

# Global Travel Restrictions during COVID-19 Outbreak

## I. Restrictions on Entering Hong Kong

- Since March 25, 2020, all **non-Hong Kong residents arriving by plane from overseas countries and regions** are denied entry to Hong Kong; **non-Hong Kong residents arriving from the Mainland, Macao and Taiwan** denied entry if they have been to any overseas countries and regions in the previous 14 days.
- **Air transit/transfer services at Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA)**: Passengers can use HKIA for transit/transfer on flights operated by different airlines with the same air ticket, provided they have checked through at the port of origin, with boarding passes printed and baggage tagged through to final destination.
- **Transfer/transit services** for passengers from airports in Mainland China resumed on August 15 until further notice. Transfer/transit services to destinations in Mainland China remain unavailable at HKIA. Layover time of transfer/transit passengers at HKIA must be within 24 hours.
- Travellers from designated high-risk places, or who have visited a high-risk place in the past 14 days, must provide a negative COVID-19 test and proof of 14-day hotel booking before boarding their plane. Currently, high-risk places are: **Bangladesh, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, South Africa, the United Kingdom, the United States, France, Russia, Belgium, and Turkey**. Full details can be found at the following link:  
<https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/high-risk-places.html>;
- Who is not affected by above rule: A person in transit in Hong Kong or a person exempted from compulsory quarantine under gazetted specifications.
- Designated flights under the bilateral Air Travel Bubble (ATB) between **Hong Kong and Singapore** to be launched on November 22. ATB travellers must travel on designated flight and each flight has a quota of 200 travellers. ATB travellers between the two places will not be subject to any quarantine arrangements upon arrival, nor restrictions to their travel purposes or itineraries on the condition that they comply with a set of anti-epidemic protocols. More details can be found here:  
<https://www.tourism.gov.hk/travel-bubble/en/index.html>

## II. Compulsory Quarantine of Certain Persons Arriving in Hong Kong

- **Inbound travellers from the Mainland, Macao or Taiwan**, including Hong Kong and non-Hong Kong residents are subject to compulsory quarantine at designated places (home or other accommodation), other than people exempted under the “Compulsory Quarantine of Certain Persons Arriving at Hong Kong Regulation”. Categories of exempted persons can be found here:  
[https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/599C-quarantine\\_exemption.html](https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/599C-quarantine_exemption.html)
- From November 23, **Hong Kong residents** who, upon fulfilment of certain conditions, including not having been to places other than Hong Kong, Guangdong Province or Macao in the past 14 days, could be exempted from the 14-day compulsory quarantine requirement when they return to Hong Kong under the Return2hk Scheme. A proof of a valid negative COVID-19 (RT-PCR) test conducted within 3 days is required. A quota arrangement will be put in place to control the number of cross-boundary travellers during the initial stage of the implementation of the Return2hk Scheme. More details can be found here:  
<https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/return2hk-scheme.html>

- From November 13, inbound travellers who have been to a specified place outside China (excluding very high-risk areas specified otherwise), must provide confirmation in English or Chinese of room reservation in a hotel in Hong Kong for not less than 14 days starting on the day of arrival. Those exempted under the “Compulsory Quarantine of Certain Persons Arriving at Hong Kong from Foreign Places Regulation” will not be affected. Visit this webpage for categories of exempted persons:  
[https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/599E-quarantine\\_exemption.html](https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/599E-quarantine_exemption.html)
- **All inbound travellers** who are subject to compulsory quarantine specified above should not have any symptoms and should pass temperature checks upon entry. Travellers with symptoms will be referred to the Department of Health (DH) for further handling.
- Arrivals holding or entitled to a **visa valid for less than 14 days** will be denied entry to Hong Kong.
- **Inbound travellers arriving at HKIA** will proceed to the Temporary Specimen Collection Centre (TSCC) in the restricted area of airport for COVID-19 testing. They will remain at the centre for test results, usually available on the same day, before immigration procedure and baggage collection.

Passengers whose test results will not be ready on the same day (usually passengers arriving in the afternoon or night) can clear immigration after their samples are collected. They will be taken by coach to the Holding Centre for Test Results in hotel to await test results. If necessary, inbound travellers arriving in the afternoon may also await test results at the collection centre.

- **Inbound travellers who have been to Shandong Province, Shanghai, Tianjin, or Xinjiang** in the past 14 days arriving via land boundary control points will be required to collect their deep throat saliva samples for conducting COVID-19 testing.
- Since July 29, 2020, crew change arrangements for passenger vessels and goods vessels without cargo operations in Hong Kong have been suspended. Testing and quarantine arrangements for **sea crew members** of goods vessels coming to Hong Kong for cargo operations, **air crew members** and **other persons exempted from quarantine requirement** arriving Hong Kong have been tightened. For details:  
<https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/exempted-persons-faq.html>

*More information and updates on latest developments about COVID-19 in Hong Kong can be found on [www.coronavirus.gov.hk](http://www.coronavirus.gov.hk)*

### III. Restrictions on Entering Mainland China

- Since September 28, 2020, **foreign nationals holding valid Chinese residence permits for work, personal matters and reunion** are allowed to enter China with no need for applying for new visas. If the above three categories of residence permits held by foreign nationals expired after March 28, 2020, the holders may apply for relevant visas by presenting the expired residence permits and relevant materials to the Chinese embassies or consulates on the condition that the purpose of the holders' visit to China remains unchanged. The above-mentioned personnel shall strictly abide by the Chinese regulations on epidemic prevention and control.
- On March 26, 2020, the Civil Aviation Administration of China announced that **every Chinese airline** is allowed to maintain only one route to any specific country, with only one flight per week. **Selected foreign airlines** are allowed to maintain one route to China with no more than one weekly flight. Since June 8, 2020, **all foreign airlines** are allowed to choose from a list of approved cities to operate one international passenger flight a week.

- **Guangdong and Shenzhen** requires all inbound travellers (including travellers from Hong Kong, Macao, and Taiwan, and transit passengers), regardless of onward destination, to take COVID-19 nucleic acid tests and undergo 14 days quarantine.
- Since April 28, 2020, travellers entering via **Shenzhen ports** are required to stay at a designated quarantine centre for 14 days for medical observation.
- Since July 17, 2020, everyone must present valid proof of a **negative COVID-19 nucleic acid test result issued by a testing institution recognised by the HKSAR Government**. Exceptions granted to people who have got prior approval for performing essential official and business duties, cross-boundary goods vehicle drivers, cross-boundary students, and those who come under the mutual recognition of compulsory quarantine by Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao. Negative test result will be considered valid only if it is within 72 hours of sample collection.

People without acceptable proof will be **refused entry to Guangdong**. If they have to re-enter Hong Kong after being barred from the Mainland, they will be subject to compulsory quarantine of 14 days.

