

All about obtaining the Chinese visa last updated 11th June 2009

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1) Chinese visa facts.

- ★ Everyone needs a Chinese visa and it **MUST** be obtained in advance of your trip.
- ★ A standard tourist visa is valid to start using for 3 months from the date of issue.
- ★ On entering China the visa is then valid for a stay of 30 days inclusive of the day you enter.
- ★ Extensions of a further 30 days are possible once in China.
- ★ Standard 30 day tourist visas are for single entry use.

2) Obtaining the visa through The China Travel Company.

- ★ At the time of booking you pay us the visa fee* as stated below.
- ★ We will send you a copy of the Chinese visa application form.
- ★ We will also send you a “Visa Voucher” showing that you have prepaid us for your visa.

You then need to do the following:

- ★ Complete the application form (one form for each person travelling).
- ★ Attach one proper passport photo to each application form.
- ★ Send the following to the address on the “Visa Voucher.”
 - ➔ 1 passport per applicant
 - ➔ 1 passport photo per applicant
 - ➔ 1 completed visa application per applicant
 - ➔ The Visa Voucher

***Visa fees:**

Standard service that takes 4 working days (Monday to Friday and not including UK or Chinese public holidays) inside the embassy to issue.

Single entry tourist visa £101.50

Double entry tourist visa £116.50

Please note that visa fees and requirements can change without notice.

3) Obtaining the Chinese visa yourself.

If you want to get your Chinese visa by yourself or through your own visa agent then that is no problem. We can send you a copy of the Chinese visa application form (for the UK embassy only) - just ask!

*** Please make sure that you allow plenty of time to obtain the visa ***