



Immigration news alerts

COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic is a rapidly evolving situation, and authorities across the globe frequently update their travel advisories and immigration policies in response to the outbreak situation on the ground. In this series of news alerts, we will provide you with the latest news to keep you up to date on the developments in our region.



For the latest country-specific travel restrictions and immigration information in relation to COVID-19, visit gowork.ges.deloitte to view Deloitte's digital travel map (beta release).

Note: If you have trouble accessing any of the links below, please try to copy and paste them directly into your browser.

Philippines

Latest updates to travel restrictions

Bureau of Immigration | 30 January 2021

On a press release uploaded on its official Facebook page, the Bureau of Immigration (BI) has announced the lifting of travel restrictions for 36 locations with effect from 1 February 2021. However, BI Commissioner Jaime Morente has clarified that other travel restrictions remain in place.

Generally speaking, tourists are still not allowed to enter the Philippines. Current restrictions only allow the entry of certain groups of travellers, including accredited foreign diplomats and personnel of accredited international organisations such as the World Health Organisation and the United Nations, foreign dignitaries, and travellers on medical and emergency cases, including their medical escorts. The latest information on the specific groups of travellers who are permitted to enter the Philippines can be found [here](#).

All arriving passengers will be required to present proof of a pre-booked accommodation for at least seven nights in an accredited quarantine facility/hotel. Foreigners who fail to present this proof shall be denied entry and boarded immediately on the next available flight.



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Singapore

Singapore suspends reciprocal green lane arrangements with Malaysia, Germany, and South Korea for three months

Channel NewsAsia | 30 January 2021

Singapore will suspend reciprocal green lane (RGL) arrangements with Malaysia, Germany, South Korea for three months from 1 February 2021. The Government of Singapore will review the Reciprocal Green Lane arrangements at the end of the suspension period. Travellers who have already been approved to enter Singapore under these Reciprocal Green Lanes can continue to do so.

Currently, Singapore still has ongoing RGL schemes with Brunei and selected cities in mainland China (Chongqing, Guangdong, Jiangsu, Shanghai, Tianjin and Zhejiang).

Travellers are advised to visit the [SafeTravel website](#) to check for the most updated border measures.

 [More information](#)

Sri Lanka

Application for tourism visas through the online Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) system

Department of Immigration and Emigration | 1 February 2021

Arriving travellers, except those from the United Kingdom (UK) or who have been in the UK in the last 14 days prior to departure, may apply to enter Sri Lanka for tourism purposes through the online ETA system. To view the relevant visa application procedures, please refer to the link below. More information on the safety protocols for tourists can also be found [here](#).


 [More information](#)

Vietnam

Temporary closure of Van Don airport in Quang Ninh

VietnamPlus | 28 January 2021

The Ministry of Transport has decided to close the Van Don international airport in the northern coastal province of Quang Ninh for 15 days from 29 January 2021, 12 p.m. to 13 February 2021, 12 p.m. following reports of locally-transmitted COVID-19 cases.

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