- On July 21, 2020, the Civil Aviation Administration of China, General Administration of Customs and Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced that **all airport arrivals from overseas** will be required to undergo nucleic acid tests up to five days before departure at health centres designated or recognised by Chinese embassies overseas. Chinese embassies will evaluate the nucleic acid testing capacities of the countries in which they are located.
- From August 17, 2020, all **passengers travelling from Hong Kong to Beijing** are required to present a valid proof of a negative COVID-19 nucleic acid test result issued by a testing institution recognised by the HKSAR Government. The test must be within seven days before boarding the flight to Beijing. Please check with airlines for details.
- Special measures for **cross-boundary goods vehicle drivers** by Guangdong and Shenzhen. More details can be found on:
  - <https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202007/27/P2020072700612.htm>
  - <https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202008/07/P2020080600802.htm>
  - [http://wjw.gz.gov.cn/ztl/xxfyyqfk/fktzgg/content/post\\_6516404.html](http://wjw.gz.gov.cn/ztl/xxfyyqfk/fktzgg/content/post_6516404.html) (Chinese only)
  - [http://ka.sz.gov.cn/xxgk/qt/tzgg/content/post\\_7978176.html](http://ka.sz.gov.cn/xxgk/qt/tzgg/content/post_7978176.html) (Chinese only)

#### IV. Travel Restrictions on Mainland China and Hong Kong by Other Places

Country/ Region	Confirmed Cases	Travel Ban/Restriction/Advisory	Flight/Cruise Suspension
Afghanistan	43240		
Albania	27830	[Jun 15] Reopens all maritime and air borders.	[Jun 15] Commercial flights resume.
Algeria	67679	[Mar 17] Closes all land borders.	[Mar 17] Government suspends all non-cargo international air and maritime travel.
Andorra	5872	[Jun 1] Lifts restrictions on entering the country via borders with France and Spain. Travellers from a region that considers as of highest risk will need to self-isolate for 15 days,	

		unless the person can prove that he/she is immune to infection.	
Angola	13451	[Mar 20] Closes its land, sea and air borders to passengers.	
Anguilla	3	[Aug 21] All travellers are required to obtain pre-travel authorisation by submitting a negative COVID-19 PCR test conducted within 3-5 days prior to arrival date and insurance which covers COVID-19 medical costs, and undergo 10-day quarantine at approved location.	
Antigua and Barbuda	134	[Aug 9] Arriving passengers by air must have a negative COVID-19 PCR test within 7 days of their flights. Passengers arriving by sea are subject to quarantine. Visitors may be required to undergo testing for COVID-19 on arrival or at the hotel or place of lodging determined by the Health Authorities.	
Argentina	1304846	[Nov] Allows entry to travellers from Brazil, Chile, Uruguay, Paraguay and Bolivia. A negative PCR test result conducted no more than 72 hours in advance is required.	[Nov] Tourists are allowed to fly to Buenos Aires only.
Armenia	117886	[Aug 12] Lifts ban on foreigners entering the country but a 14-day self-isolation is required. Travellers who choose to take a PCR test on a paid basis and receive a negative result may be exempted from self-quarantine.	
Aruba	4639	[Jun 15] Reopens borders to selected countries/regions (China and Hong Kong are not on list).	
Australia	27725	[Mar 28] Non-citizens are not allowed to enter Australia unless in an exempt category or have been granted exemption. Requires all people entering Australia to undertake a mandatory 14-day quarantine at designated facilities. [Sept 3] Extends human biosecurity emergency period and relevant measures, including restrictions on overseas travel and the entry of cruise ships into Australia, for three months until Dec 17. [Oct 16] Quarantine-free travel from New Zealand to New South Wales	[Aug 24] Qantas has not made a decision to cancel international flights after October but its regular pre-COVID-19 international network is unlikely to return until at least Jul 2021. [Oct 16] Jetstar suspends all international flights until at least the end of December.

		and the Northern Territory is possible.	
Austria	203494	[Sept 8] Allows EU, EEA or Swiss citizens to enter Austria (but COVID-related restrictions depending on the travel origin might exist including the necessity to provide a medical COVID-certificate or alternatively to undergo a 10-day quarantine). Suspends the entry by third-country nationals from outside the EU and the Schengen area, with some exceptions including D visa holders and residence in Austria.	[Jul 16] Maintains the landing ban for aircraft from "SARS-CoV-2 risk areas", including China.
Azerbaijan	75688	[Aug 31] Extends suspension of entry and exit by land and air, except for special and charter flights.	
Bahamas	7163	[Sept 1] Allows entry to visitors who apply for a Bahamas Health Visa and show proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR test taken no more than five days prior to the date of arrival. All visitors are required to quarantine for 14 days upon arrival. Another COVID-19 test is required at travellers' own expense to exit quarantine.	
Bahrain	84703	[Aug 20] Travellers are required to have COVID-19 PCR test at Bahrain International Airport and another test after their stay in Bahrain for 10 days. Compulsory 10-day quarantine will be lifted with negative test result.	
Bangladesh	434472	[Jul 7] All foreign nationals are required to have BD visa and to produce a COVID-19 negative medical certificate issued within 72 hours of the trip. Visa on arrival is restricted.	[Jul 7] Scheduled international commercial passenger flights to or from Hong Kong are allowed to land at any airport in Bangladesh. [Sept 1] Scheduled international passenger flights to or from China are permitted to operate.
Barbados	249	[Jul 12] Reopens borders to international travel. Persons travelling from countries within the Very Low-Risk category, including China, who have not travelled to or transited through any country designated as High, Medium or Low-Risk within 21 days prior to travel to Barbados, are not required	

		to take a COVID-19 PCR test prior to or on arrival.	
Belarus	114185	[Sept 10] Travellers must complete a questionnaire upon arrival. Quarantine of 14 days is exempted for passengers from selected countries, including China.	
Belgium	535843	[Aug 1] Travellers from all countries outside the EU and Schengen are required to conduct COVID-19 test and undergo mandatory quarantine.	
Belize	4783	[Oct 1] Foreign tourists should take a negative PCR test within 72 hours of boarding flights. Approved transportation and tours operated by approved operators and guides should be hired.	[Oct 1] Philip Goldson International Airport reopens for commercial flights.
Benin	2844	[May 12] Mandatory COVID-19 testing is required for all arriving airline passengers. Passengers will be required to undergo self-isolation for at least 48 hours until results have been confirmed negative, and may be subject to additional testing after 15 days.	
Bermuda	222	[Sept 9] Travellers should apply for a Bermuda COVID-19 Travel Authorisation 1 to 3 days before departure. Visitors must provide a proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR test taken no more than 7 days before departure.	
Bhutan	375	[Sept 7] All foreigners must produce a COVID-19 negative certificate from a certified laboratory not earlier than 72 hours prior to departure, and undergo mandatory facility quarantine for 21 days.	
Bolivia	143181	[Mar 17] Closes its borders to non-residents.	[Mar 17] Government suspends all international flights.
Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba	155	[Jul 2] Travellers must have been in one of the low risk countries for at least 14 consecutive days immediately prior to the trip. Travellers are strongly advised to take a PCR-test maximum 72 hours before arrival, or will have to go in the Quarantine Centre on their own costs for 14 days.	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	71959	[Sept 12] Reopens borders to foreigners who have a negative test	

		for COVID-19 not older than 48 hours.	
Botswana	8225	[Nov 9] Travellers are required to present a valid 72-hour negative COVID-19 PCR test result.	[Nov 9] Resumes air travel at Sir Seretse Khama International Airport, Kasane International Airport and Maun International Airport.
Brazil	5848959	[Aug 26] Extends suspension of all foreign nationals' entry by land or waterway. [Oct 2] Entry by air is permitted to all foreign nationals provided all migratory obligations, such as visas, when applicable, are met. For stays exceeding 90 days, proof of health insurance is required.	
British Virgin Islands	72	[Jun 2] Reopens border to foreigners on phases. Quarantine at a government or alternate site for 14 days is needed for travellers who show symptoms of COVID-19. [Dec 1] Reopens borders to visitors.	
Brunei Darussalam	148	[Sept 15] Allows entry to foreign nationals who are on essential business and official travel, seeking medical treatment or studying in Brunei, as well as compassionate circumstances where they have immediate family members who are Brunei citizens or residents.	[Feb 15] Royal Brunei Airlines suspends flights to Mainland China. [Mar 4] Royal Brunei Airlines reduces flights to Hong Kong.
Bulgaria	98251	[Aug 11] Opens border to travellers from the UAE, EU, the UK, Northern Ireland, Schengen Agreement States, Algeria, Australia, Canada, Georgia, Japan, Morocco, New Zealand, Rwanda, Republic of Korea, Thailand, Tunisia, Eastern Republic of Uruguay without PCR test, and they are not subject to 14-day quarantine.	
Burkina Faso	2641	[Aug 1] All international travellers are required to present a negative COVID 19 test certificate dated no more than 5 days prior to departure. A rapid COVID-19 test will be performed at the airport for passengers without a negative COVID-19 test proof, and the passenger will be detained until results are available. All land borders remain closed.	[Aug 1] Ouagadougou and Bobo airports return to normal operations.

