CORONAVIRUS: DESTINATION RESTRICTIONS

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Countries around the globe have imposed various travel and in-country restrictions in an attempt to halt the spread of coronavirus. Many have essentially closed their borders except to citizens returning home and enforced controls on everyday life. Naturally, this poses obstacles when relocating employees; and as a relocation company, we have a duty to understand the current restrictions taking place. In the table below, we have provided travel and in-country restrictions for the top 10 countries by total move activity in 2019.

Additional resources for more locations can be found below the table.

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<td>1. United States</td>
<td>Travel Restrictions: Effective June 24th, the U.S. has imposed travel restrictions until December 31st. Only essential travel is permitted across the U.S.-Mexico and U.S.-Canada Land borders until at least September 21st. There is no medical certificate or test requirement to enter the United States.</td>
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|              | In-Country Restrictions: Advice and restrictions differ by state. Please see the Lonely Planet (US states by state restrictions) link in the 'Additional Resources' section. The majority of states have loosened restrictions, however many of those are still advised to social distance. Citizens throughout the united states are still being encouraged to follow the below advice:  
|              | • To avoid large gatherings*  
|              | • Wear face coverings in public  
|              | • Keep a physical distance from people  
|              | • If anyone in a household tests positive for the virus, everyone who lives there should stay home  
|              | *the amount of people differs by state e.g. 250 is the limit imposed by New Jerseys Governor |
|              | Time Limit: Entry to the United States is restricted until December 31. |
| 2. United Kingdom | Travel Restrictions: The UK is not currently banning international arrivals, however quarantine regulations have been implemented, requiring arrivals to British to stay at home for 14 days. Excluding countries listed here. |
|              | In-Country Restrictions: The following restrictions have been amended by the Government of the UK:  
|              | • Restaurants, gyms, pubs, beauticians and salons have reopened  
|              | • The 2 meter distancing rule has been reduced to 1 meter  
|              | • All shops have now reopened  
|              | • Citizens can now meet with up to 6 other people in an outside area  
|              | • Two households can now meet inside  
|              | • Outdoor activities have been allowed to reopen e.g. golf courses and tennis courts  
|              | • Competitive sports have been allowed to resume  
|              | Students have returned to schools  
|              | To ensure compliance with the Government’s instruction to stay at home, the UK is: |
3. **India**

**Travel Restrictions:**
The Government of India has suspended international flights arriving and departing from India until September 30. However, domestic travel has been allowed to resume. All arrivals are required to quarantine for 14 days (7 days in a government facility and 7 days at home).

**In-Country Restrictions:**
Despite rising number of cases, hotels, restaurants, malls, and places of worship have opened in lower risk areas. Specific restrictions vary depending on the City/area. India has allowed the following to resume:
- India lifted night curfews from August 1
- Shops and markets have been allowed to reopen
- Most transportation has been allowed to resume

However, the following restrictions remain:
- Hotels, restaurants, cinema halls, malls, swimming pools, gyms will continue to remain shut in high risk areas
- People are still being encouraged to stay at home and social distancing is still required if they are to leave the house
- It is now mandatory to wear a mask in public spaces
- Large gatherings are still restricted

**Time Limit:**
Lockdown in containment zones and school closures remain in effect until at least September 30.

4. **Switzerland**

**Travel Restrictions:**
The Swiss are beginning to ease certain entry restrictions. The majority of non-EU nationals are still banned from entering Switzerland. There are no test requirements, however travelers entering from high-risk countries must quarantine for 10 days at home.

**In-Country Restrictions:**
On June 19, the Swiss government announced further easing of restrictions, including:
- Reducing the recommended distance between other people from 2 meters to 1.5 meters
- Events of up to 1,000 people are allowed to resume
- There is no longer a restriction on standing within a bar or restaurants
- Competitive sports have been permitted to resume

However, the following restrictions have been implemented:
- Face coverings are mandatory on public transport
- Events of over 1,000 people are still banned
- Citizens may be asked to leave contact details when visiting bars and restaurants

