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Argentina	Latventure Argentina	It is not yet officially known when exactly the entry for EU citizens will be possible again. Since the beginning of November, tourists from neighboring countries have at least been allowed to enter via the Buenos Aires Ezeiza airport.	The future entry regulations for EU citizens are currently still unclear. Travellers from neighboring countries have to fill out an online declaration until 48 hours before entry, including the result of a PCR test and information about a health insurance company that will cover treatment and quarantine because of COVID-19 (without limit or restrictions).	Tourists from neighboring countries are subjected to a health check upon entry (temperature measurement) and must take certain measures BEFORE entering the country (see left).	Attractions are partly open only for regional tourism.	In Buenos Aires only Ezeiza International Airport (EZE) is open, as are most regional airports in the country.	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.	argentina.gob.ar/turismo-y-deportes/protocolos-covid-turismo-deportes argentina.travel
Belize	Tierra Maya Tours	Entrance to the country is possible since October 1 st , but only via Int. Belize City Airport (Phase 3). Entry across the national borders of Mexico or Guatemala is set for January 1 st , 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 1.5 m). 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	Iberia: MAD-SJO from October 26 Monday, Wednesday and Friday. From December 6 th , the frequency will be increased to Sundays and from January 2 nd 2021 it will be increased to Saturdays. Lufthansa: FRA-SJO-FRA on Wednesdays and Fridays and from October 29 th changes to Thursday and Saturday. Edelweiss: ZRH-SJO-ZRH on Thursdays from January 7 th , 2021 Air France: Starts operations to/from Paris as of October 31 st . As of December 15 th , the frequency will be increased by adding Tuesdays and Thursdays. KLM: Starts operations on 26 November to/from Amsterdam, maintaining its frequency on Thursdays and Saturdays throughout 2020. British Airways: From November 26 th to/from Gatwick three times a week on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Condor: not confirmed yet From 1 November on, air borders will be generally opened to citizens from all over the world.	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. The Dominican Republic is now no longer on the list of risk countries for Switzerland, i.e. returnees to Switzerland are no longer required to undergo quarantine.	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 15 th at arrival, rapid tests, such as the diagnostic breath test for COVID-19, will be performed for selected travelers.	Since July 1 st , all airports and tourist activities in the Dominican Republic are operational again.	All airports have been open since July 1 st , including the reactivation of air routes from Europe, Latin America, Canada and the United States.	Swiss, Edelweiss, Air Canada, Iberia, Air France, Aeromexico	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

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Ecuador	Latventure Ecuador	Possible since 14.08.2020.	A negative PCR-COVID 19 test must be conducted in the country of departure.	<p>Entering Ecuador:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>Entry Galapagos:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For persons over 18 years: 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.	All airports are open again.	KLM, LATAM, Air Europa, Iberia.	<p>On the mainland, we offer following cancellation policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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% <p>On Galapagos, different conditions apply and depend on the product, for example cruises.</p>	https://mi-cequito.ec/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Formato-Reporte-Semana-COVID19-mie%CC%81rcoles-11-de-no-viembre-compilado.pdf
Guatemala	Expedición Panamundo	General entry possible since September 18 th 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)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 15 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 reopened gradually during the last weeks.	Both international airports in Guatemala City and Flores are open since 18 th September 2020	Currently no flights to/from Europe are expected but there might be flights of Lufthansa, Iberia, Air Europa, KLM, Air France, Turkish, American, United, Delta and Avianca by mid- end of October.	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. A negativ PCR Covid test currently is not necessary.	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 a negativ Covid Test is not necessary.	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 a negativ Covid Test is not necessary.	Since 1 st September it is posible to travel in Colombia. All important Hotels, Restaurants and attractions are opened again. Step by step the few providers left, are starting up again. All of them adhere to strict health and hygiene regulations. It is mandatory to wear a mask in the whole country and also outside.	All mayor airports in the country are opened again.	Avianca (Madrid, Barcelona, London), Iberia, KLM/Air France, Lufthansa (from 3 rd of december on), Turkish Airlines, Air Europe.	Cancellation without cost until 15 days before arrival. Exceptions are being mentioned with the confirmation.	

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Cuba	Caribbean Tours	Cuba has reopened its borders to international tourists as of July 2020. In Havana, phase 3 and transition to "new normality" will be effective immediately (October 12): restaurants, cafes, museums, galleries will be open again with 50% capacity for visitors. The beaches of Havana Playas del Este have also reopened with more space between the sunbeds. Beach destination Varadero is open again for international tourists as of October 15. The International Airport in Havana reopened for regular flights on Nov. 15. Cuba is no longer "risk area" for German tourists, meaning no self-isolation is needed after visiting Cuba.	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. Should a passenger have a temperature of more than 37.5 °C, he or she cannot enter the aircraft. It is advisable that clients are recommended to carry out a PCR a couple of days before departure, as they will not be able to enjoy their holidays in case of a positive PCR.	Tourists must fill a Health Declaration form are tested for possible Covid-19 infections by temperature measurement and Covid-19 PCR tests on arrival.	Tourist destination Varadero is open again for international tourists as of October 15. Flights to Havana are now allowed again. In Havana, phase 3 and transition to "new normality" will be effective immediately (October 12): restaurants, cafes, museums, galleries will be open again with 50% capacity for visitors. The beaches of Havana Playas del Este have also reopened with more space between the sunbeds. For the population, interprovincial visits are now allowed by all known means of transport, with the exception of the provinces of Pinar del Rio, Ciego de Avila and Sancti Spiritus. All other provinces are already in the phase of "nueva normalidad" due to the even lower number of cases, without neglecting the important safety protocols, such as wearing masks in all places, keeping a minimum distance and calling on the population to see a doctor immediately in case of any symptoms.	Cayo Coco, Cayo Largo del Sur, "Abel Santamaría" in Santa Clara, Varadero, Havana. Soon also Holguin.	Condor	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 official 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.	Many archaeological sites/museums/activities have been open since September. In the southeast of the country (Quintana Roo, Yucatan, Campeche, Chiapas) most of the archaeological sites are open, e.g. Tulum, Coba, Ek Balam, Chichen Itza, Uxmal, Palenque). The Teotihuacan archaeological site is open in central Mexico. Museums in Mexico City are open to a limited extent, but some of them are temporarily closed by the authorities at short notice. 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 presumably be flying from Frankfurt directly to Cancun several times a week. Air France flies direct from Paris to Cancun twice a week. TUIfly flies weekly direct from Brussels to Cancun.	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 www.panamadigital.gob.pa/Registro	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 (50 USD). Surgical face masks are always required. Passengers are subject to temperature screening upon entering the airport.	International and national Airports, most of the Hotels and touristic sights like beaches and national parks are reopened. Touristic sights have to comply with a protocol of bio-security including temperature measurement, disinfection stations and the requirement of masks for all visitors. The borders to Costa Rica and some touristic sights like the visitors center of Miraflores locks and Agua Clara locks are still closed. There will be no Panama Canal Crossing Tour until January 2021.	Airports are reopened (except of San Blas Airport).	KLM, Air France and Iberia have already reestablished flights to Panama City. Turkish Airlines and Air Europa have announced flights by November/December 2020. Lufthansa is expected to reestablish flights in the first quarter of 2021.	15 days prior to arrival free of charge.	visitpanama.com/information/travel-guidelines/