Burundi	630	[Nov 8] Travellers should provide proof of negative result of the test to COVID-19 done 72 hours before boarding. They will be screened and quarantined for 72 hours upon arrival.	[Nov 8] Reopens Melchior Ndadaye International airport.
Cabo Verde	9822	[Oct 12] Reopens borders to visitors with a proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR test result.	[Aug 1] Limited flights operate. [Oct 12] Resumes commercial air and maritime passenger traffic.
Cambodia	303	[May 20] Lifts entry bans on six countries (China is not included) with entry requirements including negative COVID-19 health certificate, medical insurance, another COVID-19 test upon arrival and undergo 14-day self-quarantine. Foreign travellers need to obtain a visa from a Cambodian embassy as e-visas and visa-on-arrival services are still suspended. [Aug 17] All diplomats and international organisation officials are required to possess a COVID-19 negative health certificate issued by health authorities, recognised and certified by home countries 72 hours prior to the departure; those who are Visa A and Visa B holders are required to conduct a test upon arrival in Cambodia.	
Cameroon	22692	[Mar 18] Closes all its borders.	
Canada	291931	[Apr 22] Foreign nationals arriving from Canada-US borders and without COVID-19 symptoms are allowed to enter for essential travel. [Jun 8] Foreign nationals who are immediate family members of Canadian citizens and permanent residents, and who do not have COVID-19 or any symptoms of the disease are exempt from the prohibition on entry to Canada if entering to be with an immediate family member for a period of at least 15 days. Foreign nationals who are admitted into Canada pursuant to this exemption must quarantine for 14 days.	[Oct 2] Air Canada to resume non-daily Toronto-HK flights.
Cayman Islands	254	[Oct 1] Allows entry to eligible visitors including permanent residents, work permit holders and	[Mar 16] Government denies entry to all cruise ships.

		their families. A quarantine of minimum period of 14 days is required.	[Mar 22] Government closes Owen Roberts International Airport and the Charles Kirkconnell International Airport to international passenger flights.
Central African Republic	4900	[Sept 9] A mandatory 21-day self-quarantine is in place for arriving international travellers.	[Sept 30] Limited international flight services resume at Bangui M'Poko International Airport.
Chad	1597	[Sept 3] Passengers must present a negative PCR test result issued at most 7 days before arrival and are subject to quarantine for 7 days.	
Chile	531273	[Nov 23] Allows foreign visitors to enter via Arturo Merino Benitez International Airport. Visitors should comply with 14-day mandatory quarantine or obtain a negative PCR test 72 hours before entry.	
Colombia	1191004	[Nov 4] Negative PCR (Covid-19) test is no longer required to enter but it is mandatory to fill out the online migration form, 'Check-Mig' before entering the country.	[Sept 21] Partially reactivate international flights.
Comoros	574		
Congo	5515	[Aug 24] Opens air borders for international flights. Travellers must have a negative PCR test result issued at most 3 days before arrival. Land and river borders remain closed.	
Costa Rica	123223	[Aug 1] Travellers from selected countries/regions, including China, are authorised to enter by presenting a RT-PCR diagnostic test with a negative result taken within 72 hours and a proof of purchased Traveler's Medical Insurance.	
Côte d'Ivoire	20976	[Sept 5] All inbound airline travellers are required to present negative COVID-19 test results dated no more than 7 days before arrival and complete a health declaration form.	
Croatia	84206	[Jul 1] Allows entry to foreigners, who will be exempted from quarantine if they present a negative PCR result not older than 48 hours at the border crossing point. Tourists are also required to present a confirmation of paid accommodation in accommodation facilities.	

Cuba	7590	[Aug 10] Travellers must show a negative result of quick test carried out within 48 hours before the trip.	[Oct 5] Havana International Airport is anticipated to reopen in November.
Curaçao	1215	[Jul 1] Allows entry for travellers from medium-risk countries, including China. A negative result from a certified COVID-19 PCR-test taken within 72 hours prior to departure and printed documents of proof are required.	
Cyprus	7178	[Jun 20] Lifts travel restrictions for travellers from certain countries. Persons travelling from Category B countries, including China, are required to undergo a molecular test at a certified lab within 72 hours prior to flight departure and hold a certificate that demonstrates a negative PCR result.	[Jun 9] Resumes international air travel.
Czech Republic	460116	[Mar 16] Closes its borders to all foreigners except those who have permanent residence in the Czech Republic or more than 90 days temporary residence and persons whose entry into the Czech territory is in the Czech Republic's interest. [May 11] Non-EU citizens, specifically seasonal workers, key personnel and workers in health sector and social services are allowed to enter the Czech Republic again. [May 27] It is possible to enter the Czech Republic via Czech-Slovak land border for 48 hours without submitting a medical certificate on COVID-19 testing results or undergo a quarantine. This only applies for citizens of the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Hungary, EU citizens with temporary or permanent residence in these countries and third-country nationals with the status of a long-term European Community resident in these countries. [Sept 21] Travellers staying for more than 12 hours out of the last 14 days in any country that is not on the list of countries with a low COVID-19 risk (China and Hong Kong not on	[Feb 9] Government suspends all flights to and from Mainland China.

		the list) are required to complete an online arrival form before arrival. Exception for employees of international transport firms, EU citizens and foreigners with a long-term or permanent residence permit in the EU passing through the Czech Republic in 12 hours or less, as well as diplomats and officials of international organisations registered with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, provided that their stay does not exceed 14 days.	
Democratic Republic of the Congo	11788	[Aug 15] Reopens airports, ports, and borders.	
Denmark	62136	[Mar 14] Closes its borders to all but Danish citizens, individuals with Danish work or residency permits, and those with a recognised purpose (residence, work, delivery/collection of goods, transit).	[Mar 5] Scandinavian Airlines (SAS) suspends its flights to Hong Kong. [Sept 29] SAS resumes flights to Mainland China.
Djibouti	5649		[Jul 17] Reopens Ambouli International Airport for incoming and outgoing passenger traffic.
Dominica	68	[Aug 7] Reopens its borders.	
Dominican Republic	133724	[Sept 15] Travellers no longer need to provide a negative PCR or COVID-19 test upon arrival. Instead, airports and other ports of entry will administer a quick, aleatory breath test to 3-10% of passengers and all those who present symptoms upon arrival.	
Ecuador	180295		[Jun 1] Government approves resumption of commercial flight operations.
Egypt	110767	[Sept 1] All arriving international travellers, including Egyptian citizens, are required to present a negative PCR test certificate for COVID-19 taken prior to arrival. PCR tests must be taken within 72 hours before arrival.	
El Salvador	36358		[Sept 19] Reopens international airport.
Equatorial Guinea	5104	[Sept 25] Travellers arriving in the country, whether expatriates or nationals, have to present a negative PCR test certificate issued in the last 48 hours. Failing to do so, travellers	[Jun 15] Reopens its border to international flights.

		must take a PCR test at the airport at their own cost and self-isolate in a hotel in the city while awaiting the PCR test results.	
Eritrea	493		[Mar 25] Government bans commercial passenger flights to and from Eritrea.
Estonia	7637	[Oct 16] Allows entries to Estonian citizens, residents and their family members, and residents of a list of countries (China is not included). Foreign citizens without symptoms arriving from states not included in the list are also allowed to enter Estonia for work or studies, but are subject to 14-day restriction on freedom of movement.	
Eswatini	6095		
Ethiopia	102720	[Oct 5] International travellers coming through international airports of Ethiopia shall bring a certificate of negative RT PCR test done up to 120 hours or five days before arriving in the country, and are subject to self-quarantine at home for 7 days.	
European Union	N/A	[Jun 30] European Council adopts a recommendation on the gradual lifting of the temporary restrictions on non-essential travel into the EU. Travel restrictions are lifted for countries listed in the recommendation, including China, subject to confirmation of reciprocity. The list will continue to be reviewed and, as the case may be, updated every two weeks: <a href="https://reopen.europa.eu/en">https://reopen.europa.eu/en</a>	
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)	15		
Faroe Islands	498	[Oct 21] Travellers residing in countries other than EU Member States, Schengen countries and the UK are not allowed to enter the Faroe Islands without a recognised reason.	
Fiji	35	[Oct 20] Approval from the Office of the Prime Minister is required for non-Fijian citizens to enter Fiji.	[Mar 20] Fiji Airways suspends all international flights. [Mar 30] Government bans foreign yacht from entering Fiji.

