

## Things to know travelling to China

We understand the challenges you are facing when travelling to China, hopefully this will help you prepare your trip and make you feel less stressful.

### Visa

Apply for the visa at least one month before your travel.

You may be eligible for 144 hours visa free entry, please find more information via link below:

[Policy Interpretation National Immigration Administration \(nia.gov.cn\)](http://nia.gov.cn)

### Apps

Due to “The Great Firewall”, Google products (including Google app store), YouTube, Twitter, Vimeo, Facebook products, Instagram, etc. are blocked in China. Unless you have a VPN, these apps are not accessible in China. You can download a VPN on your device before travelling or explore a few Chinese apps instead.

Below are some of the popular apps that may help you plan your trip.

Flights, trains, accommodation--Trip.com



Taxi service--DiDi Rider



Subway system--MetroMan



Payment—Cash, Alipay, WeChat Pay



As credit cards are not available in most places, it is highly recommended to carry cash or download one of above apps and register before you travel.

Map--Apple map, LingoMap



Translator--Microsoft Translator



Communication—WeChat

