

## **PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

A visa is required for China prior to sailing for most voyages unless qualifying for a visa exemption. More than one exemption may be applicable.

Please verify your passport validity. China requires passports to be valid for six (6) months beyond the date of arrival.

Guests with at least one year validity left on their passport may automatically be issued a multi entry visa by the Chinese Consulate.

**\*\*\*If Shanghai is at the beginning or end of your cruise- 144 hour policy may apply\*\*\***

### **144 Hour Visa Exemption Policy for embarkation in Shanghai-**

Guests embarking in Shanghai must communicate their intention to use the visa exemption to their airline prior to travel.

### **144 Hour Visa Exemption Policy for disembarkation in Shanghai-**

Guests disembarking must produce valid travel documents and onward air, vessel or train tickets with confirmed seats to a third country within 144 hours of arrival.

**There are 53 countries eligible for the 144 hour visa exemption:** Albania, Argentina, Austria, Australia, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Brazil, Brunei, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Arab Emirates, Ukraine, United Kingdom and the United States.

If your nationality is not listed above you must obtain a Chinese visa prior to sailing.

For more information about the 144 hour visa exemption please visit <http://www.sh-immigration.gov.cn/listPageEn.aspx?lx=40&id=4414>.

The Shanghai immigration inspection authority has set up dedicated inspection lanes for those using the 144 hour visa exemption within the entry inspection areas at all ports of entry. If you are eligible for the exemption you will need to provide the immigration officer with your passport and onward tickets leaving China within 144 hours of arrival. Once immigration confirms that you qualify for the exemption, they will process the application.

The immigration station will issue a temporary entry permit to those guests that have been approved for the exemption. The temporary entry permit will have the deadline for exit and the administrative areas you will be allowed to visit while in China.

**\*\*\*\*If arriving and departing Shanghai with the ship- 15 day visa policy may apply\*\*\*\***

Guests arriving and departing Shanghai with the ship should verify if they are eligible for the 15-day visa exemption by visiting <http://www.sh-immigration.gov.cn/listPageEn.aspx?lx=40&id=4735>. To be eligible guests must be booked on a tour of two (2) or more persons from Seabourn or from an authorized tour agency in Shanghai to be permitted to go ashore visa-free.

If booking a private tour you must verify that the travel agency has been approved by Shanghai immigration inspection authority to facilitate the visa-free entry process. The agency would also be required to declare to Shanghai immigration inspection authority the passenger manifest of the eligible tour group prior to arrival. Once approved by Shanghai immigration inspection authority, they would then undergo the procedures for visa-free entry.

**Other ports that may be visited under the 15 day visa exemption are limited to the following-** Liaoning, Hebei, Tianjin, Shandong, Jiangsu, Zhejiang, Fujian, Guangxi, Hainan, Qingdao and Beijing.

**\*\*\*\*Visiting Hainan Island (Sanya), China\*\*\*\***

A Chinese visa is required unless you qualify for the exemption below for **Sanya, China**.

There are 59 nationalities that can travel to Sanya, China visa-free if booked on a shore excursion or tour. The tour does not have to be a Seabourn Tour but if you are booking a private tour you must verify that the agency you have booked with provides a list of participants into the visa application system at least 48 hours before the ship arrives in Sanya.

If your nationality is not on the list below you must obtain a Chinese visa prior to sailing. The countries listed below are not considered visa-free when visiting other areas of China. This applies to Sanya only.

Albania, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech IA, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Malaysia, Malta, Macedonia, Mexico, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom and the United States.

**\*\*\*\*Applying for a visa for China\*\*\*\***

**If you find that the visa exemptions listed above do not apply to your situation you will need to apply for a regular visa prior to sailing if you wish to go ashore.**

Seabourn provides guests with the following link to VisaCentral as a service to assist with the collection of the necessary documents for this visa. You may also use another visa service or collect the necessary documents on your own. We are not able to offer assistance with obtaining the Chinese visa onboard the ship. <http://seabourn.visacentral.com>

If you would like to reach VisaCentral by phone-

**US Citizens:** 866 788 1100

**Canadian Citizens:** 888 665 9956

**Dutch Citizens:** 070 315 0201

**German Citizens:** 030 230 959 175

**Australian Citizens:** 1902 251 370

**Swiss Citizens:** 41 (0) 31 313 20 20

**Austrian Citizens:** 43 1 22811

**United Kingdom Citizens:** 0207 593 6207

**Brazilian Citizens:** 55 (11) 3065-0655

**Mexico Citizens:** (52-55) 5282 0020

In order to process the visa application, guests will be required to provide an address of a contact in China. Please use one of the following:

**Shanghai-**

China Marine Shipping Agency Shanghai Co. LTD (25517)

2F Room 203 Sinotrans Mansion

No. 188 Fujian Zhong Road

Shanghai 200001

China

Phone: +86 13671720189

When applying for the Chinese visa, you will need to provide a copy of your cruise booking confirmation, airline electronic ticket receipt and any independent tour or hotel arrangements you have booked on your own. Failure to include these documents may result in significant delays in processing the application.

All Chinese visa applications must be typed electronically by the applicant then printed on A4 paper and signed. The application form is available as a fillable PDF file in all of the visa packs on VisaCentral's website. Handwritten forms will not be accepted. Only section 4 which contains the date and applicants signature can be handwritten.