

China

Visa required

Visa for Indians visiting China

Indian citizens need a visa for China; India is not on China's visa-waiver list. From 26 October 2026 the Chinese Embassy in New Delhi and the Consulate General in Mumbai accept and process visa applications directly.

ENTRY RULE	ALLOWED STAY	RULES CHECKED
Visa required before travel	**As per visa**	**10 Nov 2026**

Checklist: steps & documents

- [ ] Submit your application at the Embassy in New Delhi or the Consulate General in Mumbai, depending on your consular district.
- [ ] Check the Embassy's latest notices before you apply; procedures changed on 26 October 2026.

The general guide for this country. Ask for the full document list on the official site below.

Key points

- India is not among the countries whose ordinary passport holders can enter China visa-free.
- Apply before travel at the Chinese Embassy in New Delhi or the Consulate General in Mumbai (Kolkata district: through the Embassy for now).

Conditions

24-hour visa-free transit through any international airports of China , allows domestic travel through different airports. Due to border disputes , Chinese embassy and consulate generals only issue stapled visas for Arunachal Pradesh , Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh citizenships, and prohibit officiers of Arunachal Pradesh to apply visas, however Indian government doesn't recognize stapled visas as valid travel documents for departure, which caused conflicts regarding athletes .

Questions agents ask

Do Indians need a visa for China?

Yes. India is not on China's visa-waiver list, so Indian citizens need a visa before travel.

Where do I apply for a China visa in India?

From 26 October 2026, directly at the Chinese Embassy in New Delhi or the Consulate General in Mumbai; Kolkata-district applicants go through the Embassy for now.

Can Indian citizens transit through China without a visa?

Yes, Indian citizens can transit through China for 24 hours without a visa at any international airport, provided they do not leave the airport premises.

Are there any restrictions on applying for a China visa from India?

Yes, Chinese embassies and consulates in India only issue stapled visas for citizens of Arunachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh, which are not recognized by the Indian government as valid travel documents.

Where can I find the latest information on China visa application procedures in India?

The latest information on China visa application procedures in India can be found on the official website of the Chinese Embassy in India at

Can I apply for a China visa in Kolkata, India?

Currently, Kolkata consular-district services are temporarily handled by the Chinese Embassy in New Delhi until further notice.

What is the validity of a China visa for Indian citizens?

The validity of a China visa for Indian citizens depends on the type of visa issued and is specified as per the visa conditions provided by the Chinese Embassy.

Official sources

Check the embassy or consulate of China in India.

Fees are not listed here because they change often and differ by centre: check the current fee on the official site.

Rules change often. Confirm with the official site before you book (our copy was checked 10 Nov 2026).

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