

72-HOUR VISA-FREE TRANSIT SERVICE GUIDE BEIJING, CHINA



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- ◆ The Beijing Tourism Group provides tourism services for in-transit foreigners. Its 24-hour inquiry telephone: +86 10 8563 9959; tourism service website: <http://transit.btgtravel.com>
- ◆ Useful phone numbers: police: 110; fire alarm: 119; first aid: 120; phone inquiry: 114; postal service: 1185; traffic accident: 122

Introduction

Beijing's 72-Hour Visa-Free Transit Policy

Travellers, who hold passports issued by any of the 45 countries eligible for Beijing's 72-Hour Visa-Free Transit Policy and will remain in Beijing for no more than 72 hours while in transit, may apply to the frontier inspection authority in the Beijing Capital International Airport (BCIA) for 72-hour visa-free transit stays in Beijing.

This policy is applicable to foreigners who enter and exit from Beijing only.

List of 45 Countries Eligible for Beijing's 72-Hour Visa-Free Transit Policy

Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Russia, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Cyprus, Bulgaria, Romania, Ukraine, the United States, Canada, Brazil, Mexico, Argentina, Chile, Australia, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea, Japan, Singapore, Brunei, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar

Requirements

According to the regulations of the Ministry of Public Security, foreign travellers, arriving at BCIA, must satisfy the following conditions to qualify under the 72-Hour Visa-Free Transit Policy:

- ◆ Travellers must be citizens of one of the 45 countries covered by the policy.
 - ◆ Travellers must hold international travellers' credentials proving their citizenship.
 - ◆ Travellers must meet the entry conditions of their destination countries or regions.
 - ◆ Travellers must hold continuing air tickets with confirmed dates and seats, indicating their intent to depart from the Beijing Capital International Airport to a third country or region within 72 hours, or hold related certificates.
 - ◆ Arrival and departure airlines must report to the frontier inspection authority.
- The Beijing General Station of Exit and Entry Frontier Inspection will authorize 72-hour visa-free transit stays for travellers only if all these conditions are fulfilled.

Notes

Hold Continuing Air Tickets to a Third Country or Region

◆ According to the policy, applicants from designated countries who apply for 72-hour visa-free transit stays must hold continuing air tickets with confirmed dates and seats, or hold related certificates. Therefore, this policy is not applicable to foreigners who have not booked continuing air tickets to exit from Beijing within 72 hours, and it is not applicable to foreigners whose destination is their home country.

Enter and Exit from BCIA

◆ The Beijing Capital International Airport is the only entry-exit port applicable for the policy in Beijing. In-transit travellers must enter and exit from the Beijing Capital International Airport only.

Stay in Beijing

◆ Qualified foreigners must remain in Beijing for the duration of their 72-hour visa-free transit stays. They must depart from the Beijing Capital International Airport within 72 hours. If in-transit foreign travellers have to remain in Beijing for longer than 72 hours for reasons beyond their control, they should file an appropriate application with the Beijing Municipal Public Security Bureau for a visa.

Frontier Inspection Procedures

Entry Procedures

- ◆ Passengers apply for 72-hour visa-free transit stays in advance through their airlines; the airline's aircraft must arrive at the Beijing Capital International Airport.
- ◆ With valid international tourism credentials proving their nationalities and continuing air tickets with confirmed dates and seats, indicating an intent to depart from the Beijing Capital International Airport to a third country or region within 72 hours, or related certificates, foreigners need to fill in the Entry Registration Card for Foreigners after they arrive at the airport; then they can apply for 72-hour visa-free transit stays at the 72-Hour Visa-Free Transit Stay Application Counter of the frontier inspection authority while going through entry frontier inspections.
- ◆ For qualified foreigners, the frontier inspection authority will affix a temporary entry permit seal on the passports and will complete 72-hour visa-free transit stay procedures for them.

Exit Procedures

◆ Foreign travellers shall depart from the Beijing Capital International Airport within 72 hours after the frontier inspection authority has confirmed the validity and credibility of their valid international tourism credentials and the temporary entry permit stamped in the passports.