

**22 MAR 2023 ▶ 26 MAR 2023 TRIP TO BEIJING, CHINA**

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**DEPARTURE: SATURDAY 25 MAR** Please verify flight times prior to

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**CATHAY PACIFIC  
AIRWAYS  
CX 0391**Duration:  
3hr(s) 45m n(s)Cabin:  
BusinessStatus:  
Confirmed**PEK** **HKG**  
BEIJING, CHINA ▶ HONG KONG, HONG KONG S A RDeparting At:  
**1:45pm**Terminal:  
TERMINAL 3Arriving At:  
**5:30pm**Terminal:  
TERMINAL 1Aircraft:  
AIRBUS INDUSTRIE  
A333 JETDistance (n): 1234  
Meals:  
Lunch

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**DEPARTURE: SATURDAY 25 MAR ▶ ARRIVAL: SUNDAY 26 MAR**

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BusinessStatus:  
Confirmed**HKG** **AKL**  
HONG KONG, HONG KONG ▶ AUCKLAND, NEW  
S A R ZEALANDDeparting At:  
**9:25pm**  
(Sat, Mar 25)Terminal:  
TERMINAL 1Arriving At:  
**1:25pm**  
(Sun, Mar 26)Terminal:  
INTERNATIONAL  
TERMINALAircraft:  
Airbus  
Distance (n): 5688  
Meals:  
Breakfast, Dinner

Passenger Name:

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» VANTOOR/SIALEI MS

Seats:

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**Subject:** FW: MFA visit to China - Update 9/03

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Wonderful news! Definitely accept please.

Does this mean we should go one day later or stick to the same dates for the flight?

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Dear Si'a

Good news! We just heard from MOFA (and repeated to us over dinner tonight at the Chinese Residence) that Minister Qin has officially invited MFA to visit Beijing and meet on the afternoon of Friday 24 March, followed by a banquet dinner, hosted by Qin.

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The next step is for our side to officially confirm that the proposed time is acceptable – assume we are ok to do so?

Once we've officially confirmed, we can have another chat about finalising and paying for flights (do you need the travel approval letter signed first before you can do that?)

It's all go! Out of scope

Alex

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Hi Alex

My answers in red below, thanks.

Si'a

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**Importance:** High

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- **Travel Itinerary** – could Abi please send through a confirmed itinerary once the flights are booked and paid for? **These are issued as per the itinerary attached.**

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## Travelling or returning to Asia

If you're planning on flying soon, we recommend checking the latest information and advice on travel requirements before you book.

These requirements may change before you travel, so be sure to check regularly. Failure to meet local requirements may result in denied boarding.

### Travel to Mainland China

#### Travel eligibility

- The People's Republic of China border remains closed to most foreign nationals.
- Check you meet [entry, health, and immigration requirements](#) for Mainland China.

#### Pre-departure test

- All passengers require a negative COVID-19 test result within 48 hours of the last point of departure to China. This applies to passengers 3 years and older.
  - eg. CHC-AKL-HKG, passengers must receive a negative test result within 48hrs of departing Auckland.
- Passengers transiting internationally between New Zealand and China (eg. AKL-SYD-PVG) must present a **negative COVID-19 PCR** test result at check-in. Printed copies are required, electronic copies will not be accepted.
- Passengers travelling on a direct flight from New Zealand to China (including AKL-PVG and SYD-AKL-PVG) do not need to present a test result at check-in. Self-administered Rapid Antigen tests (home testing kits) are permitted.

#### Health declaration

- All passengers must complete an [Electronic Health Declaration Form](#) 24 hours prior to arriving in Mainland China. As part of this declaration passengers will confirm that they have completed a negative pre-departure test.
- All passengers must display their E-Health Declaration QR code at check-in.

#### Upon arrival

- Passengers who display any COVID-19 symptoms on arrival in China may be required to take an antigen test, if this produces a positive result they will need to self-quarantine.



