

Travel Advisory on COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak

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You are advised to monitor and check official websites of World Health Organization, relevant authorities and local government agencies for the latest developments on COVID-19 coronavirus. Do adjust your travel plans based on the latest information provided.

AUSTRALIA - published 09.01.2023

Passengers whose first embarkation point is China (People's Rep.), Hong Kong (SAR China) or Macao (SAR China) must have:

- a negative COVID-19 test taken at most 2 days before departure from the first embarkation point. Tests accepted are NAAT, rapid antigen and PCR; or
 - a positive COVID-19 test taken at most 30 days before departure from the first embarkation point; and
 - a COVID-19 recovery certificate stating that they are no longer contagious with COVID-19. The certificate must be issued at least 7 days after the first positive COVID-19 test.
- This does not apply to passengers younger than 12 years.

BANGLADESH - published 01.12.2022

Passengers must have:

- a negative COVID-19 RT-PCR test taken at most 72 hours before departure from the first embarkation point;
- or
- a COVID-19 vaccination certificate showing that they were fully vaccinated at least 14 days before departure. Vaccines accepted are AstraZeneca (SK Bioscience), AstraZeneca (Vaxzevria), Convidecia (CanSinoBio), Covaxin, Covishield, Covovax, Janssen, Moderna (Spikevax), Nuvaxovid (Novavax), Pfizer-BioNTech (Comirnaty), Sinopharm or Sinovac.
- This does not apply to passengers younger than 12 years.

Filling of online health declaration form (HDF) is suspended until further notice.

BAHRAIN --- published 16.03.2022

COVID-19 entry regulations lifted on 15 March 2022.

CANADA - published 09.01.2023

Passengers entering or transiting through Canada and whose first embarkation point is China (People's Rep.), Hong Kong (SAR China) or Macao (SAR China) must have:

- a negative COVID-19 antigen, NAAT or PCR test taken at most 2 days before departure from the first embarkation point; or
 - a positive COVID-19 test result issued more than 10 days but less than 90 days before departure from the first embarkation point.
- This does not apply to passengers younger than 2 years.

THE MAINLAND OF CHINA - published 21.01.2023

1. Entry by foreign nationals holding a visa is suspended.
 - This does not apply to:
 - foreign nationals with a visa issued after 28 March 2020;
 - foreign nationals with a diplomatic, service, courtesy or C visa.
2. Port visas, 24/72/144-hour visa-free transit policy will be reinstated.
3. Visa exemption for nationals of Brunei Darussalam, Japan and Singapore with a normal passport is suspended.
4. Below table is the visa summaries.

VISA TYPE	CLARIFICATION		ENTRY ALLOWED
Residency	Purpose for Residence: Work, Study, Private Affairs, Reunion		YES
	Purpose for Residence: Journalist		NO
VISA	Diplomatic, Service, Courtesy, Crew Visa		YES
	Visa Issued Before 28MAR2020	Except: Diplomatic, Service, Courtesy, Crew Visa	NO
	Visa Issued After 28MAR2020		YES
OTHERS	APEC CARD: Must Match the passport details; Must have "CHN" in the back; Must be valid on arrival; Must be physical card		YES
	Permanant Resident ID Card		YES
	Nationals from a country with Mutual Agreement for visa exemption (Must verify before acceptance)		YES

Note: Eletronic/photo copy of a APEC Business Travel Card is not accepted.

