

LATINCONNECT CORONA UPDATE

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Argentina	Latventure Argentina	It is not yet officially known when exactly the entry is possible again, expected date is the 01.11.2020.	The borders of Argentina are still closed. The future entry regulations are currently still unclear.	The border is currently only open for the reentry of Argentinians or Residents. However, a 14-day quarantine obligation applies.	Attractions are partly open only for regional tourism.	Only Ezeiza International Airport (EZE) is open, the other airports in the country are closed.	Currently KLM/LH/LEVEL/AR/LATAM/AF/IB/BA/TK; from November on also Edelweiss.	During the transition period (currently from October to February) we can offer free cancellations for new bookings and changes in bookings up to 15 days before the start of the trip.	
Belize	Tierra Maya Tours	Entrance to the country is possible since October 1st, but only via Int. Belize City Airport (Phase 3). Entry across the national borders of Mexico or Guatemala is set for January 1st, 2021 (phase 4).	Only certain state-checked and recognized hotels, transport and tour guides can be booked. Download the "Belize Health" app and provide personal information no later than 72 hours prior to arrival. Do the PCR COVID-19 test (less than 72 hours before entry).	Present the PCR COVID-19 test upon entry (test not older than 72 hours). Follow the instructions and guidelines of the local health authorities (mask in the airport, frequent hand washing, distance 1.5m). Randomly selected health checks upon entry, thus possible second COVID-19 test at the expense of the traveler (USD 50.00 per person).	Most of the archaeological sites and tourist activities are open. However, all activities can only be visited with state-certified and recognized transport companies and tour guides. Self-drive trips are currently not possible, they can be carried out again from January 1, 2021 (phase 4).	Belize City International Airport has been open since Oct 1st, as are most of the country's domestic airports.	Daily flights from USA to Belize City. Flights from Cancun to Belize City in October to mid-November twice a week, from mid-November then daily. Flights from Flores, Guatemala to Belize City daily starting mid-November.	In Belize, more stringent cancellation conditions apply, which will be communicated on a case-by-case basis depending on the service provider.	travelbelize.org/ health-safety
Costa Rica	ARA Tours	Since 1st of August 2020	Negative PCR test result up to a maximum of 72 hours prior to entry. Insurance that covers up to \$ 50,000 medical costs and \$ 2,000 quarantine costs in the event of COVID-19 disease. Completion of an online health form.	None, just in case symptoms occur.	Some hotels are still closed, the beaches are currently open from 5:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	SJO, LIR	Currently 2 weekly arrivals from LH and IB. Planned from October on: WK, AF, BA, KL.	For the period of the pandemic there are no cancellation costs up to 15 days before arrival. Individual exceptions will be communicated with the booking confirmation.	More information can be found on: aratours.com
Dominican Republic	Caribbean Tours	Tourist flights to and from the Dominican Republic have been resumed on July, 1. The Ministry of Tourism and the Dominican Civil Aviation Authority, in coordination with the private sector, worked to establish protocols for the country's tourism industry to protect tourists' and staff's health.	Travellers should check directly with the airline whether they need to carry out any tests or have any other requirements for visiting the Dominican Republic.	In addition to the immigration and customs forms, passengers must complete and submit an official declaration on the health of the traveller, which is provided by the airline or the Dominican authorities upon arrival. At the airport and other ports of entry, temperature controls and other checks are carried out to monitor all arriving passengers. Starting on September 15th at arrival, rapid tests, such as the diagnostic breath test for COVID-19, will be performed for selected travelers.	Since July 1st, all airports and tourist activities in the Dominican Republic are operational again.	All airports have been open since July 1st, including the reactivation of air routes from Europe, Latin America, Canada and the United States.	Swiss, Edelweiss, Air Canada, Iberia, Air France	We can discuss the various options with tour operators and agencies and start on the simple basis of a 14-day free cancellation before check-in. We will make sure to be as flexible as possible.	drtravelcenter.com
