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ATPI Alerts Travel Opportunities per Country during Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Dear Valued Client,

The world is still changing by the hour during this COVID pandemic outbreak. Many travel bans are being eased or lifted and other countries still extend or expand their current travel bans. Airlines slowly start up their network again, although with lower capacity. Our 3-weekly update informs you in short about the latest information.

Update on Philippines travel restrictions

Reference to the latest PH travel restrictions, updated list of restricted countries to enter the Philippines are travelers from India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bangladesh and Pakistan. The restrictions apply to all Filipino including Overseas Filipino Workers (OFW) and Seafarers.
Transiting Filipino and Foreigners through India, Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh shall be accepted to enter the Philippines subject to conditions.

Update on marine/offshore travel restrictions to UK

Following KLM flight operations to/from UK gradually resuming since March, we wish to share with you the current exemption rules which apply for **Seamen travelling to the UK.**

• **Seafarers entering the UK to join a ship do not need to Quarantine in a government approved hotel or take a Covid-19 test after arrival, even if they are coming from a red list country.**

• They can travel into any UK airport.

• They must present a Seaman's book, or a SID, or joining papers, or company letter of employment.

• Seafarers do not need to take a coronavirus test before they travel to England if they are a seafarer or fisherman, inspector or surveyor of ships due to work on a vessel or need to transit the UK to join or leave a vessel.

• Seafarers returning home to the UK, and not joining a ship, will need to have a Negative Covid test prior to arrival and complete the Passenger locator form.If they live in the UK they do not need to self-isolate, however if they live overseas then they must self-isolate in their accommodation while in England, except while they are undertaking the exempt activity or travelling as part of their work.

• **ALL seamen travelling to/via the UK must fill the Passenger Locator Form (PLF).** Passengers need to submit the form online any time in the 48h before arrival the UK via https://www.gov.uk/provide-journey-contact-details-before-travel-uk. After they complete the form they will receive a QR code via email. They can print this out or show it on their phone as proof of completion.

Failure to demonstrate compliance will result in being denied boarding for the flight.

The above exemptions do not apply to Offshore Oil and Gas workers travelling to the UK.

Oil and Gas workers need to complete the passenger locator form before they travel to the UK. They also need to take a coronavirus test before they travel to the UK and take a coronavirus test on day 2 and day 8 after arrival in the UK.
In certain limited circumstances, an exemption can be granted (from the need to quarantine in a government approved hotel).

For more information, we invite you to visit Coronavirus (COVID-19): jobs that qualify for travel exemptions - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Areas & airports opening or softening restrictions

AREAS & AIRPORTS:

- **Global:** Update: **Estonia** authorities remove quarantine obligation for Latvian cross-border workers; entry restrictions for other countries continue until 9 May
- **Global:** Update: **Israel** will open its borders to COVID-19 vaccinated or recovered tourists from 14 countries starting 23 May
- **Italy:** Update: Travel pass will also be valid for tourists from outside EU
- **Norway:** Update: Government plans to introduce vaccine certificates by early June to restore travel to and from country
- **Germany:** Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania reopens for vaccinated adult day trippers and second-home owners
- **Europe, Israel:** EU countries agree to reopen to Israeli tourists
- **Philippines:** Update: Davao authorities allow resumption of domestic, international flights

AIRLINES / TRAIN:

- **Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kuwait: FlyBosnia** to resume Kuwait-Sarajevo flights from 3 June
- **Italy, Russia:** Update**: Pobeda** plans to resume flights from Moscow's Vnukovo Airport to Rome from 12 June
- **Israel, U.S.: Delta Airlines** will increase flights between New York and Tel Aviv from 1 June
- **Africa:** Update: **RwandAir** will resume flights between Kigali and Cape Town, Harare and Lusaka from 7 May
- **Japan, Singapore, U.S.: Singapore Airlines** will resume Singapore-Los Angeles via Tokyo flights from 16 June
- **Latvia, U.K.: AirBaltic** resumes flights from Aberdeen to Riga
- **Hong Kong, U.K.:** Update: **Cathay Pacific** will resume flights from London beginning 8 May

Areas, airlines & airports imposing further restrictions

AREAS & AIRPORTS:

- **Global:** Update: **Spanish** government extends restrictions on non-essential journeys from countries outside EU and Schengen Area to 31 May
- **India, Tanzania:** Tanzania authorities suspend flights to and from India until further notice because of COVID-19
- **Asia: Philippines** will ban entry of travelers from Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka from 7-14 May to prevent spread of COVID-19 variant
- **Egypt, Oman, Philippines:** Update: Oman authorities add Egypt and Philippines to travel ban list starting 7 May

- **Australia, New Zealand:** Update: New Zealand authorities suspend quarantine-free travel bubble with New South Wales for 48 hours because of new COVID-19 cases
- **India, Sri Lanka:** Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka imposes ban on air travelers entering from India because of COVID-19

AIRLINES / TRAIN:

- **India:** Update: **South Western Railways** cancels 72 trains because of Karnataka lockdown
- **Mozambique: Ethiopian Mozambique Airlines** will suspend all flights from 6 May because of impact of COVID-19 pandemic

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The above (as uploaded in ATPI Alerts) are the most recent and urgent travel news. However, we suggest that you also follow the below links including updated news for any country of your interest.

IATA: https://www.iatatravelcentre.com/international-travel-document-news/1580226297.htm

IATA: https://www.iata.org/en/programs/covid-19-resources-guidelines/covid-gov-mitigation/

PCR rapid test locations: https://www.netherlandsworldwide.nl/documents/frequently-asked-questions/where-can-i-get-a-pcr-or-rapid-test-outside-the-netherlands

Skyteam Covid test directory: https://skyteam.trustassure.app/

Check the latest travel rules & restrictions for your trip here:

https://apply.joinsherpa.com/travel-restrictions?affiliateId=americanairlines

https://klm.traveldoc.aero/

Most importantly, make sure to safeguard your own health by following general hygiene rules and avoiding social gatherings. Responsibility is the key to overcoming those hard times and returning back to normal the soonest possible.