5. Passengers are no longer required for quarantine on arrival.
6. Airline crew of foreign airlines:
 - are required to have been vaccinated
 - are required to wear N95/KN95 mask during the on-board service, on ground when contacting with ground staff, entering the ramp or terminal or ramp transport or transport from/to layover hotel.
7. Passengers shall have negative PCR test within 48 hours before departure of the direct flight to China and test must be negative before applying for a Health Code. The result shall be uploaded on online health declaration.
8. Passenger is required to present the PCR test report (print-out) for airline to check before accepting for travel. The test report must have the name of the traveler, which should be exactly the same as it appears on the travel document used for the flight. Time of the test or time of issue (at least one of them should be within 48 hours before boarding); testing method (which should be nucleic acid testing; antigen testing will not be accepted); test result (which should be negative; 'uncertain' will not be accepted); and name and contact details of the testing institution. The report must be in the official language of the place of departure of your flight to China, or in English.
9. Airline shall not accept traveler whose PCR test report exceeds 48 hours before their direct flight to China. Airline shall keep a record of traveler' PCR test report for CAAC's check.
10. Please refer to Notice issued by The Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the Sultanate of Oman. http://om.china-embassy.gov.cn/eng/lsfw/tztx/202301/t20230120_11013022.htm

11. Passenger shall wear face mask during the flight and at the terminal.
12. Passengers must complete an "Exit/Entry Health Declaration Form" and present a QR code before departure. The form can be obtained at <https://htdecl.chinaport.gov.cn/> or from the WeChat app 'Customs Passenger Fingertip Service'.

EGYPT --- published 17.06.2022
COVID-19 entry regulations lifted on 17 June 2022.

FRANCE --- published 16.02.2023
COVID-19 entry regulations lifted on 16 February 2023.

GEORGIA --- published 16.06.2022
COVID-19 entry regulations lifted on 15 June 2022.

GERMANY - published 01.03.2023
Passengers residing in China (People's Rep.) whose first embarkation point is China (People's Rep.) and traveling as tourists are not allowed to enter.

- This does not apply to:
 - nationals of Andorra, Monaco, San Marino, Switzerland, Vatican City (Holy See) and EEA Member States, and their children, grandchildren, parents, grandparents and siblings;
 - passengers with a long term "D" visa issued by an EEA Member State or Switzerland, and their children, grandchildren, parents, grandparents and siblings;
 - military personnel;
 - merchant seamen;
 - students;
 - unmarried partners of residents of Germany. They must have a written invitation and a copy of the identity document of the resident in Germany. They must also have a declaration and be able to present proof of their relationship.

INDIA --- published 13.02.2023
Passengers could be subject to a COVID-19 test upon arrival.
- This does not apply to passengers younger than 12 years.

INDONESIA - published 07.12.2022

1. Passengers must have a COVID-19 vaccination certificate showing that they were fully vaccinated at least 14 days before departure. The certificate must be issued in both English and a local language of the country where passengers were vaccinated.
 - This does not apply to:
 - nationals of Indonesia;
 - passengers younger than 18 years;
 - passengers with a COVID-19 recovery certificate stating that they are no longer contagious with COVID-19;
 - passengers with a diplomatic or service visa and an invitation letter issued by an Indonesian Ministry under the Travel Corridor Arrangement (TCA).
2. Passengers must download the "Pedulilindungi" mobile app before departure.
3. Passengers could be subject to a COVID-19 PCR test upon arrival.
4. Airline crew must have a COVID-19 vaccination certificate showing that they were fully vaccinated at least 14 days before departure. The certificate must be issued in both English and a local language of the country where the airline crew was vaccinated.
 - This does not apply to airline crew transiting without disembarking the aircraft.

IRAN - published 20.02.2023

1. Passengers must have:
 - a COVID-19 vaccination certificate in English showing that they were fully vaccinated at least 14 days before

arrival; or

- a negative COVID-19 PCR or RT-PCR test taken at most 72 hours before arrival.

- This does not apply to:

- nationals of Iran;

- passengers younger than 12 years.

2. Passengers could be subject to a COVID-19 test upon arrival and quarantine at their own expense.

ITALY --- published 01.03.2023

COVID-19 entry regulations lifted on 01 March 2023.

JORDAN - published 23.12.2022

Passengers must complete a "Declaration Form" before departure at <https://www.gateway2jordan.gov.jo> . This will generate a QR code which must be presented before boarding and upon arrival.

