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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.

Updated travel restrictions and testing the Netherlands starting 16th March

An <u>entry ban is in place for people travelling from outside the EU</u>. A number of exemption categories had temporarily been removed from the list, but will now be added again starting 16th March. People in the following categories are allowed to enter the Netherlands for a short period again:

- business travelers
- students
- highly-skilled migrants
- professionals from the cultural and creative sectors
- people in long-distance romantic relationships.

Transfer passengers will only have to show a negative NAAT test result, taken within 72 hours before departure. A <u>rapid test is no longer necessary</u> starting 16th March.

All travelers traveling to the Netherlands will need to show a **negative NAAT test** result, taken no longer than **24 hours** before departure starting 16th March (this is currently 12 hours). If this is not possible, you will have to show a negative NAAT test result taken up until 72 hours before arrival in the Netherlands and a negative rapid test result, not older than 24 hours (is now 4 hours).

Areas & airports opening or softening restrictions

AREAS & AIRPORTS:

- India: Update: Five domestic airlines will resume operations from Terminal 1 at Mumbai airport on 10 March
- **Germany:** Update: Some COVID-19 restrictions lifted as country continues five-part plan for relaxing the lockdown
- Global: Update: Several airlines resume Seychelles routes
- Netherlands, U.K.: Update: Dutch government will lift ban on passenger flights, ferries from U.K. on 9 March
- Afghanistan, Tajikistan: Flights between countries resume as epidemiological situation improves
- U.K.: Update: Cornwall Airport Newquay is set to resume flights from 28 March
- Australia: Western Australia will ease border restrictions for Victoria

• Libya: Flights resume between Misurata and Benghazi after years of suspension

AIRLINES / TRAIN:

- Lesotho, South Africa: Update: Airlink will resume daily flights between Johannesburg and Maseru from 29 March; Lesotho lifts travel restrictions
- Global: Air India announces additional flights to Rome, San Francisco, Tokyo, Toronto
- **Pakistan: Pakistan International Airlines** resumes Islamabad-Chitral flights after suspension caused by COVID-19; airline increases Karachi-Sialkot services
- Canada, Colombia: Air Canada to resume flights from Montreal, Toronto to Bogota on 1 May
- **Italy:** State railway company to operate 'COVID-19 free' high-speed trains between Rome and Milan in early April, plans to add other routes
- Maldives, Seychelles, United Arab Emirates: Emirates will increase flights to Maldives and Seychelles from 28 March
- Libya, Tunisia: Tunisair will resume flights to Libya in April 2021

Areas, airlines & airports imposing further restrictions

AREAS & AIRPORTS:

- France, New Caledonia: New Caledonia government imposes two-week lockdown; domestic flights as well as air services to French territory of Wallis and Futuna suspended
- **Europe, U.S.:** Update: Lithuanian government adds Malta, Serbia, U.S. to list of countries that must undergo stricter quarantine rules
- **Global:** Authorities in **Estonia** restricted freedom of movement for nationals of 26 countries until 14 March
- Global: Update: Czech Republic updates list of high-risk COVID-19 countries
- Netherlands, Nigeria, United Arab Emirates: Update: Nigerian official threatens to ban flights from Netherlands, United Arab Emirates as reciprocal COVID-19 measures
- Austria: Authorities in Vienna, six other states extend COVID-19 quarantine period to 14 days because of concerns over variants
- Austria, Brazil, South Africa, U.K.: Austria extends ban on flights from Brazil, South Africa and U.K. until 21 March
- Netherlands: Update: COVID-19 lockdown extended until 31 March; people advised to avoid all but unavoidable foreign travel until 15 April
- **Morocco:** Morocco authorities suspend flights with Norway, Finland, Greece, Kuwait, Lebanon and Poland because of COVID-19
- Belarus, Israel: Belavia extends suspension of air travel to Tel Aviv until 20 March
- Brazil, South Africa, Spain, U.K.: Spanish government extends travel restrictions from Brazil, South Africa and U.K. until 30 March
- Mauritius: Authorities impose nationwide COVID-19 restrictions until 25 March

AIRLINES / TRAIN:

- South Africa, United Arab Emirates: Update: Emirates extends suspension of flights from South Africa until 20 March; daily passengers flights to Johannesburg will resume from 11 March
- Israel, U.S.: United Airlines cancels all short-term flights to Israel because of travel rules

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

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

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.

