

Visa for China

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Do I need a Visa for China for a holiday or business visit?

Yes. All UK citizens planning to visit China require a visa. This has to be obtained before departure from the UK. However British Nationals do not currently require a visa to enter Hong Kong.

Any exceptions?

No. All foreign visitors (except for citizens of Japan, Singapore, and Brunei who have a 15 day visa-free period) will need a visa to enter Mainland China.

Can Sanya China Travel organise this application for you?

Yes. We can organise your application for you at an additional cost of £35, which has been included in the total costs chart below. The Visa is placed in your passport. The Chinese Government issues many different types of visa's from single entry, business, different durations to multiple-entry VISA. If we are arranging your holiday or business trip, this £35.00 is well spent, as we will check and double check all the required paperwork prior to it going to the Visa office. If we are preparing your travel itinerary and we have booked flights for you Sanya China Travel will deal with the required paperwork. Once we have filled out your application form online we will send this to you to be signed and sent back to us. This £35 fee for each separate visa includes sending your passports back via Royal Mail Special Delivery.

What are the total costs?

Applicable for both holidays and business travel.

(including both Sanya China Travel's admin charge of £35 and those made by the Chinese Government)

| Type of visa | Total amount payable per visa application – total cost to you | |
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| | UK Citizen | US Citizen |
| Single entry visa | £120 | POA |
| Double entry visa | £135 | POA |
| Multiple entry visa valid for six months | £180 | POA |
| Multiple entry visa valid for one year | £240 | POA |

Please note: a single-entry visa is valid for up to 30 days stay in China, and is valid for 90 days from date of issue.

What do I need to do now?

You can move forward using the checklist below.

Please note: your valid passport must have six months to run from the proposed date of return.

1. Please make sure there is a minimum of two blank pages in your passport.
2. Please send us your passport within 30 days from date of travel.
3. Obtain a Chinese visa application form (this form is the same for both holidays and business travel). This can be downloaded here: [Chinese visa application form](#) or please request one from us.
4. Travel-related paperwork (proof of travel) is needed;
 - a) A copy of outward and return flight ticket booking.
 - b) A copy of the Chinese hotel booking and travel itinerary, or, if you are staying with a relative, proof of kinship (eg. an invitation letter and a copy of the identity document of the relative in China). Applicants who are under 14 years old or born in China (including Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) as shown in the passport are not required to submit this proof.
 - c) If you are applying for a business visa you will also need a visa notification form issued by the relevant department of Chinese government or the government-authorised company. Although we can sometimes help with this, this form is normally obtained by the person or company you are visiting in China.
5. A recent standard passport-sized photograph. This is to be fixed to the visa application form. Life photos, copied photos and digital photos printed on ordinary paper are not acceptable.
6. The correct payment (if the costs have not been incorporated in your travel invoice).

Please note: if you are entering China twice you will need a double entry visa (eg. Beijing - Hong Kong - Sanya - Shanghai) You do not need a Visa for Hong Kong.

What if I apply for my Visa(s) myself and save Sanya China Travel's £35 charge?

This is possible. Please click on this link taking you to the new visa service centre for the Chinese Government: [Visa Service Centre](#)



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