



Short stay visa (max. 90 days per 180 days period) for: Cultural / Sports events

Where to apply:

Residents of Shanghai, Jiangsu, Anhui and Zhejiang shall apply at the Consulate General of Switzerland in Shanghai.

Residents of Guangdong, Fujian, Guangxi, Hainan, Jiangxi and Hunan shall apply at the Consulate General of Switzerland in Guangzhou.

All others residents of China, Mongolia and Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) shall apply at the Embassy of Switzerland in Beijing.

When to apply:

Applications shall be lodged no more than six months and no later than 15 calendar days before the start of the intended visit.

Appointment:

Appointments must be made with the company VFS Global via the internet address:
<https://visa.vfsglobal.com/chn/en/che>

The main destination of your visit must be Switzerland, but the visa issued will permit you to travel in all Schengen countries (unless stated otherwise on the visa).

In Mainland China a visa fee (equivalent to 90 EUR) and service fee must be paid in cash, online over our service provider or by credit/debit card in RMB upon acceptance of your file and is non-refundable. The visa and service fee is published on the VFS Global website.

Required documents for cultural / sports events

Please present your documents in the following order:	
1.	Visa application form , fully completed and signed by the applicant https://www.sem.admin.ch/sem/en/home/themen/einreise/visumantragsformular.html
2.	1 passport picture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In color, 35x40mm - White or light grey background, undamaged and of recent date
3.	Passport <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Valid for at least 3 months beyond the validity of your visa request - With at least two blank visa pages
4.	Medical insurance Minimum coverage of EUR 30'000, for medical costs and medical repatriation. Insurance Policy must be valid for the whole Schengen area and cover the whole period of stay in Schengen countries, counting from the day of entry into Schengen for the foreseen number of days
5.	For Minors (under 18 years old) Student card & original letter of the school , mentioning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Full address, telephone number of the school - Permission for absence - Name and function of the person giving the permission - Notary Certificate of family relation or proof of guardianship, with Apostille from MFA - Notary Certificate of permission to travel from both parents or legal guardians (when minor is travelling alone) or the parent or legal guardian not travelling (if minor is travelling with one parent), with Apostille from MFA, and when not in China, attested by the relevant authorities in the country of residence
6.	Original invitation letter from the organizer of the event of the country of destination On official paper, mentioning clearly: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - purpose and duration of your stay; - detailed program and itinerary; - an indication of the costs of the study/sport and entity that will pay for them; - indication of lodging during the period of your intended stay
7.	Original letter from the Chinese cultural or sports organization The letter must be in English or in Chinese with English translation on official paper with stamp, signature, date and clearly mentioning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Full address and contacts of the organization - the name and position of the countersigning officer - name, position, salary and years of employment (only for professionals) - confirmation of participation - entity that will pay for costs of travel and living - copy of business license (+translation in English)

8.	Photocopies of	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- identity page and signature page of your passport- former Schengen visas- residence permit (for foreign applicants)
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Please note that an Embassy or Consulate General may in justified individual cases, request additional documents during the examination of an application which are not mentioned in the above harmonized list. The applicant is hereby informed that submitting the above mentioned documents does not guarantee automatic issuance of a visa.