Finland	19315	[Oct 16] Lifts restrictions on border traffic from Schengen countries, Vatican, Australia, Korea, Japan, Rwanda, Thailand, Uruguay and New Zealand.	[Feb 6] Finnair suspends all flights to Mainland China. [Mar 19] International air travel limited to the Helsinki-Vantaa, Mararianhamina, and Turku airports.
France	1991233	[Oct 16] Travellers arriving from a list of countries (China is not included) can enter France without any COVID-19-related restrictions or paperwork. Travellers arriving from other countries can enter France if one of the criteria for exceptions is met.	[Jun 1] Air France resumes its capacity to Hong Kong
French Guiana	10844		
French Polynesia	11706		
Gabon	9062	[Jul 1] Land and sea borders remain closed.	[Jul 1] Resumes commercial air travel.
Gambia	3702	[Oct 16] Reopens its borders.	
Georgia	82835	[Jul 8] Business trips from all countries are allowed, based on a completed special form and coordination with relevant sectoral agencies. Business visitors to Georgia are obligated to complete a PCR test for COVID-19 at their own expense every 72 hours, or complete a mandatory 14-day quarantine, also at their own expense.	
Germany	801327	[Oct 9] Allows unrestricted entry for residents of a list of countries, which is to be expanded to include China as soon as the possibility of mutual entry is confirmed.	[Jan 29] Lufthansa suspends its own, Swiss and Austrian Airlines flights to Mainland China. [Feb 14] Deutsche Post stops sending packages to China, including Hong Kong and Macao.
Ghana	50123	[Sept 1] Land and sea borders remain closed until further notice.	[Sept 1] Reopens Accra Kotoka International Airport for regular international passenger travel.
Gibraltar	887		
Greece	74205	[Jul 1] Allows entry to residents from a list of countries, including China, subject to confirmation of reciprocity.	
Greenland	17	[Sept 30] Citizens from countries classified as open by the Danish Police (China is not included) are allowed to enter Greenland.	
Grenada	33	[Jul 31] Allows entry to travellers from Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States countries,	

		Caribbean Community countries, the UK, Canada.	
Guadeloupe	8181		
Guam	6010		
Guatemala	114885	[Mar 17] Closes its borders.	
Guernsey	282		
Guinea	12611		
Guinea-Bissau	2419		
Guyana	4794		[Oct 12] Reopens Cheddi Jagan International Airport. [Oct 14] Reopens Eugene F. Correia International Airport.
Haiti	9179	[Jul 1] The land border with the Dominican Republic is open to pedestrian and vehicular traffic.	[Jul 1] Commercial airlines resumes regular flight services to and from Haiti.
Holy See	26		
Honduras	102555		[Aug 17] Resumes international flights.
Hungary	147456	[Sept 1] Closed its borders to foreigners. Exceptions will be made for convoys of soldiers, some business people, some cross-border commuters, transit traffic, and diplomats. Citizens of the Czech Republic, Poland, and Slovakia will also be exempted if they can produce a negative coronavirus test from no more than five days earlier. Hungarians returning from abroad after Sept 1 will be required to produce two negative COVID-19 tests, 48 hours apart, to be exempted from a mandatory 14-day quarantine. [Sept 5] Foreigners granted entry into Hungary based on exemptions from the entry prohibition regulations can apply for exemption from the mandatory 14-day quarantine by producing two negative COVID-19 tests within 5 days, 48 hours apart. The public health authority accepts the first test result of PCR tests if it is taken in a Schengen State, the United States or Canada (before entering Hungary).	
Iceland	5189	[Mar 20] Foreign nationals, except EU/EEA, EFTA or UK nationals, are not allowed to enter Iceland, but those with immigration status in	

		Iceland or another Schengen State, or those who have family members in the same countries, are allowed to enter Iceland.	
India	8874290	<p>[Aug 17] Foreign nationals holding journalist visa (J-1) and their dependents holding J-1X visa are permitted to enter India. All suspended J-1 and J-1X visas are restored, and if the validity of such visas has expired, the visa holder may obtain a fresh visa from the Indian Missions/Posts concerned.</p> <p>[Oct 22] Permits all "Overseas Citizens of India" and "Persons of Indian Origin" card holders and all other foreign nationals (including their dependants on appropriate category of dependent visa) intending to visit India for any purpose, except on a Tourist Visa, to enter by air or water routes through authorised airports and seaport immigration check posts. All such travellers should strictly adhere to the guidelines regarding quarantine and other COVID-19 matters which were effective from Aug 8.</p> <p>[Oct 22] Restore all existing visas (except e-Visa, Tourist Visa and Medical Visa). If the validity of such visas has expired, fresh visas of appropriate categories can be obtained from Indian Mission and Posts concerned.</p> <p>[Nov 5] All travellers should submit self-declaration form on online portal (<a href="http://www.newdelhiaairport.in">www.newdelhiaairport.in</a>) at least 72 hours before the scheduled travel and give an undertaking to undergo facility / home quarantine / self-monitoring of their health for 14 days, or as warranted. Travellers may seek exemption from quarantine by submitting a negative report of the RT-PCR test, which is conducted within 72 hours prior to undertaking the journey. For those arriving without an RT-PCR negative certificate may avail the facility available at the airports to undergo</p>	

		RT-PCR testing. All travellers opting for exemption from institutional quarantine shall undertake self-monitoring of their health. Those without RT-PCR negative certificate and not opting for RT-PCR test at airport will have to undergo mandatory 7-day institutional quarantine and 7-day home quarantine.	
Indonesia	467113	[Apr 2] Bans all arrivals and transits by foreigners, except for those with stay permits and some diplomatic visits.	[Apr 24] Government bans commercial and charter passenger flights, with exceptions including international flights to repatriate Indonesian citizens and foreigners, and sea transportation.
Iran	775121	[Sept 2] All foreign nationals and Iranian citizens who have stayed outside Iran for more than two weeks are required to submit a negative COVID-19 test (PCR) report in English. The report must not be older than 96 hours. Otherwise, Iran Air will refuse to accept the passenger, and the other travellers who fail to present the COVID-19 negative report will be deported to the country of origin.	[Jan 31] Government bans all flights to and from China.
Iraq	519152	[Aug 15] Land borders are open to commercial traffic.	[Mar 17] Government suspends all flights to and from Iraq.
Ireland	67903	[Jul 23] Anyone travelling into Ireland from a location that is not on the COVID-19 Green List, including China, are requested to restrict their movements for 14 days.	
Isle of Man	363		
Israel	322371	[Mar 18] Denies entry to foreign nationals who are neither citizens nor residents of Israel, with exceptions.	[Jan 31] El Al Israel Airlines suspends its flight to Beijing. [Feb 13] El Al Israel Airlines suspends its flight to Hong Kong.
Italy	1205881	[Feb 22] Any person who has been in China, including Hong Kong and Macao, in the past 14 days is required to be under self-isolation at home or other selected accommodation. Alternative measures of equal force will apply if self-isolation does not prove feasible. [Sept 9] Permits entry to Hong Kong citizens for specific reasons, namely:	[Jan 30] Government bans all flights from China, including Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan. [Feb 2] Government lifts suspension on cargo flights.

