

private purposes with ordinary passports, the border inspection authority will deal with the visa-free entry to facilitate their travel.

Q: If I have a valid Chinese visa in my passport and am eligible for the 144-hour visa-free transit, but I would like to save the visa for my next trip to China, will the border inspection station use my Chinese visa for entry this time?

A: No. For passengers who are eligible for the 144-hour visa-free transit and hold a valid Chinese visa, the border inspection station will give priority to the 144-hour visa-free transit. However, if you require to stay in China for more than 144 hours, the border inspection station will handle the formalities with your Chinese visa according to your request.

Q: If I am a citizen of Australia and plan to book a Sydney-Shanghai-Melbourne ticket, will I be eligible for the 144-hour visa-free transit?

A: The policy applies to passengers from certain countries who have a connecting ticket to a third country or region with a confirmed seat and date within 144 hours. To ensure eligibility, you are recommended to book an onward ticket from Shanghai to Hong Kong, Singapore or Kuala Lumpur, and then depart for Melbourne.

Q: Will I be punished if I overstay upon exiting the border?

A: You will be liable for punishment according to the relevant regulations of the Exit and Entry Administration Law of the People's Republic of China if you are found to have overstayed the permitted duration.

Q: In addition to the Jiangsu-Zhejiang-Shanghai region, are there any other regions in China that implement the 144-hour visa-free transit policy?

A: The Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region in north China also offers the 144-hour visa-free transit. Foreign passengers with valid international travel documents and a connecting ticket to a third country or region with a confirmed seat and date within 144 hours can enter China via Beijing Capital International Airport, Beijing West Railway Station, Tianjin Binhai International Airport, Tianjin International Cruise Home Port or Shijiazhuang Zhengding International Airport.

You can have visa-free stay within the administrative areas of Beijing, Tianjin and Hebei Province. In addition, you can enter China via Shenyang Taoxian International Airport or Dalian Zhousuizi International Airport, and you are allowed to stay in the administrative precincts of northeast Liaoning Province without a visa.

Q: Where can I find more information about the 144-hour visa-free transit policy?

A: You can follow the official website, WeChat or Weibo account of “上海边检” (Shanghai Border Inspection) to find out about the exit-entry policies.

You can also call +86-021-51105100 to consult with the Shanghai Exit-Entry Border Inspection General Station.

For English-language service, call +86-12367.

