

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

A visa is required for China prior to sailing for most voyages unless you qualify for one of the exemptions. You may use VisaCentral or the visa service of your choice for assistance obtaining this visa. We are not able to obtain Chinese visas onboard.

IF SHANGHAI IS AT THE BEGINNING OR END OF YOUR CRUISE- CHECK ELIGIBILITY FOR THE 144 HOUR POLICY

144 Hour Visa Exemption Policy for Shanghai

Citizens from 53 countries can transfer in China via any of the following ports of entry without a Chinese visa by producing valid travel documents and onward air/vessel/train tickets to a third country (region) with confirmed date and seat within 144 hours upon arrival.

PLEASE VERIFY ELIGIBILITY WITH YOUR AIRLINE TO CONFIRM THE 144 HOUR VISA EXEMPTION APPLIES TO YOUR TRAVEL PLANS WHEN BOOKING FLIGHTS OR IF YOU NEED A VISA FOR CHINA.

Designated ports of arrival:

Shanghai- any open port [Shanghai Pudong Airport (PVG) and Hongqiao Airport (SHA), Shanghai sea ports (i.e., Shanghai Port International Cruise Terminal, Wusongkou International Cruise Terminal), Shanghai rail ports], Jiangsu Province [Nanjing Lukou International airport (NKG)] and Zhejiang Province [Hangzhou Xiaoshan International airport (HGH)]. Specified geographic area: Shanghai Municipality, Jiangsu Province.

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53 countries covered in the policy

Albania, Argentina, Austria, Australia, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Brazil, Brunei, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Macedonia, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Arab Emirates, Ukraine, United Kingdom and the United States of America.

The Shanghai immigration inspection authority has set up dedicated inspection lanes for 144 hour visa exemption transit passengers within the entry inspection areas at all the ports of entry specified above including Shanghai Pudong International Airport and Shanghai Port International Cruise Terminal. Guests eligible for the exemption should provide the immigration officer with their passport and onward air/vessel ticket to a third country (region) within 144 hours. Once immigration confirms the guests qualify for the exemption, they will process the guests' application.

The immigration station will issue a temporary entry permit to those guests that have been approved for the exemption. The temporary entry permit will have the deadline for exit and the administrative areas guests are allowed to visit while in China.

IF SHANGHAI IS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CRUISE AND IS THE FIRST PORT OF ARRIVAL TO CHINA

The 15-day visa exemption policy for tour groups (2 or more people) entering AND exiting Shanghai by cruise

To qualify for this visa exemption, guests must be arriving and departing Shanghai by ship, and must be booked on a tour of 2 or more people. The tour does not have to be booked through Holland America Line but if booking a private tour you must verify that the travel agency has been approved by Shanghai immigration inspection authority to facilitate the visa-free entry process. The agency would be required to declare to Shanghai immigration inspection authority the passenger manifest of the eligible tour group. Once approved by Shanghai immigration inspection authority, they would then undergo the procedures for visa-free entry.

Other ports that may be visited under the 15 day visa exemption are limited to the following

Liaoning, Hebei, Tianjin, Shandong, Jiangsu, Zhejiang, Fujian, Guangxi, Hainan and/or Beijing.

IF SHANGHAI IS NOT THE FIRST PORT OF ARRIVAL TO CHINA (EXCLUDING HONG KONG)

If you do not qualify for either of the visa exemptions you will need to apply for a regular visa

In order to process the visa application, guests will be required to provide an address of a contact in China. Please use one of the following:

Shanghai

China Marine Shipping Agency Shanghai CO LTD. (25517)
2F Room 203 Sinotrans Mansion
NO. 188 Fujian Zhong Road
Shanghai 200001
China
PH: +86 13671720189

If your travel plans include only the cruise or the cruise with an EXC City Stay, Pre-and/or Post- Overland Package, you will need a copy of your full cruise itinerary. This information may be found in the Booking Confirmation or you may also print a copy of "My Custom Itinerary" online after completing your Online Check-in.

If you are participating on an EXC Overland Adventure or an EXC Overnight during your cruise that includes a hotel stay in China, you will be required to include a copy of your full cruise itinerary as well as hotel information for your stay in China when submitting your visa application. Your cruise itinerary is available as noted above.

Hong Kong does not require a Chinese visa and is not considered part of Mainland China.

Please verify your passport. China requires passports be valid for six (6) months beyond the date of arrival.