		work, health reasons, study, absolute necessity, etc. Entry for tourism is not allowed.	
Jamaica	9884	[Jun 15] Opens air and sea ports for all international travellers.	
Japan	119326	[Oct 1] Holders of statuses of residence of “Student”, “Dependent” and others, in addition to cross-border business travellers of all countries and regions will be incrementally permitted to enter Japan under the condition that the person is hosted by a company/ entity that can assure observation of quarantine measures. [Nov 1] Removes China (including Hong Kong and Macao) from the list of countries/regions which entry ban is applied to. Hong Kong and Macao residents are not required to undergo PCR tests before departure and upon arrival, but are subject to 14-day quarantine.	[Oct 1] JAL resumes flights between Tokyo and Hong Kong. [Oct 9] ANA resumes flights between Tokyo and Hong Kong.
Jersey	728		
Jordan	143678	[Sept 8] Categorises countries and regions into green, yellow and red areas with each category having its own specific requirements for travel and entry into Jordan. For passengers from green countries/regions, including Hong Kong, they must provide negative PCR test results dated within 5 days prior to arrival.	[Sept 8] Resumes international flights into Jordanian airports.
Kazakhstan	161248	[Oct 6] Requires foreign travellers to present a negative COVID-19 PCR test certificate dated no more than three days prior to their entry.	[Feb 3] Air Astana suspends all flights to China. [Feb 3] SCAT Airlines suspends all flights to China.
Kenya	70245	[Aug 1] Allows entry of passengers with negative COVID-19 test conducted within 96 hours of arrival. Travellers from the approved states, including China, are exempted from quarantine.	[Aug 1] Resumes international flights
Korea	28998	[Mar 23] Issues a time-limited Special Travel Alert for all countries and regions, urging Koreans to cancel or postpone their trips. [Apr 1] All entrants from overseas are required to undergo 14-day quarantine. Visitors without local	[Feb 19] Jeju Air suspends its flights between Jeju and Hong Kong. [Jul 1] Air Busan resumes its Busan to Hong Kong and Macao routes. [Oct] Korean Air resumes flights between Incheon and Hong Kong

		<p>addresses will stay at designated facilities at their own expense.</p> <p>[Apr 13] Suspends visa waiver programs and visa-free entry for countries/regions imposing entry bans on Korea, including Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan, with exceptions including holders of diplomat or official passport holders; suspends all short-term visas issued on or before Apr 5, except for C-4 type visas and long-term visas (work, investment etc.), and the high talents invited by the employer in Korea. All visa applicants are required to submit a medical diagnosis diagnosed from medical institutions within 48 hours of application date.</p> <p>[May 1] Implements a “fast track procedure” to streamline the entry procedures to facilitate essential economic activities between China and Korea. Business people can be exempted from the prevailing quarantine measures if they can provide a negative coronavirus result 72 hours before departure and are tested negative at fresh test upon arrival. The “fast track procedure” is adopted in the provinces of Shanghai, Tianjin, Chongqing, Liaoning, Shandong, Jiangsu, Guangdong, Shaanxi, Sichuan, and Anhui.</p> <p>[May 11] All Koreans and long-term foreigner visitors are tested for coronavirus upon their landing in Korea, even if they are asymptomatic.</p>	[Oct] Asiana Airlines resumes flights between Incheon and Hong Kong.
Kosovo	29074		
Kuwait	136840	[Mar 19] Suspends issuance of visas to all nationals except for official delegations and urgent visas; suspends online visa scheme and visa on arrival.	[Aug 1] Partial resumption of commercial flights; bans flights from 34 “high-risk” countries, including China.
Kyrgyzstan	66983	[Aug 21] Allows entry of citizens from 31 countries, including China.	

Laos	24	<p>[Oct] Travellers wishing to enter Laos must obtain COVID-19-free certification no less than 72 hours before their departure date and upon arrival. They must undergo 14-day quarantine at a venue designated by the Task Force Committee.</p> <p>Diplomats, staff of international organisations and their family members can quarantine at their residence or a venue identified by their respective embassy/ international organisation and follow strict preventive measures from the Task Force Committee.</p> <p>[Nov] Extends the suspension of tourist or visit visa issuance for those travelling from or transiting via countries with COVID-19 outbreaks till Nov 30. Diplomats, staff of international organisations, experts, investors, businesspeople, technical staff and workers deemed essential for missions in Laos can enter the country upon approval by the Task Force Committee.</p>	<p>[Mar 31] Suspends all international flights.</p> <p>[Oct] Resumes charter flights with countries where there is no community outbreak of COVID-19.</p>
Latvia	10547	[Mar 17] Closes its borders to all but Latvian citizens, Latvian residents who hold residency documentation, and other EU passport holders.	
Lebanon	105430	[Jul 31] Requires all travellers to show a negative PCR test taken within 96 hours of travel	
Lesotho	1967		
Liberia	1507	[Jun 28] Requires all travellers to present valid negative COVID-19 results or take the test at the airport.	[Jun 28] Resumes commercial flights at Roberts International Airport
Libya	73602	[Mar 16] Closes its land and air ports.	
Liechtenstein	985		
Lithuania	34758	[Mar 16] Closes its borders to all but residents of the Republic of Lithuania, diplomats, military personnel of military units of NATO and NATO countries, their staff and members of their families, drivers and members of crews in case of commercial and/or international carriage of goods, and citizens of the European Economic Area.	

Luxembourg	26544	[Mar 18] Closes its borders to third-country nationals. Exceptions include citizens of EU, UK and countries associated with the Schengen area, as well as their family members.	
Macao	46	<p>[Aug 12] Macao residents who can present a proof or a health code of a negative COVID-19 nucleic acid test result conducted within 7 days and without any travel history in the past 14 days, are exempted from the 14-day compulsory quarantine when entering the Mainland.</p> <p>[Aug 26] Zhuhai-Macao boundary checkpoints (Checkpoint of Macao Port Zone of Hengqin Port, Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Checkpoint and Border Gate Checkpoint) are reopened to vehicles of Guangdong-Macao dual licence plates with no prior reservation required.</p> <p>[Sept 4] For Mainland, Hong Kong and Taiwan residents, persons who have been to Mainland 14 days before entry are required to present a certificate of a negative result for COVID-19 nucleic acid test conducted within 7 days; those who have been to Taiwan 14 days before entry are required to present a certificate of a negative result for COVID-19 nucleic acid test conducted within 7 days and undergo 14-day medical observation at a designated place; those who have been to Hong Kong 14 days before entry are required to present a certificate of a negative result for COVID-19 nucleic acid test conducted within 24 hours and undergo 14-day medical observation at a designated place.</p> <p>[Sept 23] Issuance of the group visit endorsements and the endorsements under IVS for Mainland residents to travel to Macao by Mainland authorities resumed.</p>	[Mar 25] Government suspends all transit services at Macau International Airport.

