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Argentina	Latventure Argentina	It is planned to open the borders for international tourists from November 1st. The official decree for this is still pending.	<p>The conditions for entry will then be as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• complete vaccination protection (at least 14 days before arrival in Argentina)</li> <li>• negative PCR test within 72 hours before entry</li> <li>• antigen test after entry at the airport</li> <li>• and another PCR test after 5 to 7 days after entry</li> </ul> <p>Once 50% of the population in Argentina is fully vaccinated (currently 40%), these conditions will be redefined.</p> <p>In addition, there will most likely be an affidavit to be filled out online up to 48h prior to entry, as well as information about health insurance that covers treatment/quarantine due to COVID-19 (with no limit or restrictions).</p>	Currently authorized travelers have their temperature measured upon entry and must take an antigen test at the airport at their own expense. The result is available after about 30 minutes, and only then they are allowed to leave the airport.	Attractions are open for national tourism.	National air traffic is operating normally, although with fewer connections than before the pandemic.	Currently KLM/LH/LEVEL/AR/LA-TAM/AF/IB/BA/TK/Edelweiss.	For arrivals until March 31st 2022 we offer free cancellations for new bookings and changes up to 15 days before arrival.	<p><a href="http://argentina.gob.ar/turismoy-deportes/protocolos-covid-turismo-deportes">argentina.gob.ar/turismoy-deportes/protocolos-covid-turismo-deportes</a></p> <p><a href="http://argentina.travel">argentina.travel</a></p> <p><a href="http://argentina.gob.ar/salud/coronavirus/ingresar-egresar-argentina/requisitos-para-iniciar-viaje-argentina">argentina.gob.ar/salud/coronavirus/ingresar-egresar-argentina/requisitos-para-iniciar-viaje-argentina</a></p>
Belize	Tierra Maya Tours	Entry via Belize City Int. Airport and across the national land borders of Mexico or Guatemala is now also possible.	Only certain state-checked and recognized hotels, transport and tour guides can be booked. Download the "Belize Health" app and enter personal information no later than 72 hours prior to arrival. When entering the Int. Airport Belize City PCR COVID-19 test is required (less than 72 hours before entry). When entering national land borders, a minimum of 3 nights in the country in state-approved and recognized hotels must be shown. COVID-19 tests you bring with you will not be accepted in Belize at the land border. All persons must show a fully stamped vaccination card when entering the land border, but random health checks can still be carried out on arrival at the expense of the traveler (USD 50.00 per person). Anyone without a vaccination card will undergo a COVID-19 test at their own expense upon arrival at the land border (USD 50.00 per test). People who test positive for COVID-19 at the land border and their fellow travelers will be refused entry.	PCR COVID-19 test are to show upon entry at the Int. Airport Belize City (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). Entry across national land borders see column next to the left.	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 now possible again.	Belize City International Airport is open, as are most of the country's domestic airports.	Daily flights from USA to Belize City. Flights from Cancun to Belize City currently six times a week. At the moment there are also flights from Belize City to Guatemala City five times a week.	In Belize, more stringent cancellation conditions apply, which will be communicated on a case-by-case basis depending on the service provider.	<a href="http://travelbelize.org/health-safety">travelbelize.org/health-safety</a>

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Costa Rica	ARA Tours	Since 1 <sup>st</sup> of August 2020	<p>No PCR test is required to enter Costa Rica, only the following two conditions must be met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only for adults who are not fully vaccinated: Insurance that covers up to USD 50,000 medical costs and USD 2,000 quarantine costs in the event of COVID-19 disease.</li> <li>• Filling out an online health form up to 72 hours before departure with uploading the insurance documents, then receiving a QR code.</li> </ul>	<p>Check of the QR-Code received after filling in the online health form, eventually individual clarification of the insurance cover in case of guests who are not fully vaccinated and health status in case of showing symptoms.</p>	<p>Most relevant hotels open since mids of December 2020. The beaches are currently open from 5:00 a.m. to 18:00pm , the most important national parks are open and operate at 100% of their capacity.</p>	SJO, LIR	<p><b>Iberia:</b> Daily flights MAD-SJO  <b>Iberojet:</b> MAD-SJO-MAD on most Saturdays  <b>Lufthansa:</b> FRA-SJO-FRA 02OCT21-31MAY22: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, all nonstop (FRA-SJO-FRA)  <b>Edelweiss:</b> ZRH-SJO-ZRH: October 2021: every Friday, roundtrip via Puerto Plata (ZRH-POP-SJO-POP-ZRH)  03NOV21-25NOV21: Wednesday, Friday, Sunday, all nonstop (ZRH-SJO-ZRH)  28NOV21-01MAY22: Wednesday, Friday, Sunday, Wednesday and Friday nonstop (ZRH-SJO-ZRH), Sunday return via Liberia (ZRH-SJO-LIR-ZRH).  <b>Air France:</b> 3 weekly flights CDG-SJO-CDG during November to March 2022: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, starting mid December also on Sunday  <b>KLM:</b> 3 weekly flights AMS-SJO-LIR during November to March 2022: Wednesday, Friday, Sunday, starting mid December also on Monday  <b>British Airways:</b> planned to start connections LGW-SJO-LGW by mid December  <b>Condor:</b> Not yet confirmed</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>More information can be found on: aratours.com</p>