- This does not apply to:

- nationals of Jordan, their spouses and children;

- passengers who do not need prior approval to enter Jordan;

- passengers with a permanent diplomatic QR code.

KENYA - published 22.09.2022

1. Passengers:

- must have a COVID-19 vaccination certificate showing that they were fully vaccinated at least 14 days before arrival; or

- must have a COVID-19 PCR test in English taken at most 72 hours before departure from the first embarkation point; or

- are subject to a COVID-19 rapid antigen test upon arrival.

- This does not apply to passengers younger than 12 years.

2. Passengers with flu-like symptoms must submit the Travel Health Certificate Application before departure at <https://tinyurl.com/3uszn3hk> .

KUWAIT - published 01.05.2022

Removed as all measures and restrictions are canceled effective 01st May 2022.

LEBANON --- published 28.09.2022

COVID-19 entry regulations lifted on 27 September 2022.

MALAYSIA --- published 02.08.2022

COVID-19 entry regulations lifted on 1 August 2022.

MALDIVES - published 18.01.2023

1. Passengers and airline crew must complete a "Traveller Declaration" at most 96 hours before arrival at <https://imuga.immigration.gov.mv/> .

2. Passengers traveling as tourists must have a hotel reservation confirmation for the entire stay in a registered tourist facility. More details can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/2f64wcpm> .

NEPAL - published 28.12.2022

1. Passengers must have:

- a COVID-19 vaccination certificate showing that they were fully vaccinated at least 14 days before arrival; or

- a negative COVID-19 test result taken at most 72 hours before departure from the first embarkation point.

Tests accepted are GeneXpert, NAAT, PCR and RT-PCR.

- This does not apply to passengers younger than 5 years.

2. Passengers could be subject to a COVID-19 antigen test upon arrival.

- This does not apply to:

- passengers with a COVID-19 vaccination certificate showing that they were fully vaccinated at least 14 days before arrival;

- passengers with a negative COVID-19 test result taken at most 72 hours before departure from the first embarkation point. Tests accepted are GeneXpert, NAAT, PCR and RT-PCR.

NETHERLANDS --- published 28.02.2023

COVID-19 entry regulations lifted on 28 February 2023.

OMAN --- published 23.05.2022
COVID-19 entry regulations lifted on 22 May 2022.

PAKISTAN - published 03.01.2022

1. Passengers must have a COVID-19 vaccination certificate showing that they were fully vaccinated.
- This does not apply to:
 - nationals of Pakistan younger than 12 years;
 - passengers younger than 18 years who are not nationals of Pakistan;
 - passengers who departed Pakistan before 1 October 2021.
2. Passengers and airline crew must have a negative COVID-19 PCR test taken at most 72 hours before departure from the first embarkation point. The test certificate must be in Arabic or English.
- This does not apply to:
 - passengers younger than 12 years;
 - passengers with a COVID-19 vaccination certificate showing that they were fully vaccinated.
3. Passengers could be subject to a COVID-19 test upon arrival (2% of random sampling of the inbound passengers on international flights)

(Pass track is no more required for inbound passengers to Pakistan)

PHILIPPINES - published 01.12.2022

1. Passengers are subject to a rapid antigen test upon arrival.
- This does not apply to:
 - passengers with a COVID-19 vaccination certificate showing that they were fully vaccinated at least 15 days before departure from the first embarkation point. Vaccines accepted are: AstraZeneca (SK Bioscience), AstraZeneca (Vaxzevria), Convidecia (CanSinoBio), Covishield, Covaxin, Covovax, Janssen, Moderna (Spikevax), Nuvaxovid (Novavax), Pfizer-BioNTech (Comirnaty), Sinopharm and Sinovac;
 - passengers with a negative COVID-19 rapid antigen test taken at most 24 hours before departure from the first embarkation point.The above exemptions also apply to their accompanying minors younger than 15 years.
2. Passengers must register at <https://etravel.gov.ph/> at most 3 days before arrival. This will generate an 'eTravel' QR code which must be presented at time of check-in and upon arrival.
3. Unaccompanied nationals of the Philippines younger than 4 years must have prior coordination by the airline with the Bureau of Quarantine (BOQ).
4. Suspension of all visa on arrival facilities.

