

AUSTRALIAN VISITOR VISAS IN CHINA

The Facts

Strong growth

- More than 800,000 visitor visas were granted to Chinese nationals in 2015-16, more than to any other country in the world.
- This is a 21 per cent increase when compared to 2014-15.
- This is a 102 per cent increase since 2011-12.
- The grant rate for Chinese visitor visa applications was 95 per cent in 2015-16.

Highly competitive processing times

- Two day median processing time for Chinese visitor visa applications in the first quarter of 2016-17
 - › More than 77% are processed in less than five calendar days.
- For up to date processing times see:
www.china.embassy.gov.au/bjng/DIMA03020104.html

Lodgement options to suit a range of needs

- Australian Visa Application Centres (AVACs) are spread across China in Beijing, Shanghai, Chengdu and Guangzhou, located close to public transport to accept visa applications and answer questions.
 - › Applicants can lodge applications in person or by mail or, from December 2016, online in simplified Chinese.
 - › Streamlined processing, three year validity visas and online lodgement, for Tourism Australia's Key Distribution Partner network (KDPs), a list of KDPs can be found at www.tourism.australia.com
- Quick, simple, online visa applications and streamlined processing for Approved Destination Status (ADS) scheme tour groups, lodging through an ADS agent.
- A 48 hour fast track visitor visa service has been available since early 2016.

Streamlined application arrangements

- Chinese visitors can access a seamless online experience, with online lodgement, label free visas issued electronically and automated clearance through SmartGates on arrival for Chinese ePassport holders.
- Applicants don't need to attend an interview and don't need to submit original supporting documents.
 - › The original of the hukou (family book) is not required to be submitted with an application.
- Application forms are available in English and Chinese and applicants don't need to submit translations of documents.
- Helpful checklists are available in English and Chinese to assist in preparing applications.
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Innovative developments

- In just the last few years, to support this growth, Australia has:
 - › Extended visa validity for business visitor visas and KDP tourist visas to three years.
 - › Commenced a trial of online lodgement of visitor visa applications.
 - › Established a Work and Holiday arrangement with China, with 5000 places a year.
 - › Provided access to SmartGates for Chinese ePassports on arrival in Australia.
- From December 2016, Australia will introduce a further suite of options to support future growth in China, by
 - › Commencing a trial of 10 year validity visas for an additional charge, that allow for a stay of up to three months, for frequent travellers who provide a biometric identifier.
 - › Expanding access to online lodgement for more key partners, such as ADS and KDP travel agents. Allowing Work and Holiday visa holder to apply online for an additional 12 months stay in Australia, if they complete three months of eligible work in Northern Australia.



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澳大利亚访客签证中国情况报告

情况介绍

增长强劲

- 2015-16 年度，澳大利亚共向中国公民签发 80 多万份访客签证，超过世界其他任何国家。
- 与 2014-15 年度相比，这一数字增长了 21%，自 2011-12 年度以来增长了 102%。
- 2015-16 年度，中国访客签证申请获批率达 95%。

极具竞争力的办理时间

- 2016-17 年度第一季度，中国访客签证申请中位数办理时间为两天。
- 欲知最新办理时间，请浏览：
www.china.embassy.gov.au/bjng/DIMA03020104.html

多种递交方式，满足不同需求

- 澳大利亚签证申请中心 (AVAC) 分布于中国北京、上海、成都和广州各地，紧邻公共交通系统，方便受理签证申请和解答疑问。
 - › 申请人可亲自递交申请或通过邮件递交，2016 年 12 月起还可以**简体中文方式在线填写递交**。
 - › 面向澳大利亚旅游局优选合作伙伴 (KDP) 网络实行简化办理程序、三年有效签证和在线递交申请，请浏览
www.tourism.australia.com 查看 KDP 名单。
- 面向中国公民自费旅游目的地国家 (ADS) 计划旅游团，可在线提出签证申请，手续快捷简便，办理程序简化，申请可通过 ADS 旅行社提出。
- 2016 年初起实行 48 小时快速访客签证服务。

简化申请程序

- 中国访客可在线递交申请、获发无标签电子签证，享受顺畅在线体验。此外，中国电子护照持有人还可在入境时通过智能门 (SmartGates) 自动通关。
- 申请人无需面试，也无需递交证明原件。
 - › 递交申请时，无需提供户口本原件。
- 发布中英文申请表和有用核对表，协助申请人准备申请材料
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创新发展

- 为向访客签证的增长提供支持，澳大利亚仅仅在过去几年里就采取了以下措施：
 - › 商业访客签证和 KDP 旅游签证有效期延长至三年。
 - › 试点实施在线递交访客签证申请。
 - › 与中国达成工作及度假签证安排，每年提供 5000 个名额。
- 2016 年 12 月起，澳大利亚将进一步推出以下一系列方案，支持中国访客签证的未来增长
 - › 试点实施 10 年有效期签证，旅客需缴纳额外费用，并提交生物识别信息。此签证允许经常往返的旅客每次最长逗留三个月。
 - › 将在线递交申请范围扩展至更多合作伙伴，如 ADS 和 KDP 旅行社。
 - › 允许工作及度假签证持有人在澳大利亚北部完成三个月符合条件的工作后，在线申请延长在澳逗留期 12 个月。



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