

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.

Fiji

Fiji capital in lockdown

Channel NewsAsia | 26 April 2021

The Fijian capital Suva has entered a 14-day lockdown on 26 April 2021 following a superspreader funeral event. Around 100,000 people in the city must stay in containment zones, and non-essential businesses are shuttered.



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Hong Kong

Government announces the extension of Return2hk Travel Scheme to Hong Kong residents staying in other Mainland provinces and municipalities

Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR) | 26 April 2021

The Government has announced the extension of the Return2hk Travel Scheme (Return2hk Scheme) from Guangdong Province and Macao to other Mainland provinces and municipalities. Starting from 29 April 2021, Hong Kong residents staying in other Mainland provinces and municipalities who have fulfilled all specified conditions under the Return2hk Scheme, including not having stayed in places other than Hong Kong, the Mainland or Macao, or in any places in the Mainland designated as “medium-risk” or “high-risk”, in the past 14 days before arriving in Hong Kong (not including the period during which the person is undergoing compulsory quarantine in the Mainland or Macao) could be exempted from the 14-day compulsory quarantine requirement when returning to Hong Kong under the Return2hk Scheme.

The [online booking system](#) for the Return2hk Scheme will be open for applications by Hong Kong residents who plan to return from the Mainland to Hong Kong via the Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA), starting from midnight on 27 April 2021. For more information on the specific requirements and procedures, please refer to the link below.



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Designated flights under Hong Kong-Singapore Air Travel Bubble to begin on 26 May 2021

Government of the Hong Kong SAR | 26 April 2021

The Governments of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and Singapore have announced that designated flights under the bilateral Air Travel Bubble (ATB) arrangement will begin on 26 May 2021.

Riding on the original ATB arrangement, the two governments will impose more stringent measures, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Under the original requirement, ATB travellers should have no travel history to any place other than Singapore or Hong Kong in the 14 days prior to departure. In view of the spread of a mutant strain of COVID-19, there is a new requirement that the respective compulsory quarantine periods in Hong Kong or Singapore arising from the travellers' last visit outside Hong Kong or Singapore would not count towards that 14-day period.
- Under the original arrangement, ATB travellers departing from Hong Kong to Singapore are required to download, register, and use Singapore's TraceTogether mobile application. With the increasing use of Hong Kong's LeaveHomeSafe (LHS) mobile application and its wide application in different premises, there is a new requirement that ATB travellers departing from Singapore to Hong Kong are required to download and use the LHS application, and the relevant records have to be retained for 31 days after departure from Hong Kong.

Moreover, in order to encourage Hong Kong citizens to get vaccinated as soon as possible for better protection against COVID-19 when travelling, Hong Kong residents travelling under the ATB can only take designated flights to Singapore at least 14 days after they have had two doses of COVID-19 vaccinations. For more information, please visit the dedicated website at www.tourism.gov.hk/travelbubble.



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Singapore

Singapore and Hong Kong to relaunch travel bubble on 26 May 2021

Channel NewsAsia | 26 April 2021

Singapore and Hong Kong have agreed to set 26 May 2021 as the launch date of the travel bubble between the two cities. The Singapore-Hong Kong travel bubble will begin

“cautiously”, with one flight a day in each direction. Each flight will have a cap of 200 passengers, with the numbers reviewed after the first two weeks.

Under the travel bubble, there are no restrictions on the purpose of travel and no requirements for a controlled itinerary or sponsorship. Visitors have to take pre-departure and on-arrival COVID-19 swab tests and travel on designated flights operated by Singapore Airlines and Cathay Pacific.



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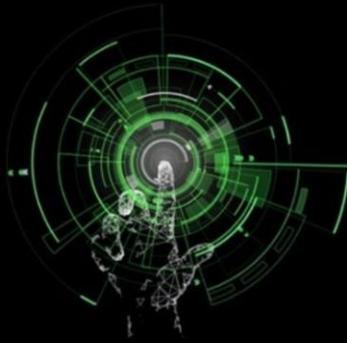
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