Madagascar	17233	[Oct 1] Allows foreign travellers to enter the island of Nosy Be with a negative COVID test, but onward travel to the mainland of Madagascar is not permitted.	[Oct 29] Some regional airports – but not the main airport in the capital city of Antananarivo – reopen.
Malawi	5965	[Sept 1] Requires all travellers to present a negative COVID test obtained within 10 days of arrival, and undergo self-quarantine for 14 days.	[Sept 1] Government resumes international flights
Malaysia	47417	[Sept 16] Foreign travellers with long-term passes, including Permanent Residents, participants of Malaysia My Second Home Programme, expatriates holding the Employment Pass Category I, II or III, holders of Residence Pass-Talent, holders of Professional Visit Pass and their dependants, and foreign students, may enter Malaysia with an approval by the Immigration Department of Malaysia. [Oct 8] Allows dependants (including foreign maids) of expatriates who are holding a valid long-term pass and/or has obtained pass approval application to enter Malaysia.	[Jan 30] Sabah state government suspends all flights from China, including scheduled and chartered flights.
Maldives	12204	[Jul 15] Opens its borders to all international tourists. Tourists will not be required to submit any medical test results or be subject to any quarantine measures.	
Mali	3900		
Malta	7917	[Jul 11] Allows entry to travellers from a list of specified countries, including China, with no quarantine / special permits required.	[Jul 1] Reopens Malta International Airport and resumes commercial flights between Malta and certain destinations. The list of destinations is monitored regularly and reviewed if necessary.
Marshall Islands	1		
Martinique	4732		
Mauritania	7885		
Mauritius	470	[Oct 1] Opens its borders to Mauritian nationals, residents and tourists travelling to Mauritius for long stays. Travellers are required to present certificate of negative COVID-19 PCR test result administered not more than 7 days	[Jan 31] Air Mauritius suspends the only flight to Mainland China.

		prior to the date of boarding at the last point of embarkation, . and are subject to a 14-day quarantine.	
Mayotte	4943		[Mar 20] Government bans flights with passengers coming for tourism, family visits, and family ceremonies.
Mexico	1003253		
Monaco	548	[Jun 25] Any person, regardless of nationality, who enters the Principality and does not come from European Area are required to contact the COVID-19 Call Centre prior to travel.	
Mongolia	428	[Oct 28] Suspends entry of all foreign passengers through all border checkpoints until Dec 31, with some exceptions including D visa holders, residence of Monogolia, international freight transport drivers and railway train personnel of Mongolia, Russian and China. All passengers arriving in Mongolia will be placed under quarantine for 21 days at designated facilities upon arrival.	
Montenegro	27118	[Jul 27] Allows entry to travellers from a list of specified countries, including China, without additional restrictions.	
Montserrat	13	[Mar 18] Anyone travelling to Montserrat is required to be under 14-day quarantine. [Mar 26] Closes its borders to all but Montserratians and residents, crew members, and immediate family or dependant of the aforementioned categories.	
Morocco	293177	[Sept 10] Allows entry to foreign nationals of visa-exempt countries/regions, including Hong Kong, with reservations with Moroccan hotels or travel agencies, and business people invited by Moroccan companies.	[Jan 31] Royal Air Maroc suspends all flights to China.
Mozambique	14448	[Jan 28] Suspends issuance of visas to Chinese nationals.	
Myanmar	70161	[Mar 25] All foreign travellers are required to present laboratory evidence of absence of COVID-19 infection and are subject to a 14-day facility quarantine. Diplomats are	[Oct 26] Government bans all international commercial flights, except for repatriation, relief and cargo flights, until Nov 30.

		required to present laboratory evidence of absence of COVID-19 infection and are required to be under 14-day home quarantine. [Mar 29] Suspends issuance of all visas and visa exemptions for foreign nationals and bans all international commercial passenger flights. All incoming people are subject to 21 days state quarantine and then 7 days home quarantine.	
Namibia	13508	[Sept 1] Allows international tourists to enter Namibia through Hosea Kutako International airport only. Any person entering Namibia must present proof of a negative result of COVID-19 test taken within 72 hours before arrival.	[Sept 11] Some commercial flights are tentatively scheduled to commence.
Nepal	209776	[Sept 10] Denies entry to all foreigners except diplomatic, international organisation, and some international non-governmental organisation personnel.	[Sept 1] Government allows Mainland China, Hong Kong, Australia, Canada, countries of Europe, Japan, Malaysia, South Korea, the USA and the United Arab Emirates to have regular flights to and from Nepal while abiding by certain health measures. [Sept 2] Eight foreign carriers and two domestic carriers resume international flights.
New Caledonia	30	[Sept 14] Closes all borders.	[Sept 14] Suspends all flights to New Caledonia until March 27, 2021.
New Zealand	1645	[Aug 30] Denies entry to travellers. Exceptions include New Zealand residents and citizens (and their children and partners) and people with specific grounds for exemption, such as being essential workers or for medical reasons.	[Oct 25] Air New Zealand will resume international flights, including flights to and from Hong Kong.
Nicaragua	4533		
Niger	1307	[Aug 1] Denies entry to travellers except Nigerien nationals, persons with valid residency and foreign nationals with valid visas. Requires a negative COVID test certificate less than 72 hours old for people who are eligible for entry.	[Aug 1] Resumes commercial international flights into Niger's international airports.
Nigeria	65148	[Sept 5] Requires all new arrivals to the country to self-isolate at one location for at least 7 days.	[Sept 5] International commercial flights resume.

North Korea	0	[Jan 21] Closes its borders to all foreign tourists.	[Jan 31] Government suspends all flights and trains to and from China.
North Macedonia	47050	[Mar 17] Closes its land borders and Skopje International Airport to all but Macedonian citizens, diplomats, and people with special permissions.	
Northern Mariana Islands	102		
Norway	27226	[Jul 15] Lifts restrictions on entry into Norway for residents in the Schengen area/EEA that have an acceptable level of infection.	
Oman	120389	[Oct 11] Denies entry except nationals of Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates and passengers with a resident visa issued by Oman.	[Oct 11] Oman Air suspends flights with exceptions from certain countries (China not included).
Pakistan	356904	[Sept 14] Closes land borders with Afghanistan, India and Iran. If travelling by air, travellers would be subject to screening for COVID-19 symptoms on arrival. [Oct 5] Requires international travellers to present a mandatory negative COVID-19 RT-PCR test result taken within 96 hours of the travel date. A list of countries, including China, are exempted from the mandatory testing.	
Palestine	75326		
Palau	0	[Aug 25] Requires all individuals travelling from COVID-19 affected areas to present a negative COVID-19 test result at least 72 hours prior to arrival in Palau.	[Mar 26] Government suspends all commercial air travel to Palau.
Panama	145309	[Mar 16] Closes its borders to all but Panamanian citizens and residents and travellers in transit.	[Mar 13] Government bans all cruise ship passengers from disembarking. [Mar 22] Government suspends all international passenger flights.
Papua New Guinea	602	[Oct 3] Travellers should get approval from the Controller's Office and present negative result of PCR test taken within 7 days prior to travel. Travellers, except from certain South Pacific countries, must quarantine at a hotel for 14 days upon arrival.	[Oct 3] International flights to and from Australia, Singapore, Hong Kong, Japan and the Solomon Islands resume.

