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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.

Please find attached important information regarding traveling to/from or via France for seafarers.

We also added an updated link for PCR rapid test locations under the useful links here and at the bottom of this e-mail:

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

Update regarding PCR tests for Dubai:

All passengers arriving into Dubai from any point of origin (GCC countries included) must hold a negative COVID 19 PCR test certificate for a test taken no more than 72 hours before departure.

- UAE nationals are exempt from the above, but will be required to take a COVID 19 PCR test on arrival at Dubai airport.
- Children under the age of 12 and passengers who have a moderate or severe disability are exempt from the COVID 19 PCR test
- Passengers arriving into Dubai from the below countries will be required to take another COVID 19 PCR test on arrival at Dubai International airport.
- Passengers transiting through Dubai from the below countries, are required to present a negative COVID 19
 PCR test certificate for a test taken no more than 72 hours before departure, as well as to follow any requirements mandated by their final destination:

Afghanistan, Angola, Argentina, Bangladesh, Brazil, Cambodia, Chile, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Georgia, Ghana, Guinea, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Ivory Coast, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Malta, Montenegro, Morocco, Myanmar, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Romania, Rwanda, Russia, Senegal, Slovakia, Somaliland, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Passengers transiting through Dubai from all other countries do not need a COVID 19 PCR test unless required by their final destination.

Areas & airports opening or softening restrictions

AREAS & AIRPORTS:

- Asia, Europe: Russia will resume and increase rail and air connections with Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kyrgyz Republic
- **Kazakhstan:** Kazakhstan will increase flights to Russia and Turkey, launch temporary flight to Frankfurt; services to other destinations continue
- India, Russia: Update: Air traffic between countries expected to resume on 13 February
- Spain: Update: Catalonia government lifts some COVID-19 restrictions as infections decrease
- Israel: Update: COVID-19 lockdown to end 7 February; government will gradually ease restrictions
- **Poland:** Update: Hotels to reopen from mid-February as government relaxes some COVID-19 restrictions

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- **Caribbean, North America:** Update: **WestJet** adds extra flights to Canada from destinations in Mexico and Caribbean, following airline's announcement to suspend flights. WestJet will continue to operate scheduled flights northbound from destinations in Mexico and the Caribbean up to and including February 14, 2021 to return guests to Canada, after which time the airline will cease all operations to both areas through to April 30, 2021.
- **Canada:** Update: **Central Mountain Air** will resume flights from Prince George to Fort Nelson from 18 February
- Slovenia, Russia: Update: Aeroflot will resume flights between Moscow and Ljubljana next week
- Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Qatar: Qatar Airways plans to resume flights from Doha to Sarajevo and Skopje during summer
- U.S.: Frontier Airlines will return to Delaware's New Castle Airport on 11 February
- Sri Lanka, United Arab Emirates: Update: Flydubai to resume Dubai-Colombo flights from 17 February
- Azerbaijan, Russia: Update: Aeroflot, Azerbaijan Airlines launch flights between Baku and Moscow
- Belarus, Russia: Belavia will resume flights to St Petersburg and Rostov-on-Don from 12 February
- Georgia, Turkey: Turkish Airlines will increase flights between Istanbul and Tbilisi from 15 February

Areas, airlines & airports imposing further restrictions

AREAS & AIRPORTS:

- **Brazil, South Africa, Spain:** Spanish government restricts arrivals from Brazil and South Africa until 17 February to curb spread of COVID-19 variants
- **Rwanda:** Update: Government extends nationwide measures against COVID-19 until 7 February, including lockdown in Kigali; nighttime curfew begins 8 February
- Lesotho: Update: Nationwide lockdown extended for seven days
- Egypt, Saudi Arabia: Authorities at Cairo International Airport will start suspending flights to Saudi Arabia from 3 February
- **Pakistan:** update: The government of Pakistan has updated the list of categorized countries relating to international inbound travel to Pakistan, and put restrictions on inbound travel from six countries including the Netherlands.
- Sweden: Update: Negative COVID-19 test required for arrivals from abroad
- Global: Update: Airlines reschedule flights after Argentina government orders reduction of services
- **Kuwait:** Update: Government bans entry for non-citizens for two weeks from 7 February because of COVID-19

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- **Netherlands**: Update: **KLM** suspended All flights to and from the UK until and including Monday 22 February. All inbound flights from South Africa and South America to AMS will not carry passengers (operate as cargo only) until and including Saturday 21 February. KLM continue to operate from AMS to South Africa and South America.
- Croatia, Turkey: Turkish Airlines reduces flights between Istanbul and Zagreb in February
- Canada: Air Canada Rouge will suspend all flights from 8 February because of new travel restrictions
- Indonesia, South Pacific: Update: Virgin Australia cancels all short haul international flights because of COVID-19
- South Africa, United Arab Emirates: Update: Emirates extends suspension of flights to, from South Africa until at least 28 February

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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 <u>updated news for any country of your interest</u>.

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

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

Travelport : https://www.travelport.com/sites/default/files/2020-11/airline-policies.pdf

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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.