**Time Limit:**
Gatherings of 1,000+ people are banned until further notice.
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<td><strong>Travel Restrictions:</strong></td>
<td>Entering Canada for non-essential purposes, such as tourism, has been banned until September 21 for those entering from the U.S., and until September 30 for all other countries. From 20 April, non-medical facemasks or face coverings are required for all flights to and from Canadian airports. All arrivals into Canada are required to stay at home for 14 days.</td>
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<td><strong>In-Country Restrictions:</strong></td>
<td>Canada has been lifting restrictions, however each province and territory has its own measures to prevent the spread of the virus. People throughout Canada are being encouraged to follow the below restrictions:</td>
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<td>Keep a distance of at least 2 meters from others and limit contact with people at higher risk (e.g. older adults and those in poor health.)</td>
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<td>All short-term visitors are denied entry into Singapore, unless they have a SafeTravel Pass. From June 2, travelers are now permitted to transit through Singapore Changi Airport. Any other traveler permitted entry into Singapore will need to stay at home for 14-days and required to show proof of access to a single dwelling during that period. Travelers from certain low risk counties are expected to quarantine for 7 days.</td>
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<td><strong>In-Country Restrictions:</strong></td>
<td>From June 2, Singapore allowed pupils to return to school and most businesses reopened June 19, including shopping malls, gyms and restaurants. Citizens are also being permitted to visit relatives inside their homes. Up to five people are now allowed to meet either inside homes or outside. The Singapore Tourism Board reopening certain attractions on July 1, including zoos and museums.</td>
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<td><strong>Safe-Distancing Regulations</strong></td>
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<td>Speaking is now banned on public transport</td>
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<td>Restaurants are banned from selling alcohol past 10:30</td>
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<td>Citizens are asked to record their visits to shops via app or registration</td>
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<td>Activities involving a large amount of people are still banned, including conferences, concerts, bars and nightclubs, libraries, and religious congregations</td>
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<td>Social contact should be limited to household members</td>
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required to present a negative COVID-19 test result upon arrival. All travelers will be screened upon arrival and be subject to a 14 or 7 day quarantine (depending on origin and destination location). Local quarantine requirements can vary significantly between cities.

In-Country Restrictions:
There are mandatory requirements to check temperatures and use check in health apps in hotels and restaurants. These apps are used to certify travel history.

On May 6, China allowed thousands of students to return to school, including in Wuhan and Shanghai.

On April 8, China officially lifted its 76-day lockdown on Wuhan, the epicenter of the Coronavirus pandemic; and on April 11, China shut the last of their 16 temporary coronavirus hospitals.

China announced on March 24 that the lockdown would be lifted on more than 50 million people in central Hubei province where the coronavirus first emerged late last year. Hubei province ordered a shutdown in January but has been gradually easing the rules and permitting people to move about within Hubei and return to work.

8. Germany

Travel Restrictions:
Germany has reopened all land borders and has lifted their ban on people traveling from EU /UK/ Schengen Area countries. The majority of non-EU nationals are banned from entering Germany. All internationals arrivals are required to stay at home for 14 days if they have been away for over a few days in higher risk areas. Travelers from these areas must also take a COVID-19 test either upon arrival or 48 hours before travelling.

In-Country Restrictions:
Germany has been reopening schools in phases. Shops, museums, galleries and gardens have been allowed to reopen. Although Germany have halted/scaled back the lockdown easing due to a rise in infections, including:

- A reduction of the people each person has in their social bubble (one household can meet another outside)
- Working from home is still being encouraged
- Social distancing is required in shops and public transport (1.5 meters)
- Citizens are required to wear face coverings

If cases continue to rise, Germany may need to reinstate other restrictions on a state-by-state basis.

9. France

Travel Restrictions:
There are no longer any restrictions for people wishing to travel to France from within the EU. For travelers entering France from outside the EU, they must complete a travel certificate. For travelers entering from ‘at risk’ locations, they will need to provide evidence of a negative test result. Internationals arrivals are required to stay at home for 14 days, excluding travelers arriving from the EU and travelers with a negative test result.

In-Country Restrictions:
France is beginning to reopen their country and easing restrictions:

- Shops have reopened
- Restaurants have reopened
- Swimming pools, gyms, parks and theatre halls have reopened
- Restored the freedom to demonstrate
- Pupils are returning to schools
- Cinemas have reopened
- There is no longer a limit on people attending a funeral
10. Netherlands

**Travel Restrictions:**
The majority of non-EU nationals are banned from traveling to the Netherlands until further notice. All travelers to the Netherlands are required by airlines to fill in a health form; and travelers entering from high risk areas are required to self-quarantine for 10 days.

**In-Country Restrictions:**
The Dutch Government has been lifting certain restrictions:
- Gyms, saunas and casinos have reopened
- Bars and restaurants were reopened
- Cinemas and museums have reopened
- Children are allowed to exercise outdoors together
- School pupils have been allowed to return

However, all citizens are expected to follow the below guidelines to reduce infections:
- Wear face coverings on public transport
- Citizens can only have 6 guests visit
- Keep 1.5 meters away from each other
- Citizens are only permitted to allow 6 guests within their home, excluding children under 13
- There is also a limit of 100 people per room for all inside events and venues. For outside events, the limit is 250 people
- When visiting shops, citizens must provide their contact details and make advanced reservations when going to restaurants

### Additional Resources
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: [https://www.cdc.gov/](https://www.cdc.gov/)