Dominican Republic	Caribbean Tours	All airports and tourist activities in the Dominican Republic have reopened, including the reactivation of air routes from Europe, Latin America, Canada and the United States.	<p>Travelers are <b>not</b> required to present a negative test result for COVID-19 upon arrival. However, rapid tests will be performed on randomly selected travelers upon arrival. Passengers under the age of five and crew members are exempt from this requirement.</p>	<p>To save time in the arrival procedure, we recommend filling out the entry form 72 hours before travel, printing out the QR code or taking a screenshot of it and keeping it ready until arrival, where it will be scanned by the authorities when the passenger is going through customs. Passengers must fill out one form for arrival and one form for departure and the system will generate two QR codes. The QR code will not be scanned upon departure, but it is confirmation that the form has been filled out correctly. If you want to make a change to the form, you will have to fill it out again. Until April 30, 2021, the Dominican authorities exceptionally accept both types of registrations for entry into the country: the previous one via physical forms and the new one via the digital system. From May 1, 2021, the use of digital forms will be mandatory and no other method of providing the information required to enter the Dominican Republic will be allowed or recognized as valid. The Dominican airports have free internet access so that passengers who have not completed the form before the flight can do so when they arrive in the country. For more information and an instruction video, please visit: <a href="https://viajerodigital.mitur.gob.do/">https://viajerodigital.mitur.gob.do/</a>.</p>	<p>All airports, ports and tourist activities in the Dominican Republic have reopened. In addition to most all-inclusive hotels, most national parks and beaches have also opened. There are a few private resorts and small hotels that have not yet recovered 100% from the pandemic, but these can be requested individually.</p> <p>There is a curfew until end of July. Every day 9.00pm to 5.00am</p>	All airports are open	<p><b>Iberia:</b> MAD-SDQ  <b>Lufthansa:</b> FRA-PUJ + FRA-SDQ  <b>Edelweiss:</b> ZRH-PUJ + ZRH-POP  <b>Air France:</b> CDG-PUJ  <b>Condor:</b> Resumption not yet confirmed</p>	<p>We can discuss the various options with tour operators and agencies basing on our GTC and cancellation policy before check-in. We will make sure to be as flexible as possible.</p>	<p>drtravelcenter.com</p>

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<b>Dominican Republic</b> (continuation)				<p>Passengers arriving on private flights, non-commercial ships, ferries, cruise lines, etc. do not need to fill out the electronic form. The physical forms "Traveler's Health Affidavit", "Customs Declaration" and "International Embarkation / Disembarkation" are accepted for the aforementioned passengers.</p> <p>If you are staying for more than 30 days, expect an additional fee when you leave the country, which is based on the total length of your stay. You can view the corresponding fees here and upload the required documents. They must be paid online before departure or at the airport's immigration department – after check-in and security control – upon departure.</p>					
<b>Ecuador</b>	Latventure Ecuador	Possible since 14.08.2020.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A negative PCR-COVID 19 must be conducted in the country of departure max. 72 hours before entry if the traveller can not present a vaccination certificate (last vaccine at least 14 days old). An antigen test is not accepted anymore.</li> <li>Submission of the health declaration (the document has to be filled out before entering the plane)"</li> </ul>	<p>Entering Ecuador:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proof of a negative PCR-COVID-19 performed no more than 72 hours prior to entry. An antigen test is not accepted anymore.</li> </ul> <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation of a vaccination certificate with the complete vaccination against COVID-19 (last vaccine at least 14 days old)</li> <li>Temperature measurement</li> <li>Travellers from Brazil have to go to quarantine</li> </ul> <p>Entry Galapagos:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For travelers 2years and older: Proof of a negative PCR-COVID-19, which was carried out max. 72 hours before departure. A test from Europe is accepted. Alternatively, a test can be performed on site (cost: approx. 80 USD) The presentation of a vaccination certificate is not necessary anymore.</li> <li>Proof of international health insurance</li> <li>Submission of the health declaration</li> <li>The following documents are required: Galapagos Transit Control Card and return flight ticket"</li> </ul>	<p>It is recommended on the Ecuadorian mainland to do tours with private guide only, as many operators do not offer group excursions at this time.</p> <p>Many tourist attractions in Ecuador are open, and safety protocols must be observed (temperature measurement, disinfection, mask requirement, etc.).</p> <p>The national parks on the mainland are only open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and work with reduced capacities. The entry on Monday is possible again.