Paraguay	71065	[Mar 24] Closes its borders for entry of travellers.	
Peru	934899	[Oct 28] Requires foreign travellers to comply with quarantine upon arrival if they cannot present a negative result of PCR test taken within 72 hours before check-in.	[Oct 28] Resumes international flights of up to 8 hours.
Poland	712972	[Jun 13] Restores full border traffic within the internal borders of the European Union. The restrictions, including the limitations concerning the entry of foreigners into Poland and quarantine, still apply at the external borders of the EU.	[Oct 28] The list of countries from which civil aircrafts performing international flights are banned from landing is increased to 34 (China is not on the list)
Portugal	217301		[Aug 24] Air travel to and from Portugal is allowed to European Union countries, Schengen Associated Countries, and the UK, Australia, Canada, China, South Korea, Georgia, Japan, Morocco, New Zealand, Rwanda, Thailand, Tunisia and Uruguay.
Puerto Rico	42479	[Sept 15] Requires travellers to demonstrate a negative COVID-19 test result, taken no more than 72 hours prior to departure.	
Qatar	135785	[Aug 1] Requires arrivals from low-risk countries, including China, to take a COVID-19 test upon arrival at the airport, and to quarantine at home for a week. [Oct 22] Hong Kong and Macao added to Green List for low-risk countries and regions. Travellers are required to comply with the above requirements.	[Aug 3] Qatar Airways gradually resumes international flights.
Republic of Moldova	89279	[Oct 23] Denies entry to foreigners from “red zone” countries (China is not included), with some exceptions.	
Réunion	6881		[Mar 20] Government bans flights with passengers coming for tourism, family visits, and family ceremonies.
Romania	360281	[Mar 22] Denies entry to foreign citizens, with some exceptions.	[Sept 10] Eases commercial flight and travel restrictions to countries with documented COVID-19 case reductions.
Russia	1948603	[Sept 4] Bans entry of foreign nationals with a few exceptions.	[Sept 4] Government allows regular international flights to resume, but only to destinations that have met benchmarks for containing the spread of COVID-19. Limited

			numbers of flights are available to other locations. Air travel remains erratic and subject to cancellations.
Rwanda	5455	[Sept 2] Requires travellers to present a negative PCR COVID-19 test certificate for a test taken no more than 120 hours before their initial flight.	[Sept 2] The Kigali International Airport is open with limited scheduled flights.
Samoa	0	[Mar 21] Denies entry to international travellers who are not citizen or resident of Samoa.	[Mar 26] Government suspends all flight movements.
Saint Barthélemy	109	[Sept 9] Requires arriving passengers to carry out a PCR test 72 hours before their departure.	
Saint Kitts and Nevis	19	[Sept 9] Opens borders for return of nationals and residents including students of the international universities only.	
Saint Lucia	162	[Sept 15] Opens borders to visitors from all countries.	[Mar 23] Government closes airports to all incoming commercial and private flights.
Saint Martin	655	[Sept 15] Requires all travellers originating from a region that is categorised as high or moderate risk to take a RT-PCR test within 120 hours prior to departure. Hong Kong is considered as a high-risk region.	
Saint Pierre and Miquelon	14		
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	78	[Oct 25] Requires travellers to present a negative result of COVID-19 test done no more than five days before arrival.	
San Marino	1290		
São Tomé and Príncipe	965	[Sept 11] Requires all air passengers to present a negative PCR test taken in the 72 hours prior to their arrival.	[Jul 16] Reopens its airspace to international flights.
Saudi Arabia	353255	[Feb 6] Suspends travel to China, including Hong Kong and Macao for Saudi citizens and non-Saudi residents; stops issuing visas to PRC, HKSAR, Macao SAR, and Taiwan passport holders and residents.	[Sept 15] International flights resume.

		[Sept 15] Denies entry to citizens, residents and tourists, except in exceptional cases. [Oct 8] All travellers over 8 years of age must present a negative result of COVID-19 test conducted within 72 hours prior to boarding.	
Senegal	15793	[Sept 8] Requires travellers to present an original COVID-19 test certificate showing a negative result.	
Serbia	84568	[Aug 14] Requires all foreigners to provide a negative PCR test result.	
Seychelles	158		[Aug 1] Seychelles International Airport is open for scheduled commercial flights. Government only allows passengers from permitted countries published by the Public Health Authority, including China, to enter the country.
Sierra Leone	2391		
Singapore	58130	[Oct 14] Travellers from Hong Kong join those from low risk countries/regions in being allowed to undergo a reduced seven-day Stay-Home Notice (SHN). They can serve the SHN at their place of residence instead of a designated SHN facility. [Nov 6] Denies entry to short-term visitors, except those from Mainland China, Brunei Darussalam, New Zealand, Australia and Vietnam. Visitors must undergo a COVID-19 PCR test upon arrival at the airport. They will not need to serve SHN if the result is negative.	[Jun 2] Travellers will gradually be allowed to transit through Changi Airport. Only passengers travelling with an airline whose transfer route has been approved will be allowed to transit/transfer at Changi Airport, according to the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore. [Sept] Singapore Airlines operates daily Singapore-Hong Kong flights.
Sint Maarten	914	[Aug 10] Allows entry to passengers arriving from China, including Hong Kong, with health declaration form and negative COVID-19 test result.	
Slovakia	86767	[Nov 15] Introduces a compulsory COVID-19 test on its borders. People entering the country will either have to produce a negative test no older than 3 days or undergo testing at the respective border check-point.	
Slovenia	55042	[Oct 23] Travellers arriving from green or orange countries, including China, may enter Slovenia with no restrictions.	[May 12] Passenger air transport to international airports in Slovenia is permitted.

Solomon Islands	16		
Somalia	4301		[Mar 18] Government bans all flights other than humanitarian flights. [Sept 6] Qatar Airways resumes three-weekly flights to Mogadishu, Somalia.
South Africa	751024	[Oct 4] Reinstates free visas for travellers from countries/places, including Hong Kong. International travellers will need to present a negative Covid-19 test result that is no more than 72 hours old or face a mandatory 10-day quarantine.	[Oct 1] Johannesburg's OR Tambo, Durban's King Shaka and Cape Town International Airports reopen for international travel movement.
South Sudan	3012		
Spain	1496864		[Jan 31] Iberia suspends the only flight to Mainland China.
Sri Lanka	17287	[Mar 12] Suspends issuance of visas on arrival to all visitors.	[Mar 19] Government suspends all international airports to arriving international commercial passenger flights.
Sudan	14626	[Mar 16] Closes its borders, seaports, land crossings and airports.	
Suriname	5274	[Mar 14] Closes all ports of entry including airports, border ferry crossings, and land borders.	
Sweden	177355	[Mar 19] Denies entry to foreign nationals arriving from a country not part of the EEA or Switzerland. Exceptions include EEA or Swiss citizens.	
Switzerland	256186	[Jun 15] Reopens borders to all EU/EFTA states and the UK. [Jul 20] Expands the list of countries subject to normal requirements for entering Switzerland.	
Syrian Arab Republic	6684		
Taiwan	603	[Jun 29] Allows foreign nationals to apply for entry permits. Hong Kong and Macao citizens can apply for entry under the following circumstances: special humanitarian considerations and emergency assistance, business activities, and internal transfers from multinational companies; those who have obtained residence permits as spouses or children of Taiwanese citizens or for economic and trade exchanges.	[Jun 25] Government allows air passengers to transit through Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport, subject to certain restrictions.

		[Sept 9] Adds Hong Kong to the list of medium-risk countries/regions. Hong Kong travellers visiting Taiwan for business purpose are eligible to undergo a shorter quarantine period of 7 days.	
Tajikistan	11610		[Mar 19] Government closes all airports.
Thailand	3878	[Mar 13] Thai Embassy in New Delhi: Suspends visas-on-arrival for nationals and/or holders of passports/travel documents of Bulgaria, Bhutan, China, Chinese Taipei, Cyprus, Ethiopia, Fiji, Georgia, India, Kazakhstan, Malta, Mexico, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Uzbekistan and Vanuatu. Suspends visa exemption for nationals and/or holders of passports/travel documents of Italy, Korea and Hong Kong. [Mar 26] Emergency decree bans foreigners from entering the country, except for shippers, drivers, pilots and others permitted by the Prime Minister. [May 16] Removes Mainland China, Hong Kong, Macao and Korea from the list of Dangerous Disease Zones.	[April 15] Temporarily bans all international flights to Thailand, except state or military aircraft, emergency landing, technical landing without disembarkation, humanitarian aid, medical and relief flights, repatriation flights and cargo flights. All incoming people will be subjected to 14 days state quarantine. [Jul 1] Permit for passenger aircraft will be given for flying over, flying into or out of, and taking off or landing at an international airport in Thailand only if the passengers or persons on board belongs to specific categories.
The Netherlands	447335	[Mar 19] Restricts all non-essential travel of persons from third countries, with some exceptions.	[Apr 24] Government lifts the ban on incoming flights.
The Philippines	407838	[Mar 22] Denies entry to foreigners with visas issued by Philippine Foreign Service Posts. Visas previously issued to foreign spouses and children of Filipino nationals, as well as accredited foreign government and international organisation officials and their dependents remain valid. Visa-free privileges for holders of Hong Kong and Macao passports are suspended.	
Timor-Leste	30	[Mar 19] Denies entry to all foreign citizens who in the last four weeks have departed or transited through countries with registered cases of infection by COVID-19.	
Togo	2605		

