Travel tips to China

In light of the evolving coronavirus (COVID-19) situation, the Chinese government has issued a series of entry restrictions, visa suspensions and quarantine measures for travelers. Details are outlined in the below table:

Visa issue
According to the last update from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China & National Immigration Administration, the below measures have been enforced: 1) All visa free transit services have been suspended, this includes the: • 24/72/144-hour visa free transit policy   • Hainan 30-day visa-free policy   • 15-day visa-free policy for foreign cruise-group-tours through Shanghai Port   • Guangdong 144-hour visa-free policy for foreign tour groups from Hong Kong or Macao SAR   • Guangxi 15-day visa-free policy for foreign tour groups from ASEAN countries   *Additionally, the visa exemption policy is suspended to nationals of Japan, Singapore and Brunei*   2) Entry restrictions   • Foreign nationals with visas issued before 28 March 2020 are not permitted to enter China   • Foreign nationals with residence permits or APEC Business Travel Cards are not permitted to enter China   3) Entry restriction exemption   • Foreigners holding diplomatic, service, courtesy or C visas   • Foreign nationals coming to China for necessary economic, trade, scientific or technological activities; foreign nationals arriving for emergency humanitarian needs may apply for visas at Chinese embassies / consulates   • Foreign nationals with visas issued on or after 28 March 2020   ** The abovementioned foreigners entering Shanghai will be subjected to another set of regulations according to the notice released by the municipal government of Shanghai.*   *Source: website of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China*   *https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/wjbxw/t1761867.shtml*

Quarantine measures
1) All travelers regardless of nationality, entry into China are required to take COVID-19 tests & undergo a compulsory quarantine for 14 days at a government designated facility upon arrival.

Flight information
1) According to the latest update from the Shanghai Airport Authority, all international & Hong Kong-Macau-Taiwan China flights to Shanghai Hongqiao International Airport will be temporarily suspended till further notice. Instead, these flights will be transferred to Shanghai Pudong International Airport.   *Source: website of Shanghai Airport Authority*   *https://www.shanghaiairport.com/en/jcjt/index_226820497_page_1.html*   2) Referring to the latest update from the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC), starting from 8 June 2020, all foreign airlines that are not included in CAAC's Phase Five flight plans* could choose one city# with airport(s) capable of accommodating international passenger flights based on their operating permits, and operate one weekly international passenger flight.   *CAAC's Phase Five flight plans: http://www.caac.gov.cn/en/XWZX/202003/t20200318_201519.html   #List of cities with airports that can accommodate International Passenger Flights   http://www.caac.gov.cn/en/XWZX/202006/t20200604_202950.html   *Source: website of Civil Aviation Administration of China*   *http://www.caac.gov.cn/en/XWZX/202006/t20200604_202949.html*

Flight information (Cont.)

3) For flights to Shanghai, please check with your local travel agent or flight carrier for details.

4) *(**New)* According to the latest update from Civil Aviation Administration of China on 20 July 2020, **travelers from specific countries[*] taking flights bound for China (including those ultimately bound for China who transfer via those countries) are required to present their negative results of COVID-19 nucleic acid tests before boarding**. Details are as follows:

- Chinese and foreign passengers on China-bound flights shall complete COVID-19 nucleic acid tests within 5 days before boarding. Tests shall be carried out in facilities designated or recognized by overseas Chinese Embassies or Consulates

- Chinese travelers are required to take photos of and upload their negative results of COVID-19 nucleic acid tests using the international version of the health QR code mini program on WeChat

- Foreign passengers should apply with the Chinese Embassies or Consulates for the Health Declaration Letter with negative test results of COVID-19

- Relevant airlines are responsible for checking passengers' health QR codes and Health Declaration Letter before boarding. Passengers will be denied boarding if they fail to meet relevant requirements.

- Passengers who provide false documents and information shall undertake corresponding legal liabilities.

- For specific requirements, please refer to notices by the Chinese embassies or consulates in relevant countries.

  *List of countries where China-bound passengers are required to obtain COVID-19 negative certificates before boarding *(The list will be updated from time to time, please pay close attention any update)*:
  https://hr.cs.mfa.gov.cn/help_two/help-two/gj.html

  Source: website of Civil Aviation Administration of China
  http://www.caac.gov.cn/en/XWZX/202007/t20200721_203702.html

As these restrictions may change at short notice, the information in the table should be used as a guideline only. We will continue to closely monitor the latest developments and update this information.