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Contact Addresses

China Tibet Tourism Bureau

3 Norbulingka Road, Lhasa, Tibet, People's Republic of China

Tel: (891) 683 4315.

Website: www.xzta.gov.cn/yww

China Tibet Tourism Bureau Beijing Office

Room A28F Oriental Kenzo Plaza, Dongzhimen, Beijing 100027, People's Republic of China

Tel: (10) 8447 7899.

Website: www.xzta.gov.cn/yww

Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the UK

49-51 Portland Place, London W1B 1JL, UK

Tel: (020) 7299 4049.

Website: www.chinese-embassy.org.uk

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 0900-1230 and 1400-1700.

Consular and visa section: 31 Portland Place, London W1B 1QD, UK

Tel: (020) 7631 1430 (telephone enquiries: Mon-Fri 1400-1600 only) or 09001 880 808 (recorded visa and general information; calls cost 60p per minute).

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 0900-1200.

China National Tourist Office (CNTO) in the UK

71 Warwick Road, London SW5 9HB, UK

Tel: (020) 7373 0888 or 09001 600 188 (brochure request and general information; calls cost 60p per minute).

Website: www.cnto.org.uk

Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the USA

2300 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20008, USA

Tel: (202) 328 2500.

Website: www.china-embassy.org

Visa section: Room 110, 2201 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20007, USA

Tel: (202) 338 6688.

China National Tourist Office (CNTO) in the USA

Suite 6413, 350 Fifth Avenue, Empire State Building, New York, NY 10118, USA

Tel: 1 888 760 8218.

Website: www.cnto.org

Passport/Visa

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	Passport Required?	Visa Required?	Return Ticket Required?
British	Yes	Yes/1/2	Yes
Australian	Yes	Yes/2	Yes
Canadian	Yes	Yes/2	Yes
USA	Yes	Yes/2	Yes
Other EU	Yes	Yes/2	Yes

Note

Those wishing to visit Tibet are strongly advised to join a travel group. Individual travellers need an Alien's Travel Permit issued by the Tibet Tourism Bureau (see *Contact Addresses*). Applicants will need to show their Chinese Visa also.

Passport Note

- (a) China does not recognise dual nationality.
- (b) HIV-positive travellers are not permitted to enter the country.

Passports

Required by all nationals referred to in the chart above. Passport must be valid for at least six months for a single or double entry within three months of the date of visa issue; at least nine months for multiple entries within six months.

Visas

Required by all nationals referred to in the chart above except:

- (a) **1.** nationals of the UK travelling to Hong Kong only for stays of up to 180 days.
- (b) **2.** all nationals referred to in the chart above travelling only to Macao for stays of up to 90 days (except nationals of the USA for stays up to 30 days; and nationals of the UK for stays up to six months).
- (a) transit passengers continuing their journey by the same or first connecting plane to another country within 24 hours who hold valid onward documentation and do not leave the airport.
- (b) some passengers (not including nationals of the USA or UK) who transit through Pudong or Hongqiao airports only, with all necessary documentation, within 48 hours.

Visa Note

Journalists now need to apply for accreditation from the press department of the Chinese embassy before applying for a visa.

Nationals not referred to in the chart above are advised to contact the embassy to check visa requirements (see *Contact Addresses*).

Types of Visa and Cost

Tourist/Business/Transit UK nationals: £30 (single-entry); £45 (double-entry); £60 (multiple-entry; six months); £90 (multiple-entry; 12 months *and* two to five years). *Group* (at least five people): £24 per person. US nationals: £65 (single-, double- and multiple-entry). *Group* (at least five people): £55 per person. Visa charges for other nationals vary; check with embassy for further information.

Validity

Tourist, Business and Group visas are normally valid for three months from the date of issue (single- and double-entry). Multiple-entry visas are normally valid for six months, 12 months or two to five years. The validity of *Business* visas varies. *Transit* visas are generally valid for up to seven days.

Applications to:

Consulate (or consular section at embassy); see *Contact Addresses*. Group visas will usually be obtained by the tour operator or travel agent.

Working Days Required

Four. Two weeks for Group visas. Applications should be made one month in advance. The express service (£15 fee) requires one day. Same-day service visas, which must be submitted before 11am, are available for a cost of £20. Visas, however, cannot be issued on the same day unless the same-day airline ticket or itinerary is presented.