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HOW DO I OBTAIN MY TOURIST VISA TO CHINA?

All visitors to China require a tourist visa. It is each passenger's responsibility to obtain the appropriate tourist visa and to make sure that when you receive it, all details are correct. When you apply for your visa, your passport must have at least 2 blank pages and must be valid for 6 months from your return date of travel. Chinese visas are valid for three months from the date of issue.

The Chinese Embassy in Dublin will accept visa applications from:

- Irish passport holders or other nationalities with proof of residency in Ireland.
- American passport holders with proof of residency in Ireland and in possession of a valid Garda National Immigration Bureau (GNIB) card.

British passport holders resident in Northern Ireland must apply to the Chinese Visa Application Service Centre in Belfast (which has very limited opening hours), England or Scotland. Please contact Travel Department, as you will require additional forms and information.

All citizens will be required to travel IN PERSON to the Chinese embassy to provide their fingerprints in order to proceed with their visa application. In the event of refusal to undergo this procedure, the applicant will not be issued a visa.

***Please note fingerprints are not required for children under 14 years old and adults over 70 years old. Visas will still be required for these applicants. Please contact Chinese Embassy for further details.**

For information concerning other nationalities, please contact the Chinese Embassy.

Please note the Chinese Visa can be obtained from 3 months prior to arrival date.

OPTION 1 : APPLY THROUGH OUR OFFICIAL PARTNER IN DUBLIN – VISA FIRST

Visa First can process the visa on your behalf. Please see the attached document for further information.

Visa First

Address: 14 St Stephens Green, Dublin 2

Phone: 01 878 3329

Web: www.visafirst.com

Email address: info@visafirst.com

Visa First also operate a walk in service, so you can visit their office directly. Visa fees can be subject to change.

Travel Department will not be held responsible for the loss of or damage to any document sent by post to Visa First. We strongly recommend you use registered post when sending valuable documents.

Please note that with introduction of online appointment system, slight delays may occur. Please allow sufficient time for processing prior to departure.

Please do not hesitate to contact Visa First should you have any queries.

OPTION 2: APPLY IN PERSON AT THE CHINESE EMBASSY IN DUBLIN

Visa Section
Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Ireland
118 Merrion Road, Dublin 4

Tel : 01 219 6651 (only available from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday)

Fax : 01 219 6647

Email : chinaemb_ie@mfa.gov.cn

Web : ie.china-embassy.org/eng/

In order to obtain a visa to China, you will need to complete an online application form and make an appointment on the online appointment system.

You will need the application ID, in order to book an appointment. Please complete **China Online Visa Application (COVA)**, before booking an appointment :
<https://cova.cs.mfa.gov.cn/>

Please read 'Guidelines for Completing the China Online Visa Application' carefully, before starting the application process.

You will need to upload a photograph. Please read photo requirements very carefully.

Once you have answered all questions and uploaded your photograph, you will then need to print the application form, sign and date it.

Additional information for completing online application form:

- National ID number: N/A.
- Type of Visa: Tourism, Independent Tourist
- Information about your intended trip :
 - City of arrival / departure : Beijing

- District / County : Chaoyang
- Inviting person or organisation in China :
 - Name : Beijing A & H Travel
 - Relationship to Applicant : N/A
 - Province / State : Beijing
 - City : Beijing
 - District : Chaoyang
 - Postcode : 100102
 - Telephone : 86 10 8476 3712
 - Email : summer@ahtravelchina.cn
- Sponsor : N/A

Once online application is completed, please select 'Start to book an appointment'.

Alternatively, follow this link <https://avas.cs.mfa.gov.cn/>

Please read 'Guidelines for Scheduling an Appointment' carefully.

You will need the following documents for your scheduled appointment:

- Printed online application form, signed and dated.
- Booking confirmation invoice from Travel Department
- Your passport (valid for a minimum of 180 days with at least two blank pages)
- Photocopy of the first page of passport (with picture)

Please visit ie.china-embassy.org/eng/ for visa processing fees.

Payment is made on collection of the visa. Payment must be made payable to The Chinese Embassy in Ireland.

- Bank draft issued by Bank of Ireland or Allied Irish Bank
- Postal order

Notes

You must visit the embassy twice (once to drop off the application and once to collect it).

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Please allow sufficient time for processing prior to departure.

The Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Dublin does not offer a postal service.

The Chinese Embassy has the right to request the applicant to provide additional supporting documents or to attend the Embassy for an interview.

For those who choose to apply for their visa independently, Travel Department accepts no responsibility for delays caused by incorrect supply of information and/or delays in obtaining sufficient information to process visas with the Chinese Embassy. The responsibility lies solely with the customer to supply the correct information on time to the embassy in order to obtain a valid visa for travel. It is the responsibility of customers who choose to apply for visas independently to familiarise themselves with up to date opening hours of the embassy

and periodic closures and any changes in price for individual visa applications. Travel Department accepts no liability for any issues encountered by customers who do not obtain a visa in time for their holiday. Customers may be refused entry into their destination if a complete and correct visa application is not processed in time.