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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 testing requirements for the Netherlands

Effective March 3rd, 0001CET, the Dutch government implemented new test requirements for passengers travelling to the Netherlands to prevent the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

If you are travelling to or via the Netherlands, you need to show a negative COVID-19 test result if you are departing from a high-risk country. This is any country that's not on the EU list of safe countries. https://www.government.nl/topics/coronavirus-covid-19/visiting-the-netherlands-from-abroad/eu-list-of-safe-countries

If you are travelling from a high-risk country, you have 2 options:
Option 1 - customers show two negative test results:
- a negative COVID-19 NAAT* (Nucleic Acid Amplification) test result not older than 72 hours before arrival in The Netherlands
- a negative COVID-19 rapid test result, taken within 4 hours before boarding a flight to The Netherlands.

Option 2 - customers show one negative test result:
- a negative COVID-19 NAAT test result that was taken within 12 hours before boarding a flight to the Netherlands.

The digital or hard-copy negative test result must be in English, German, French, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish or Dutch. You can view the COVID-19 NAAT or rapid test locations per country. The ten-day self-quarantine still applies upon arrival in the Netherlands.

Read more about the COVID-19 NAAT (PCR, mPOCT, NAAT, RT PCR, RT LAMP and TMA) tests and rapid tests on the website of the Dutch government.

Seafarers are exempt from the PCR but they MUST show either a rapid test within 4h before boarding OR a NAAT test* within 12H before boarding.
* COVID-19 NAAT test is a new terminology for COVID-19 PCR tests. COVID-19 NAAT tests are: PCR, mPOCT, NAAT, RT-PCR, RT-LAMP and TMA.

Procedure positive testing, after corona
Sometimes it can happen that you still test positive even though you are no longer sick and/or contagious. The Dutch government allows an exception to the negative test policy if you can show the following documents:
• A positive NAAT test result that is a minimum of 2 to a maximum of 8 weeks old

• A positive NAAT test result that is up to 72 hours old

A negative rapid test result before departure.
If you test positive permanently with the rapid test, you are also allowed to travel, provided you can show the following documents:
• A positive NAAT test result that is a minimum of 2 to a maximum of 8 weeks old
• A positive NAAT test result that is up to 72 hours old
A doctor's statement stating that you are no longer contagious

Health Declaration—This applies only if you are travelling by air.
https://www.government.nl/topics/coronavirus-covid-19/documents/publications/2020/07/07/information-for-passengers-flying-to-and-from-the-netherlands

The Travel Ban remains in place for South Africa, South America and UK but **seafarers are exempt.**

Areas & airports opening or softening restrictions

AREAS & AIRPORTS:

- **Israel:** Update: Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport will reopen on 7 March
- **Mexico:** Hotels in Quintana Roo expected to reopen as authorities ease some COVID-19 restrictions
- **Mongolia:** International passenger flights to resume 1 May following COVID-19-related suspension
- **Asia, Europe:** Hungarian government updates its restriction-free business travel list, list of countries extended for business trips without travel restrictions
- **Seychelles:** Borders will reopen for tourists from 25 March; travelers from South Africa not included
- **Saudi Arabia:** Update: International flights allowed to land at Prince Abdul Majeed Bin Abdulaziz Airport in Al-Ula

AIRLINES / TRAIN:

- **France, Kenya:** Update**: Kenya Airways** to resume Nairobi-Paris flights on 17 March
- **U.S.: American Airlines** will resume non-stop flights from North Carolina's Wilmington International Airport to Chicago's O'Hare International Airport from 6 May to 6 October
- **Europe, Thailand: Thai Airways** to resume flights to Europe on 12 May after rehabilitation plan endorsed

Areas, airlines & airports imposing further restrictions

AREAS & AIRPORTS:

- **Italy:** Update: Government extends COVID-19 restrictions until 6 April
- **Jamaica:** Negative COVID-19 test required to enter country from 4 March
- **Greece:** Update: Government extends COVID-19 lockdown, tightens restrictions in Athens and other affected regions until 16 March
- **Africa, Europe, Central America, South America:** Update: **Dutch** government extends ban on flights to, from several countries until 1 April because of COVID-19 variants; Cape Verde flight ban lifted
- **Spain:** Travelers to Balearic Islands from other Spanish regions will need negative COVID-19 test
- **Japan:** Update: Travel restrictions will remain in place until at least 7 March following state of emergency extension
- **France:** Update: Authorities to extend weekend lockdowns in Calais because of COVID-19
- **Kuwait:** Update: Government imposes curfew as COVID-19 cases rise
- **Brazil:** Authorities will impose new COVID-19 restrictions, including night curfew, in Rio de Janeiro

AIRLINES / TRAIN:

- **Belarus, Turkmenistan:** Update**: Belavia** extends suspension of Ashgabat-Minsk flights until 5 April
- **Croatia, Germany: Lufthansa** cancels all flights from Munich to Zagreb this summer because of COVID-19
- **Canada: Sky Regional Airlines** will shut down operations on 31 March after Air Canada ends contract with company
- **Croatia, Spain: Iberia** cancels flights to Zagreb until 1 May because of COVID-19

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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/

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

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.