QATAR - published 04.01.2023

The Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) has announced a new travel requirement for all travelers (Qatar citizens, residents and visitors) entering Qatar who are coming from China. From 6pm Qatar time on Tuesday, 3 January 2023, all travelers coming from China (regardless of vaccination/immunity status) are required to submit a negative PCR test result at the check-in counter taken within 48 hours of the time of departure to the State of Qatar.

Transit passengers from China are required to bring a negative COVID-19 PCR test only if they leave the airport and enter Qatar.

The same precautionary measures will be applied on passengers coming from Hong Kong and Macau (SAR China).

RUSSIAN FED. - published 21.10.2022

1. Passengers must complete an "Application Form" and present it upon arrival. The form can be obtained at <https://tinyurl.com/yckxr2wn>.
2. Suspension of e-visa issuance.

SAUDI ARABIA - published 04.01.2023

1. Passengers who in the past 14 days have been in Iran are not allowed to enter.
2. Passengers with a visit visa must have medical insurance to cover COVID-19 expenses.
3. Passengers traveling to perform Umrah must have a confirmed return ticket.
4. Airlines can check the validity of the exit/entry visas for residents of Saudi Arabia at <https://muqem.sa/#/visa-validity/check>

SRI LANKA --- published 08.12.2022

COVID-19 entry regulations lifted.

SWITZERLAND --- published 02.05.2022

COVID-19 entry regulations lifted on 1 May 2022.

TANZANIA - published 06.02.2023

Passengers are subject to medical screening upon arrival.

THAILAND --- published 01.03.2023

COVID-19 entry regulations lifted on 1 March 2023.

TURKIYE --- published 14.02.2023

COVID-19 entry regulations lifted.

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES --- published 10.11.2022

COVID-19 entry regulations lifted on 9 November 2022.

UNITED KINGDOM - published 04.01.2023

Passengers whose first embarkation point is China (People's Rep.) and entering England direct or indirect

1. Must have a negative COVID-19 test taken at most 48 hours before departure from the first embarkation point.
2. The test result must be in English, French or Spanish.
3. The test certificate must contain following information
 - The name of the person from whom the sample was taken (and that this is written as per the passenger's travel document);
 - The date of birth or age of the person from whom the sample was taken (and that this matches the passenger's travel document);
 - The result of the test;
 - The date the test sample was collected or received by the test provider (which must be no more than 2 days prior to departure);
 - The name of the test provider and their contact details (noting that there is no approved list of providers); and
 - The name of the test device or the type of test used.

This does not apply to

- passengers younger than 12 years.

- Passenger with medical condition or disability which doesn't allow them to take PDT.

-Such passengers must provide document evidences for exception.

Work-related exemptions are:

- Aircraft crew
- Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) inspectors
- Crown Civil servants on diplomatic duty or carrying out essential government work
- Defence workers
- Essential or emergency workers
- Persons travelling to the UK to conduct official business
- A person who has travelled to the United Kingdom for the purpose of transporting material which is to be used for the provision of healthcare by a healthcare provider

4. These passengers are subject to medical screening upon arrival.

5. See further information here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-to-england-from-another-country-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

USA - published 14.02.2023

1. Passengers entering or transiting through the USA must have a COVID-19 vaccination certificate showing that they were fully vaccinated at least 15 days (day of vaccination + 14 days) before arrival. Passenger details (e.g., name and date of birth) in the certificate must match those stated in the passport/travel document. Vaccines accepted are:

