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# SHORT NEWS

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## Coronavirus: Current entry requirements

Here you will find an overview of entry regulations or restrictions that some countries have imposed as they respond to the coronavirus.

As soon as we have new information on entry requirements, this overview will be updated accordingly.

### Entry restrictions:

**Bhutan:** The kingdom on the Himalaya's eastern edge has prohibited the entry of all foreign tourists after a US American tourist has tested positive for the coronavirus (Sars-CoV-2). It was the first confirmed case in Bhutan.

**Bosnia and Herzegovina:** The Ministry of Health of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina has ordered that anyone entering the country, i.e. also from Germany and regardless of their nationality, will be required to spend up to 14 days in self-isolation or a quarantine facility. This order applies to anyone entering the country (tourists, travel visits, official delegations).

**China:** Travellers from Germany, France, Spain, the USA and possibly other states may be required to spend 14 days in quarantine, especially when travelling into Shanghai. On 11 March 2020 Beijing has enforced a 14-day quarantine on all international travellers, i.e. also for travellers from Germany.

Travellers to **Macao** who have been to Germany in the past 14 days need to undergo medical observation for two weeks.

**El Salvador:** The country has generally banned entry to foreign travellers. For the time being, the ban is in effect for the next 21 days.

**Guatemala:** Since 12 March 2020, European citizens have been subject to an entry ban.

**India:** Effective as of 13 March 2020, India has announced that all visas granted to foreigners will be suspended, as of now until 15 April 2020. An entry into India (including transit) is therefore no longer possible.

**Israel:** As of Thursday night (12 March 2020), tourists are banned from entering the country unless they can establish that they will be able to self-quarantine for 14 days. For the time being, this rule applies for two weeks. The procedure which already applies to Germans and some other foreigners now affects all travellers.

**Italy:** In the whole of Lombardy and various other provinces in northern Italy, a severe curfew has been in force since Sunday, for the time being until 3 April 2020. Traveling to Germany from there however continues to be allowed. In the entire country, the approximately 60m inhabitants are now supposed to stay at home if possible since Tuesday. Throughout Italy, journeys to other places are subject to restrictions. But Germans may still enter and leave the country. In Rome, for example, passengers are given "exit passes" on departure where they have to enter their address, telephone number and flight details so that they can be found more easily later in an emergency - for example, if there is a person on the plane who tests positive.

**Jamaica:** The Caribbean island state has now extended its entry ban in response to the coronavirus to include travellers from Germany. The measure will take effect from Thursday, 12 March.

**Jordan:** The Jordanian government has imposed a travel ban on travellers from Germany and elsewhere, effective 16 March 2020.

**Kazakhstan:** As of Thursday (12 March 2020), foreigners from Germany, Spain and France will not be allowed to enter the former Soviet republic in Central Asia. Kazakh citizens entering from these countries will have to undergo a two-week quarantine.

**Kiribati, Marshall Islands and Samoa:** The Pacific island states have imposed an entry ban on travellers from Germany.

**Kuwait:** Since the beginning of March, quarantine measures (14-day home quarantine) for travellers from Germany, among others, are increasingly expected in Kuwait. Entry bans will also be possible.

**Liberia:** A 14-day quarantine in a state observation centre in the West African country is planned for travellers from Germany.

**Maldives:** Two resort islands and one island inhabited by locals may temporarily be neither entered nor left due to a number of suspected cases.

**Malta:** A 14-day quarantine applies to travellers from Germany and several other countries. In addition, numerous flights to and from Germany and other countries are suspended. Cruise ships from Italy, Spain and France are also no longer allowed to call at Malta. Anyone still staying in Malta and whose return flight has been cancelled must contact the German Embassy in Malta by e-mail.

**Mongolia:** The worldwide spread of the coronavirus in Mongolia has led to the suspension of all international flights until 28 March 2020. Entry by land is also no longer possible at present.

**Nepal:** As of this Tuesday, the Asian country no longer issues visas for Germans directly on arrival. Before arriving in the country, they must apply for a visa at the Nepalese embassy and enclose a negative Covid 19 test with their application.

**Northern Macedonia:** The Macedonian Ministry of Health has included Germany in the list of countries with high-risk burden of infection. All travellers arriving from Germany must therefore quarantine for 14 days after arrival, possible at their hotel. It is not possible to leave the country during this time.

**Russia:** Anyone arriving in Moscow from Germany must self-quarantine for two weeks. After arrival in the Russian capital, travellers should contact a hotline. So far, the regulations only apply to Moscow.

**Uganda:** Travellers from Germany must self-quarantine in the East African country for two weeks. Anyone who does not comply will be forcibly placed in an institutional quarantine.

**USA:** By presidential decree which will take effect on Friday, 13 March 2020 at 23:59 EDT (Washington DC local time), an entry ban for all Europeans (except the British) will come into force in the USA. This rule applies for the next 30 days.

**Vietnam:** For travellers from Germany, visa-free travel will be temporarily suspended.

**Cyprus:** Anyone travelling from Germany to Cyprus must expect to spend 14 days in quarantine because of the coronavirus. The measures also apply to travellers from Greece, France, Japan, Spain, Hong Kong, Great Britain and some regions of China. For travellers from Italy, South Korea and Iran, a 14-day quarantine under medical

observation has even been ordered, the Cypriot radio reported. So far, three people on the tourist island have been diagnosed with a Covid-19 infection.

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**Important note!**

Please note that it is not possible for us to verify this information with the embassies. It is therefore absolutely necessary to call the respective embassies and consulates in order to be informed about any entry requirements.