

Travel Experience and Advice from Shanghai to Kunming and Bengbu

1. Shanghai Hongqiao Airport – Kunming (19th April)

Apply for the Kunming e-health code on your phone (EN/CN) before boarding the flight. You must have your personal details, passport number, local telephone number and country entry stamp ready. Only a few hotels in Kunming will accept foreigners.

2. Kunming – Shanghai Hongqiao (22nd April)

Apply for Shanghai e-health code before boarding the flight. I was picked from the plane together with two other passengers with foreign passports to scan a QR code and have our passports examined. You receive a e-code “B” (not related to your SH Alipay green code) while your entry to China stamps are recorded manually at a separate channel. Have all your residence documents and country entry stamps ready.

3. Shanghai Hongqiao train station – Bengbu, Anhui province (26th April)

I applied for the Anhui Health Code via the app (Chinese only). However, I was told it does not (yet) work for foreigners; the local health authority issues a pass code for foreigners within two to three working days. On arrival at Bengbu, you are met by a police officer who screens all of your documents, when you entered the country, if you have a quarantine certificate or SH residence certificate, etc. Check with the local hotel beforehand if they accept foreigners.

I strongly advise those not travelling with a native Chinese speaker to have someone on standby over the phone.

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