- AstraZeneca (SK Bioscience), AstraZeneca (Vaxzevria), CanSinoBIO (Convidecia), Covaxin, Covishield, Covovax, Janssen, Moderna (Spikevax), Nuvaxovid (Novavax), Pfizer-BioNTech (Comirnaty), Sinopharm (BIBP) and Sinovac. A combination of these vaccines is accepted if administered at least 17 days apart. More details can be found at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/international-travel-during-covid19.html

This does not apply to:

- nationals of the USA;
- residents of the USA;
- passengers younger than 18;
- passengers with an immigrant visa;
- passengers with the following visas: A-1, A-2, C-2, C-3 (as a foreign government official or immediate family member of an official), E-1 (as an employee of TECRO or TECO or the employee's immediate family members), G-1, G-2, G-3, G-4, NATO-1 through NATO-4, or NATO-6 (or seeking to enter as a nonimmigrant in one of those NATO classifications);
- passengers with a letter of invitation or other official document, issued by the USA, by other government or by the United Nations, traveling on duty;
- nationals of Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Congo (Dem. Rep.), Eritrea, Haiti, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Senegal, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria, Tanzania and Yemen with a visa issued by the USA, excluding B -1 and B -2 visas;
- members of the U.S. Armed Forces, their spouses, and children younger than 18 years;
- merchant seamen with one of the following visas: C1 or D;
- nationals of Ukraine with an approved Uniting for Ukraine (U4U) authorization.
- More details can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/proof-of-vaccination.html>

2. Passengers whose first embarkation point is China (People's Rep.), Hong Kong (SAR China) or Macao (SAR China) and if the booking is on the same itinerary must have:

- a negative COVID-19 antigen, NAAT or PCR test result issued at most 2 days before departure from the first embarkation point; or
- a positive COVID-19 test result issued more than 10 days but less than 91 days before departure from the first embarkation point; or
- a positive COVID-19 test result issued less than 10 days before departure from the first embarkation point and a signed letter from a licensed healthcare provider or public health official stating that the passengers COVID-19 symptoms started more than 10 days before departure from the first embarkation point.

- This does not apply to passengers younger than 2 years.

3. Passengers arriving from Seoul Incheon (ICN), Toronto (YYZ) or Vancouver (YVR) and who have been in China (People's Rep.), Hong Kong (SAR China) or Macao (SAR China) in the past 10 days must have:

- a negative COVID-19 antigen, NAAT or PCR test result issued at most 2 days before departure from the first embarkation point; or
- a positive COVID-19 test result issued more than 10 days but less than 91 days before departure from the first embarkation point; or
- a positive COVID-19 test result issued less than 10 days before departure from the first embarkation point and a signed letter from a licensed healthcare provider or public health official stating that the passengers COVID-19 symptoms started more than 10 days before departure from the first embarkation point.

- This does not apply to passengers younger than 2 years.

4. Passengers must complete an attestation form before departure. The form can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/order-safe-travel.html> .

- This does not apply to:

- nationals and residents of the USA;
- passengers younger than 2 years.

5. Passengers are subject to COVID-19 measures set by the state/territory of their final destination. More information can be found at www.cdc.gov/publichealthgateway/healthdirectories/healthdepartments.html

6. DV visas issued in September 2020 that expired are accepted for entry.

7. Passengers could be subject to self-isolation.

- This does not apply to:

- passengers with a COVID-19 recovery certificate proving recovery in the past 90 days;
- passengers with a COVID-19 vaccination certificate showing that they were fully vaccinated at least 15 days (day of vaccination + 14 days) before arrival. Passenger details (e.g., name and date of birth) in the certificate must match those stated in the passport/travel document.

Vaccines accepted are:

- AstraZeneca (SK Bioscience), AstraZeneca (Vaxzevria), CanSinoBIO (Convidecia), Covaxin, Covishield, Covovax, Janssen, Moderna (Spikevax), Nuvaxovid (Novavax), Pfizer-BioNTech (Comirnaty), Sinopharm (BIBP) and Sinovac. A combination of these vaccines is accepted if administered at least 17 days apart. More details can be found at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/international-travel-during-covid19.html