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Thanks Christy

It would be useful while we are waiting for confirmation if NAD could pull together a potential visit structure based on 23-24 March being the dates MFA would potentially have engagement with Minister Qin Gang.

Si'alei

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Kia ora Si'a,

A quick update: we have heard that China is tentatively looking at dates over 23-24 March, but these still need to be confirmed with the office of Chinese FM Qin Gang. Out of scope

Ngā mihi nui,  
Christy

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Prime Minister  
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10 March 2023

Tēnā koe e te Pirimia

**Proposed Overseas Travel for 2023: China: March 2023**

1. I am writing to seek your approval, in principle, to travel to China this month from 22-26 March 2023. The dates are confirmed by China and will include a meeting and dinner with China's new Foreign Minister Qin Gang.
2. s6(a)
3. I consider it is important to have a high level, in person, political engagement in China as a priority. This will be the first high level New Zealand visit to China since former Prime Minister Ardern's truncated visit in April 2019.
4. s6(a)
5. New Zealand officials worked hard to confirm my visit to China throughout the course of the last year. Despite efforts, it did not prove possible until now, including because of China's recently rescinded COVID-19 restrictions.
6. My visit to China would deliver on the following objectives:
  - Establish a constructive working relationship with new Chinese Foreign Minister Qin Gang, building on my previous bilateral engagements with his predecessor Wang Yi.
  - s6(a)
  - Acknowledge the significance of the bilateral relationship and signal New Zealand's ongoing commitment to a relationship consistent with our interests and values
  - Provide an opportunity to engage with China on issues that matter to New Zealand, such as the Pacific, and Antarctica. s6(a)
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(with regard to China's position on Russia's invasion of Ukraine) as well as register at a high-level New Zealand's concerns including regarding Taiwan, Xinjiang and Hong Kong.
  - Be a tangible demonstration of New Zealand's reconnection and economic recovery strategies, and reassure the business community of New Zealand's constructive engagement with our largest trading partner.



- Engage with our staff, and families, at the Embassy after a challenging three years under China's difficult COVID restrictions.

#### Outline of Proposed Visit

- The visit would revolve principally around a face-to-face meeting and a meal with Foreign Minister Qin Gang.
- This visit may also include meetings with other senior Chinese officials. For example, MFAT officials will seek a courtesy call on the former Chinese Foreign Minister and newly appointed member of the Chinese Communist Party's Politburo Standing Committee and Director of China's Foreign Affairs Commission, Wang Yi. Officials are also exploring events with NZ business and expatriate communities based in China, women leaders in China, as well as time with the New Zealand Embassy staff and families and resident Pacific Missions.

#### Flights

- Flights depart Auckland via Singapore on Wednesday 22 March. I intend to return to New Zealand on Saturday 25 March via Hong Kong into Auckland, arriving Sunday 26 March.

#### Ministerial Party

- I propose to be accompanied by one staff member paid for by ministerial resources. Officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade will also accompany me.

#### Acting Ministers

- If my travel is approved, I propose that Hon David Parker act as Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Disarmament and Arms Control in my absence.

#### Estimated Cost

The estimated cost for this travel is:

Flights	Minister and accompanying staff member	\$33,498
Accommodation	Minister and accompanying staff member	\$3,500
Gifts		\$1300
Hospitality – evening function at the NZ Embassy	At New Zealand Official Residence, up to 70 people (\$5,000 – 50% cost shared between Office of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and MFAT)	\$2,500
Hospitality – Business breakfast/morning tea	At New Zealand Official Residence (10 people) (\$500 – 50% cost shared with MFAT)	\$1,000
Per diems		\$840
Subtotal		\$42,638
Contingency 15%		\$6,395
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$49,033</b>

12. A final budget will be provided to you once the itinerary has been confirmed.

13. Your consideration of this travel request is appreciated.

Nāku noa, nā,

Hon Nanaia Mahuta  
**Minister of Foreign Affairs / Minita Take Aorere**

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