention and Control Measures for China-bound Travelers

1) Pre-boarding Test

COVID-19 PCR test or antigen self-test using an Antigen Rapid Test (ART) home testing kit are required within 48 hours before boarding China-bound flights. Passengers are required to travel to China with negative test results. Passengers with positive results should travel to China after tested negative

2) Health Declaration to China Customs

Passengers are required to declare negative test results to China Customs by filling out the Health Declaration Form on the WeChat mini-program of China Customs (scan the QR code below), or at <https://htdecl.chinaport.gov.cn>, or via the China Customs APP.



3) Inspection upon Entry

Upon arrival at the port, passengers should complete necessary customs formalities with the Customs Health Declaration Code. No further requirements will be imposed on those who have passed the health declarations and routine entry inspections. The customs will conduct random sampling inspections according to a certain proportion. Those having anomalies in their health declarations or symptoms such as fever are required to cooperate with the customs in epidemiological investigations, medical investigations, etc., and take sampling and testing of relevant infectious diseases.

4) After-entry Epidemic Prevention and Control

After entry into China, passengers should strictly abide by the local epidemic prevention and control requirements.

** As measures may change at short notice, please check with your local travel agent or flight carrier for updated information before departure.*

Source: Website of Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Finland

http://fi.china-embassy.gov.cn/eng/lsw/202304/t20230425_11065896.htm

Flight information

- 1) (**New) Starting from **29 April 2023**, **antigen self-test results** within 48 hours prior to boarding will be accepted for international airline passengers flying to China besides PCR test. **Airlines will no longer check test results before boarding.**
- 2) Adjustment and control measures will no longer be implemented on international passenger flights, and both Chinese and foreign airlines could resume their scheduled passenger flights as per the arrangements prescribed in the framework of bilateral Air Service Agreements.
- 3) Gradually resume accepting applications for international passenger charter flights from domestic and foreign airlines, and fully restore pre-pandemic processes and requirements in the summer and autumn of 2023.
- 4) **The service procedures for inbound flights at each airport shall be optimized to improve operational efficiency**, and the prevention and control requirements to personnel, space and facilities will be lifted, so as to fully release the supporting resources and enhance the accommodating capability to receive international flights.
- 5) Flights will no longer be classified by the level of risks, and **passenger load factor (PLF) restrictions of no higher than 75% for inbound flights will be lifted.**
- 6) (**New) Passengers are suggested to abide by epidemic prevention requirements of the airlines and take self-protection measures to reduce the risk of infection.

Source: website of Civil Aviation Administration of China

http://www.caac.gov.cn/en/XWZX/202212/t20221229_216739.html

Source: Website of Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Finland

http://fi.china-embassy.gov.cn/eng/lsw/202304/t20230425_11065896.htm

As these measures may change at short notice, the information in the table should be used as a guideline only. We will continue to closely monitor the latest developments and update this information.