

CORONA VIRUS UPDATE FOR OUR DESTINATIONS

Thailand

- Songkran holidays, scheduled on 13-15 April, are postponed.
- Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) orders the closure of shopping malls, markets and an expanded list of sports, entertainment and service shops from 22 March until 12 April 2020.
- Supermarkets, pharmacies, food takeaways and deliveries, and other essential daily services will remain operational.
- Ministry of Interior also ordered provincial governors of surrounding provinces (Nakhon Pathom, Nonthaburi, Pathum Thani, Samut Prakan and Samut Sakhon) for a blanket closure of similar types of venues throughout the same period.
- Phuket province has also closed water parks, fish and fighting cock venues until further notice. The closure also covers spa and massage shops, fitness centers and gyms, Thai boxing and martial arts schools, indoor and outdoor kid's playgrounds, night markets and weekend markets, and gaming and internet shops.

China

- Avoid all non-essential travel

Hong Kong

- Entry restriction: Passengers who reside or have been in the Hubei Province (China People's Rep.), South Korea (Rep.), Iran or the Emilia-Romagna, Lombardy and Veneto regions (covering Bologna, Milan, Venice and Verona) in the past 14 days are not allowed to enter Hong Kong.
- Quarantine: all passengers travelling to Hong Kong are required to undergo a 14-day compulsory quarantine.

Vietnam

- Entry restriction: Starting Sunday, 22 March 2020 and until further notice, all foreign nationalities will be denied entry into Vietnam.
- Visa Restrictions: Visas and visas-on-arrival will not be accepted

Cambodia

- Entry Restriction: All passengers who in the past 14 days have been to, or are originating from China, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Iran, USA are not allowed to enter or transit Cambodia.
- The Ministry of Public Works and Transport suspended the entry of passenger ships at all waterways, including sea ways and ports until further notice.

Laos

- Visa Restriction: Laos has stopped issuing Visa on Arrival and e-Visa for all countries effective March 20 until April 20, 2020.
- Quarantine: All travellers arriving in Laos **from a country with confirmed cases of COVID-19** will be asked to self-monitor and possibly to self-quarantine for 14 days.
- Laos Airlines have cut off most of flights across the region.

Myanmar

- Entry restriction: Restrictions to Nationals of China - cannot obtain a visa on arrival.
- Quarantine: All passengers arriving from France, Germany, Iran, Italy, Spain are subject to quarantine in isolated hospital for 14 days.
- Any persons (including Myanmar nationals) who is arriving from Republic of Korea (South Korea), are required to provide a “Health Certificate” issued by hospitals or clinics designated by South Korea, certifying that they are tested negative for coronavirus (COVID-19) upon check-in. This requirement applies to passenger entering or transit through Myanmar.
- Health Certificate: All passengers who have been in Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Iran, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, USA or the United Kingdom in the past 14 days are subject to quarantine for 14 days. They must present a Medical Certificate issued by a medical facility recognized by the health authorities. The medical certificates must show that they have no symptoms of acute respiratory illness (fever and cough or shortness of breath). This must be done before boarding the flight.

Singapore

- Travel restriction: from 23 March, all short-term visitors (from anywhere in the world) are not allowed entry into Singapore, or to transit through Singapore.
- Singapore has also ceased port calls for all cruise vessels.

Malaysia

- Travel restriction: All foreign nationals are prohibited from entering or transiting through Malaysia until March 31.

Indonesia

- Entry restrictions: All passengers who have visited one or more of the following destinations within the last 14 days are not permitted to enter Indonesia: Mainland China, Iran (Tehran, Qom or Gilan regions), Italy (Lombardi, Veneto, Emilia Romagna, Marche and Piedmont regions), Republic of Korea (South Korea/ Daegu city and Gyeongsangbuk-do province), France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Vatican.
- Visa Restrictions: All foreign nationals are required to travel with a valid visa, KITAS or KITAP travel document in order to enter Indonesia.
- Health Certificate: Passengers who in the past 14 days have been in areas within Iran, Italy or Korea (Rep.) other than the following mentioned areas must provide a valid health certificate. The certificate must be in English and have been issued at latest 7 days prior to departure from local health authority. It should contain information of (1) fit for travel and (2) free from respiratory disease. - Tehran, Qom or Gilan in Iran; - Lombardi, Veneto, Emilia Romagna, Marche or Piedmont in Italy; - Daegu or Gyeongsangbuk-do Province in Korea (Rep.). This does not apply to nationals of Indonesia.
- Passengers arriving from Iran, Italy or Korea (Rep.) are required to complete a Health Alert Card (Kartu Kewaspadaan Kesehatan) issued by the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Indonesia prior to arrival.

Philippines

- Entry restrictions: The Philippines has shut down all travel into and out of the capital of Manila until April 14.
- Visa restrictions: all our Embassies and Consulates will temporarily suspend visa issuance to all foreign nationals as well as the visa-free privileges of all foreign national.

Japan

- Entry restrictions : Passengers who have visited the following destinations in the past 14 days: China (The Hubei or Zhejiang province), Republic of Korea (Gyeongsangbuk-do, Gyeongsang, Andong, Yeongcheon,

Chilgok, Uiseong, Seongju, Gunwi) , Iran (Ghom, Tehran and Gilan) , Italy (Regione Valle D'aosta, Regione Trentino Alto Aidge, Regione Friuli Venezia Giulia, Regione Liguria) , Spain (Navarra Country, Bask Country, Madrid Country, La Rioja Country) , Switzerland (Canton Ticino, Half-canton of Basel-Stadt), Iceland.

- Quarantine: Passengers arriving from one or more of the following destinations are required to undergo a compulsory 14-day quarantine at a government designated location immediately upon arrival and are not permitted to use public transportation in Japan: People's Republic of China (including Hong Kong SAR and Macao SAR), Republic of Korea, Passengers transiting from Hong Kong to Japan will also be required to undergo a compulsory quarantine.
- Visa restrictions : Visa issuance services for Chinese nationals have been suspended until further notice The visa waiver program for Hong Kong SAR, Macao SAR and Korean passport holders have been suspended until further notice.

Taiwan

- Entry restrictions: Foreign nationals are not permitted to enter or to transit through Taiwan From 24 March (00:00 CST) to 7 April 2020.

South Korea

- Entry restrictions: Visitors who have been in the Hubei Province (China People's Rep.) in the past 14 days are not allowed to transit or enter Korea (Rep.).
- All passengers from China, Hong Kong, Macau, Japan, Iran, Italy, United Kingdom, France, Germany, Netherlands or Spain must have available contact phone number and mobile application for checking health condition.

Sri Lanka

- Entry restrictions: Jaffna International Airport had ceased international operations on March 15 - until March 25.

Nepal

- Entry restrictions: All flights to Nepal have been suspended until 31 March 2020.

Bhutan

- Entry restrictions: Bhutan is closed for tourism until further notice.

NOTE:

Due to the constantly changing situation, we strongly recommend you to check the official travel advisories prior to travel. These can be done by using the links below or through the country's government website.

WHO - https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/situation-reports/20200322-sitrep-62-covid-19.pdf?sfvrsn=f7764c46_2

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

UK- <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice>

US - <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html/>

Canada - <https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories>

General tips for travellers to Asia

Consider taking general precautions to minimise their risk.

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay away from public areas and seek medical assistance if you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

The Asia World Team has been closely monitoring the situation and will keep up with further updates from our destinations.