Ecuador	Latventure Ecuador	Possible since 14.08.2020.	A negative PCR-COVID 19 test must be conducted in the country of departure.	Entering Ecuador: • Proof of a negative PCR-COVID-19 test, which was performed max. 10 days before entry • Submission of the health declaration (the document will be distributed in the plane) • Temperature measurement Entry Galapagos: • Proof of a negative PCR-COVID-19 test, performed no more than 96 hours before departure, a test from Europe is accepted. Alternatively, a test can be performed on site (cost: approx. 80 USD). • Proof of international health insurance. • Submission of the health declaration. • The following documents are required: Galapagos Transit Control Card, "Salvoconducto" (issued by a local agency) and return flight ticket.	Many tourist attractions in Ecuador are open, and safety protocols must be observed (temperature measurement, disinfection, mask requirement, etc.). The national parks on the mainland are only open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and closed on Mondays. All train journeys are suspended until further notice. On the Galapagos, Isabela Island is closed to tourism until further notice.	All airports are open again.	KLM, LATAM, Air Europa, Iberia.	On the mainland, we offer following cancellation policies: • until 15 days prior to departure: gratis • 14-12 days prior to departure: 35% • 11-8 days prior to departure: 50% • 7-01 days prior to departure: 75% • 00 days prior to departure or no-show: 90% On Galapagos, different conditions apply and depend on the product, for example cruises.	visitquito.ec/ wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Reporte-Semanal_COVID19_9-de-septiembre.pdf

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Guatemala	Expedición Panamundo	General entry possible since September 18th 2020	Conducting a PCR-COVID-19 test or an antigen test in the country of departure and filling in of the online health passport. (Pase de salud/health pass) (https://sre.gt)	1) Proof of a negative PCR-COVID-19 test or proof of a negative antigen test not older than 72 hours prior to arrival. This is mandatory for all travellers who are 10 years of age or older 2) Submission of the health declaration 3) Mask requirement (compulsary for all travellers age two years or older) 4) Temperature measurement	Tikal is the first archaeological site open to welcome visitors with a maximum group size of 10 Pax. The Museum of Archaeology in Guatemala City also opened again. Beaches, rivers and lakes are also open since the beginning of October. The other archaeological sites and national parks will reopen gradually in the upcoming weeks.	Both international airports in Guatemala City and Flores are open since 18 th september 2020	Currently operating airlines: United Airlines via Houston, American Airlines via Miami, American Airlines via Dallas, Delta Airlines via Atlanta, Iberia from Madrid	FIT's: No cancellation fee until 15 days prior to arrival. Groups: No cancellation fee until 30 days prior to arrival.	visitguatemala.com
Colombia	Neptuno	The entry to Colombia is allowed since September with a negativ PCR Covid test which cannot be older than 96 hours.	Currently you have to show a negativ Covid Test which should not be older than 96 h. Furthermore you have to do the migration control online 24 h before your arrival and one has to download the Coronaapp and indicate your state of health.	Currently you have to show a negativ Covid Test which should not be older than 96 h. Furthermore you have to do the migration control online 24 h before your arrival and one has to download the Coronaapp and indicate your state of health.	Since 1st September Colombia is in an internal process of aperture - restaurants, hotels etc. are reopening step by step taking into consideration the health instructions against infections. Beaches are also slowly being reopened but you have to make an online inscription in advance and baring a mask is obligatory. Indigenous communities at Amazonas region and the Guajira do not allow any visitors, yet, Cano Cristales is closed for now until end of 2020.	The following airports have been reopened for national flights: Bogota, Cartagena, Medellin, Barranquilla, Bucaramanga, Cali, Pereira, Leticia, Villavicencio, Cucutá, Montería, San Andres, Pasto, Santa Marta.	Currently no flights to/from Europe are expected but there might be flights of Lufthansa, Iberia, Air Europe, KLM, Air France, Turkish, American, United, Delta and Avianca by mid- end of October.	Cancellation without cost until 15 days before arrival.	