Trinidad and Tobago	6077	[Mar 22] Closes its borders to both nationals and non-nationals.	
Tunisia	80404	[Jun 27] Reopens its sea, land and air borders to countries with low to medium prevalence of the epidemic, including China.	
Turkey	414278	[Jun 11] Revokes regulation on restricting entry/exit of Turkish citizens and foreign nationals to Turkey by air, land and sea, except the provisions for passenger entry/exit through land border gates with Iran. All arriving passengers are examined and are tested if they have any symptoms.	[Jun 11] All flights are allowed from/to any Turkish aerodromes. [Jun 25] Turkish Airlines resumes Hong Kong-Istanbul flights.
Turks and Caicos Islands	720	[May 15] Turks and Caicos Islanders, permanent residents who ordinarily reside on the Islands, and Residence Permit holders who are married to Turks and Caicos Islanders are allowed to enter into the islands by international air travel. [July 22] Reopens to all travellers with a negative COVID-19 PCR test result within five days of travel.	
Uganda	16020	[Oct 1] Reopens all borders and allows entry to international tourists with a negative PCR COVID-19 test certificate conducted within 72 hours prior to arrival.	
Ukraine	545689	[Sept 28] Allows travellers from “green zone” countries, including China, to enter without quarantine.	[Jun 15] Resumes international scheduled passenger flights.
United Arab Emirates	150345	[Jun 1] Allows foreign nationals holding valid residence visa to return to the UAE. [Nov 2] Tourists travelling to Dubai from a list of countries/regions, including Mainland China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan, must present a negative COVID-19 PCR test certificate that is valid for 96 hours from the date of the test before departure - except for transit passengers unless it is mandated by their country of origin or final destination.	
United Kingdom	1390681	[Jul 10] Travellers arriving from selected destinations, including Hong Kong and Macao, are able to enter England without needing to	

		self-isolate, unless they have been in or transited through non-exempt countries in the preceding 14 days.	
United Republic of Tanzania	509	[Aug 5] Allows all travelers for entry without 14-day mandatory quarantine.	
United States	10984398	[Jun 22] Suspends H-1B visas for skilled workers, L visas for executives, managers and specialized workers being transferred within a company, H-2B visas for seasonal workers, J visas for cultural exchange, including interns, trainees, teachers, camp counselors, au pairs and people participating in a summer work travel program, and blocks family members who would accompany workers on such visas, with some exemptions. [Aug 6] CDC issues Level 3 travel health notice for the Mainland China and Hong Kong: Avoid Nonessential Travel. [Sept 14] State Dept adjusts travel advisory for China, including Hong Kong, to Level 3: Reconsider Travel due to COVID-19 and arbitrary enforcement of local laws.	
Uruguay	3957	[Sept] All travellers are subject to 7- to 14-day quarantine upon arrival.	
Uzbekistan	70243	[Oct 1] Allows travellers from the countries of the “green” zone, including China, except for persons with symptoms, to enter Uzbekistan without any restrictions.	[Feb 1] Uzbekistan Airways suspends flights to and from China.
Vanuatu	1		
Venezuela	96933		
Vietnam	1283	[Mar 22] No entry and visa suspension for all foreign nationals until further notice, except for those travelling for official or diplomatic purposes who must undergo medical checks and 14-day quarantine upon arrival in Vietnam. The travel ban also applies to those who currently hold visas or visa letters. [Sept] Lifts 14-day mandatory quarantine for foreign experts,	[Jul] Vietnam Airlines partially resumes flight services connecting Vietnam and Mainland China, Hong Kong and Taiwan. [Sept 15] Vietnam resumes four air routes to Guangzhou, Taiwan, Seoul and Tokyo from Sep 15, and two air routes to Phnom Penh and Vientiane from Sep 22.

		investors, managers and diplomats entering the country for less than 14 days. All entrants must fully comply with the country's regulations on COVID-19 prevention and control. Those who enter Vietnam for diplomatic and official purposes must have international insurance papers or organisations that will bear all treatment expenses if they contract COVID-19 in Vietnam. [Sept 15] Diplomatic and official passport holders, experts, investors, business managers, high-tech workers and their family members arriving from Guangzhou, Taiwan, Seoul, Tokyo, Phnom Penh and Vientiane are required to present a certificate of negative COVID-19 RT-PCR test result issued within three days prior to departure for Vietnam and upon arrival. People tested negative for COVID-19 twice can shorten their quarantine period to five days. After that, they will self-isolate in offices, designated hotels or regulated accommodation establishments with health supervision from local authorities.	
Wallis and Futuna	1		
Yemen	2072		[Mar 18] Government suspends all flights to and from airports under its control.
Zambia	17123		
Zimbabwe	8829	[Oct 1] Allows travellers arriving at airports with a negative PCR COVID-19 test result within 48 hours from date of departure for entry.	

## V. Travel Restrictions Imposed by Cruise Lines

Cruise Line	Restriction
Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) global cruise lines: AIDA Cruises, American Cruise Lines, Azamara, Carnival Cruise Line, Celebrity Cruises, Celestyal Cruises, Costa Cruises, Crystal Cruises, Cunard Line, Disney Cruise Line, Holland America Line, MSC Cruises, Mystic Cruises, Norwegian Cruise Line, Oceania	[Mar 8] CLIA Members are to deny boarding to (i) all persons who have travelled from, visited or transited via airports in South Korea, Iran, China, including Hong Kong and Macao, and any municipality in Italy subject to lockdown (quarantine) measures by the Italian Government within 14 days prior to embarkation; and (ii) all

<p>Cruises, Pearl Seas Cruises, PONANT Yacht Cruises and Expeditions, Princess Cruises, Regent Seven Seas Cruises, Royal Caribbean International, Scenic Luxury Cruises and Tours, Seabourn, SeaDream Yacht Club, Silversea Cruises, TUI Cruises, Virgin Voyages, Windstar Cruises</p>	<p>persons who, within 14 days prior to embarkation, have had contact with, or helped care for, anyone suspected or diagnosed as having COVID-19, or who are currently subject to health monitoring for possible exposure to COVID-19. [Aug 5] CLIA ocean-going cruise line members voluntarily suspend U.S. cruise operations until at least October 31, 2020.</p>
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## VI. WHO recommendations for international traffic in relation to COVID-19 outbreak

[Jul 30] Many countries have halted some or all international travel since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic but now have plans to re-open travel.

WHO recommends that priority should be given to essential travel for emergencies, humanitarian actions (including emergency medical flights and medical evacuation), travel of essential personnel (including emergency responders and providers of public health technical support, critical personnel in transport sector such as seafarers and diplomatic officers), and repatriation. Cargo transport should also be prioritised for essential medical, food and energy supplies. Sick travellers and persons at risk including elderly travellers and people with chronic diseases or underlying health conditions, should delay or avoid travelling internationally to and from areas with community transmission.

There is no “zero risk” when considering the potential importation or exportation of cases in the context of international travel. Therefore, thorough and continuous risk assessment and management will help identify, reduce and mitigate those risks, while balancing the socio-economic consequences of travel measures (or temporary restrictions) against potential adverse public health consequences.

<https://www.who.int/news-room/articles-detail/public-health-considerations-while-resuming-international-travel>

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