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## People from 74 nations can now enter China visa free – 10th July 2025

#### Level 0

People from 74 countries can now visit China without a visa. They can stay for 30 days. Citizens from 54 countries can stay in-transit for 10 days. China wants more tourists. It started allowing more visitors in 2023. It has added almost every European country and countries from South America, Asia, and the Middle East.

There are many more Chinese tourists in China than international tourists. However, more overseas travellers are going to China. Tour companies need more guides. An English-speaking tour guide has started a new business to train new tour guides. A luxury tour company said the new visa policy was good for business.

#### Level 1

People from 74 countries can now visit China without a visa. They can stay for up to 30 days. Citizens from another 54 countries can stay in-transit for 10 days. China is slowly increasing the number of visa-free countries. It wants to grow its tourism industry. It started allowing visitors from more countries in 2023. It has added almost every European country and countries from South America, Asia, and the Middle East.

There are still many more Chinese tourists in China than international tourists. China is preparing for a big increase in the overseas travellers. Tour companies need more guides and staff. An Englishspeaking tour guide said: "I'm flooded with tours, and I'm struggling to keep up." He started a new business to train new tour guides. A luxury tour company said: "The new visa policies are 100 per cent beneficial to us." She said business was up.

#### Level 2

China has changed its visa system. Citizens of 74 countries can now visit the country without a visa for up to 30 days. In addition, citizens from 54 countries can stay in-transit for 10 days, but they must have a ticket to a third country. China is slowly increasing the number of visa-free countries, so it can grow its tourism industry. It started allowing visitors from more countries in 2023. It has added almost every European country and many nations from South America, Asia, and the Middle East. More than 20 million visitors entered China without a visa in 2024.

The number of Chinese tourists in China still greatly outnumbers international tourists. China is preparing for a big increase in the number of overseas travellers. Tour companies need guides and staff, to help with more customers. An English-speaking tour guide with 20 years of experience said: "I'm flooded with tours, and I'm struggling to keep up." He started a new business to train new tour guides. The director of a luxury tour company, said: "The new visa policies are 100 per cent beneficial to us." She said business was up 50 per cent compared to before the pandemic.

### Level 3

China has made a big change to its visa system. More people can now visit the country without a visa. Citizens of 74 countries now have visa-free access to enter for up to 30 days. In addition, citizens from 54 countries can stay in-transit for 240 hours, but they must have a ticket to a third country. China's government is slowly expanding its visa-free entry process, so it can grow its tourism industry and its economy. It started allowing visitors from more countries in 2023. Almost every European country and many nations from South America, Asia, and the Middle East have been added since then. More than 20 million foreign visitors entered China without a visa in 2024.

The number of Chinese tourists at sights in China still greatly outnumbers international tourists. However, the country is preparing for a big increase in the number of overseas travellers. Tour companies are trying to find guides and staff, to help more and more customers. Gao Jun, an Englishspeaking tour guide with 20 years of experience, is very busy. He said: "I'm flooded with tours, and I'm struggling to keep up." He has started a new business to train new tour guides. Jenny Zhao, a director of the luxury WildChina tour company, said: "The new visa policies are 100 per cent beneficial to us." She said business was up by 50 per cent compared to before the pandemic.