Cuba	Caribbean Tours	Cuba has reopened its borders to international tourists as of July 2020, but with the restriction of their travel to the breathtaking Cayos. Only direct flights to the Cayos are allowed at this stage and all travellers are requested to limit their holidays to the hotel or beach resort booked.	Travellers must keep in mind that a medical travel insurance is compulsory to enter the country. Clients can choose the one that most suits their needs according to the length of stay and other factors.	Tourists are tested for possible Covid-19 infections by temperature measurement and Covid-19 PCR tests on arrival.	The capital Havana remains closed to foreign tourists and is currently in quarantine until the end of September, as is the José Martí international airport, which will only be able to offer regular flights at a later date. Tourism is so far only possible on the Cayos and is excluded in the rest of the island.	Cayo Coco, Cayo Largo del Sur and "Abel Santamaría" in Santa Clara	Air France, Air Europa, Iberia, Swiss, Edelweiss	We can discuss the various options with tour operators and agencies and start on the simple basis of a 14-day free cancellation before check-in. We will make sure to be as flexible as possible.	mintur.gob.cu
Mexico	Tierra Maya Tours	Currently possible without restrictions	No special oficial requirements before entering the country	Instructions and guidelines from the local health authorities must be followed (mask in the airport, frequent hand washing, distance 1.5m). There are different hygiene protocols depending on the state, generally health checks are carried out on entry by means of temperature measurement and questionnaires.	Some archaeological sites/ museums/activities have been open since September. Most of the archaeological sites are open on the Yucatan Peninsula (Quintana Roo, Yucatan, Campeche), such as Tulum, Coba, Ek Balam, Chichen Itza, Uxmal. The Teotihuacan archaeological site is open in central Mexico. Palenque in the state of Chiapas is now open again. The most prominent unopened archaeological sites are Calakmul in the state of Campeche and Monte Alban in the state of Oaxaca.	All airports in the country are open.	Edelweiss currently flies once a week, on Saturdays, directly from Zurich to Cancun. Lufthansa currently flies daily direct from Frankfurt to Mexico City and twice a week direct from Frankfurt to Cancun (Thurs + Sat). From mid-December (18 Dec), Condor will fly directly to Cancun several times a week from Frankfurt. Air France flies direct from Paris to Cancun twice a week. From November, TUIfly will fly direct from Brussels to Cancun four times a week.	FIT bookings: up to 30 days before the start of the trip = USD20 per person / for families of at least 04 people = USD50 per booking. 29 to 15 days before the start of the trip = 20% of the total amount. 14 to 08 days before the start of the trip = 35% of the total amount. 07 to 01 days before the start of the trip = 75% of the total amount. No-show = 100% of the total. For group bookings, previously agreed cancellation conditions apply.	Video about arrival at Cancun; youtu.be/OFPaiAwHsL8
Panama	GAPA Travel	12 Oct 2020	Negative COVID PCR or antigen test taken no more than 48 hours prior to their arrival time in Panama. Prior to check-in, all incoming travelers will be required to complete an Electronic Affidavit (sworn statement) which will be available on visitpanama.com	Travelers will be required to present a negative COVID PCR or antigen test taken no more than 48 hours prior to their arrival time in Panama! If a passenger's COVID test was taken more than 48 hours before arriving at the airport, they will be mandated to take a rapid COVID test at the airport, the traveler will have to cover the costs. Surgical face masks are always required. Passengers are subject to temperature screening upon entering the airport.	On 12.10.2020 borders and touristic activities will be reopend incl. Airports, Hotels and all other touristic services. Visiting touristic sights have to comply with a protocol of bio-security including temperature measurement, disinfection stations and the requirement of masks for all visitors.	All Airports will be open on 12 Oct 2020.	No information so far. At the moment we assume that Iberia, Air Europa, KLM/Air France will reestablish flights to Panama City.	15 days prior to arrival free of charge.	visitpanama.com/information/travel-guidelines/