

information, statistical and business data, and focus on important questions to ask yourself as you prepare to export.

Getting There

Getting to China is easy. International carriers are providing direct flights from major North American cities including Vancouver and Toronto. For reservations and information, contact your local agent.

Domestically, China is well supplied with airlines, with daily flights to most Chinese cities from major centres like Hong Kong, Shanghai and Beijing.

Visas

The Chinese government requires Canadians to obtain a visa to travel to China. In order to obtain a business visa, you will need a valid Canadian passport, a letter of invitation and a passport-size photo. An letter of invitation is issued by a Chinese company, official organization or government body. Canadian diplomatic missions cannot issue them.

Visas take five working days and cost \$50. A twenty-four rush service is available for an additional \$40. (These are current fees, subject to change.)

Visas are normally issued for a single entry into the country, but double entry visas are also available. Remember, if you have to travel to Hong Kong after you have entered China and will be returning to the mainland, you will need a double entry visa. Canadian travellers to Hong Kong do not require a visa.

You can obtain your visa from the Chinese Embassy in Ottawa or from one of China's three consulates located in Toronto, Vancouver and Calgary:

Embassy of the People's Republic of China

Consular Section
515 St. Patrick Street
Ottawa, Ontario
K1N 5H3
Tel: (613) 789-9608
Fax: (613) 789-1414

Consulate General of the People's Republic of China

Consular and Visa Section
240 St. George Street
Toronto, Ontario