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## **In the Footsteps of the Ancestors - A China Pilgrimage with Stephen Batchelor, Martine Batchelor and Shantum Seth**

*June 1 - 16, 2025*

### **Beijing Extension**

*June 16 - 18, 2025*

## **IMPORTANT TRAVEL INFORMATION**

### **INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS:**

You should book your international flight to arrive in Beijing on June 1, 2025 before 12.00 noon

You should book your departure flight from Beijing airport on June 16, 2025 (or June 18, 2025 if taking the extension) any time after 12.00 noon.

### **ADDITIONAL TRAVEL SERVICES**

We provide all the transport services during the journey, including having you met at arrival in Beijing.

There is no extra charge for meeting people at the airport.

There will also be a transfer to Beijing Airport for your flight back home.

### **VISA FOR CHINA:**

For tourists, the [L visa](#) is suitable.

**Prepare all documents needed:** Documents required for all types of visa include passport and [visa application form](#) attached with a recently-taken photo. Besides, other supporting documents are required, but they vary according to the visa type you are applying for. For instance, if you apply for a tourist L visa, the supporting documents will refer to round-trip tickets, hotel bookings or an invitation letter from your China travel agency. See detailed [China Visa Application Requirements](#).

### **Be sure your documents meet the requirements of Chinese embassy.**

Passport: with a remaining validity of at least 6 months; have a blank visa page.

Visa Application Form: truthfully completed; type-written with no blanks left.

Photo: taken within latest six months; full face against a light background; size: 48mm x 33mm; bare-headed unless for religious causes.

**Submit the application:** Visit the Chinese embassy, consulate or Chinese Visa Application Center (CVASC) which serves your residence area. You can show up in person or ask an agent to do this for you. In some consular offices and CVASCs, [mail service](#) is also available.

The normal processing time is four working days including the day you submit the application and the day you collect. Remember there might be additional non-working days for [Chinese public holidays](#). By paying an additional fee you can usually have your application processed faster. It is normally possible to have your application processed overnight, for collection in the following afternoon, though some offices might offer a same-day service if you arrive in the office soon after opening. In general, try to apply for it well in advance to allow for any delay.



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**Pay the fee and pick up your visa:** Go to the place where you apply for China visa on the date appointed at the pick-up slip. Pay the fee and you will get your passport back with visa. See [China Visa Fees](#).

**Best time to apply for a China visa:** The best time to apply for China visa is one or two months before your departure date. Usually, a China visa is valid for only three months from the date of issue, which indicates that the earliest time you can apply is three months before your departure.

## ABOUT THE WEATHER:

In June, the weather in Northern China is warm, Beijing as an example, the average temperature range is 21–32°C (70–90°F). We can use light clothing, but take something warmer for Wutaishan where the temperatures vary from 6–14°C (42–58°F)

## 3. Power Plugs / Sockets in China

### Voltage in China is 220V/50HZ

In China, the common power voltage is 220 Volt 50 Hz AC.

### Is Outlet Adaptor Needed in China?



As the shapes of sockets and voltage vary among countries, a portable plug adaptor is usually necessary.

Chargers of most electronic devices like cell phones, tablets, and cameras can function normally in the wide power voltage of 110~240V. Most hotels ranking above 3 stars in China provide electrical outlets of both 110V and 220V in the bathrooms, though in guest rooms usually only 220V sockets are available.



Sockets & Plugs

**What Power Sockets are Used in China?** There are two kinds of sockets widely used in Mainland China: type A and type I. The type A can also accept plugs of type C or F, which are commonly seen in most European countries.

<p><b>Type A</b></p> 	<p>In China, this kind of outlets has two holes of the same shape and size. Plugs that match this socket are commonly used in US, Mexico, Canada, Japan, Philippines, Colombia, Thailand, Vietnam, Panama... But you should notice that there is a kind of two-blade plug with one end larger than the other. They can't be used in China without an adaptor.</p>
<p><b>Type I</b></p> 	<p>Countries like Australia, New Zealand, Argentina, and Fiji use electronic devices of this plug shape. Sometimes, the blade at the top is missed, but it can still function safely in Mainland China.</p>



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Type C & F



This kind of socket is widely seen in most European countries, like Russia, Germany, Denmark, Poland, Finland, France, Sweden, and Spain, as well as South Korea.

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