

France COVID-19 Update for Tour Operators

In order to assist the stabilization of the sanitary situation in France, the French Government has decided to reinforce measures regarding arrivals from certain countries where the spread of the virus, and in particular of some of its variants, has not yet been under control

► Entry to and exit from France

- **Travelers coming from and going to a country outside the European zone***

Since Sunday, January 31, 2021, any entry into France and any exit from the territory to or from a country outside the European area are **prohibited except for:**

- **compelling personal or family reasons,**
- **emergency health** reason,
- or **professional reason** that cannot be postponed.

To prove one of these compelling reasons, an affidavit can be downloaded from the Ministry of the Interior website. It must be presented to the transport company at the time of boarding and be accompanied by the appropriate supporting documents.

As of March 12, 2021, a compelling reason is no longer required for travel to or from the following countries:

- Australia, South Korea, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, The United Kingdom and Singapore.

These travelers will have to present a negative result of a virological screening test (RT-PCR), performed 72 hours before departure.

Since April 14 **flights from Brazil are suspended** until April 23.

As of April 24, for travelers from **Brazil, Chile, Argentina and South Africa:**

The list of reasons and categories of persons authorized to come to France will be restricted, for the most part, to French nationals and nationals of the European Union or of a third country who have their main residence in France.

- These travelers must have a negative RT-PCR test less than 36 hours old, or a negative PCR test less than 72 hours old with a negative antigen test less than 24 hours old.
- An antigenic test is systematically performed upon arrival at the airport.
- Each person coming from these countries will be quarantined for 10 days.

This latest quarantine measure will also apply to travelers from **Guyana.**

* European zone: The European Union, Andorra, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Norway, San Marino, the Holy See and Switzerland. The United Kingdom is no longer part of the European area.

- **Travelers coming from and going to a country of the European zone**

Since Sunday, January 31, 2021, all travelers, regardless of their mode of transportation (air, sea or land), 11 years of age or older, wishing to travel to France from a country in the European Union¹ **are required to present negative results of a virological screening test (RT-PCR)** performed 72 hours before departure.

Exempted from this requirement are truckers, border workers and residents of border areas within a 30 km radius of their home.

Upon arrival in France, it is strongly recommended to isolate oneself for 7 days, and then to perform a second virological screening test (RT-PCR) at the end of this 7-day period.

- **Travelers to French overseas destinations**

Travel to the overseas territories is also subject to a strict compelling reason.

Starting May 1st, **French Polynesia will reopen its territory to tourists from the United States and countries with a limited epidemic risk.** Travelers from other countries (including metropolitan France and European countries) will remain subject to compelling reasons (health, family, work) until further notice.

This reopening will be accompanied by a new health protocol that will take into account vaccinated travelers and those who are immunized.

Concerning air transport to the Overseas Departments and Territories, the test within 72 hours before boarding is mandatory.

► **Situation in France**

Since Saturday, April 3, 2021 at midnight and for 4 weeks, the reinforced sanitary measures, which were until then in effect in 19 French departments, were extended to all of mainland France. The **curfew established between 7:00 pm and 6:00 am** remains in effect throughout the mainland France.

- **Travel:** Residents may leave their homes for an unlimited period of time within a 10 km radius of their home. They must present an exemption certificate for any trip beyond this radius.
- Inter-regional travel is prohibited, except for compelling or professional reasons.
- Prefects have the authority to prohibit certain gatherings in the public space.

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- **Shops:** Only shops selling essential goods and services remain open.
- **Places of Worship:** Since November 28, 2020, places of worship have reopened in accordance with established protocols: two open seats between each person or family entity (group of people sharing the same home) and only every other row occupied.
- **Tourist accommodations:** since December 15, 2020, collective hostels, tourist residences, residential tourist villages, vacation villages and family vacation homes as well as camping and caravanning sites have been authorized to welcome their customers. Like for hotels, the restaurant/bar areas are closed, but room service is allowed.
- **Winter sports resorts:** since December 15, 2020, winter sports resorts can welcome visitors, however all public facilities and ski lifts remain closed until further notice.
- **Cultural sites:** Cultural establishments (museums, theaters, theaters, movie theaters) also remain closed until further notice.
- **Restaurants:** Restaurants and bars are also closed until further notice.
- **Sports halls:** the sports halls also remain closed until further notice. Sports venues remain prohibited to the public until further notice.