</p> <p>All train journeys are suspended until further notice.</p>	All airports are open again. <b>Flights to Coca take place only on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.</b>	KLM, LATAM, Air Europa, Iberia.	<p>On the mainland, we offer following cancellation policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>until 15 days prior to departure: gratis</li> <li>14–12 days prior to departure: 35%</li> <li>11–8 days prior to departure: 50%</li> <li>7–01 days prior to departure: 75%</li> <li>00 days prior to departure or no-show: 90%</li> </ul> <p>On Galapagos, different conditions apply and depend on the product, for example cruises.</p>	<a href="https://micequito.ec/2020/11/01/covid-19-reporte-semanal/">micequito.ec/2020/11/01/covid-19-reporte-semanal/</a>

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Guatemala	Expedición Panamundo	General entry possible since September 18 <sup>th</sup> 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) ( <a href="https://sre.gt">https://sre.gt</a> )	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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 Note: in both cases only naso-pharyngeal tests are accepted, no blood or saliva tests! <b>Important:</b> Travelers from Brazil, Great Britain, Northern Ireland and South Africa are only allowed to enter Guatemala if they go into a 10-day quarantine. This also applies to travelers who have stayed in one of these countries during the last 14 days or whose flight connection was via these countries.</li> <li>2) Submission of the health declaration</li> <li>3) Mask requirement (compulsary for all travellers age two years or older)</li> <li>4) Temperature measurement</li> <li>5) Travelers who have already been vaccinated must show the certificate of both vaccination doses upon entry. The second vaccination must have been received at least 14 days before the start of the trip. Vaccinated people do not need to submit any further tests to enter Guatemala</li> </ol>	All archaeological sites and national parks are 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.	Both international airports in Guatemala City and Flores are open since 18 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	Currently operating airlines: United Airlines via Houston, American Airlines via Miami, American Airlines via Dallas, Lufthansa via Mexico City, Iberia from Madrid (4x week), KLM via Panama (daily)	FIT's: No cancellation fee until 15 days prior to arrival. Groups: No cancellation fee until 30 days prior to arrival.	<a href="http://visitguatemala.com">visitguatemala.com</a>
Colombia	Neptuno	The entry to Colombia is allowed since September. No PCR Test is required to enter Colombia.	You have to do the migration control online 24 h before your arrival.	You have to do the migration control online 24 h before your arrival.	Since 1 <sup>st</sup> September it is possible 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, Turkish Airlines, Air Europe. Starting from 03rd November, Lufthansa will have 3 connections weekly Bogotá - Frankfurt - Bogotá, flights will operate on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays.	Cancellation without cost until 15 days before arrival. Exceptions are being mentioned with the confirmation.	

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<b>Cuba</b>	Caribbean Tours	<p>Cuba will open its borders on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and welcomes vaccinated and non-vaccinated tourists. The usual Covid hygiene rules will continue to apply throughout the country. A valid vaccination certificate is required for entry of vaccinated persons and a current PCR test is required for entry of non-vaccinated persons taken within 72 hours at the time of entry into Cuba.</p> <p>Cuba is not a risk area for Switzerland, there is no quarantine obligation for travellers returning home. In Germany, Cuba was placed on the list of risk countries on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 and still exists. Here, there are quarantine regulations for returnees (10 days of domestic segregation).</p>	<p>Entry is only possible with a current visa/tourist card. Since January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021, all unvaccinated travellers must present on entry a certificate with a negative result of a PCR-RT test for SARS Cov-2 (in English) prepared by a certified laboratory in the home country and carried out within 72 hours prior to arrival on the island. Vaccinated travellers require a paper international vaccination certificate.</p> <p>Overseas travel medical insurance with COVID-19 coverage is required. Insurance cover is compulsory. If travelers cannot show proof of insurance, Cuban health insurance for the duration of the stay must be purchased at Cuban airports upon entry. If a passenger's temperature exceeds 37.5°C, he or she will not be allowed to board the aircraft.</p>	<p>An automated temperature measurement is carried out upon entry and random samples (rapid test) are taken at the airport .</p> <p>Tourists must fill out a health declaration upon entry, indicating the address in Cuba (accommodation) where the traveller can be reached for the first few days after entry. Wearing a mouth-nose protection/mask (in Cuba: called "nasobuco") is still obligatory at the airport and in public places throughout Cuba. Exceptions apply in hotel areas, such as the beach or pool, where compliance with the distance rules (recommended minimum distance of 1.5 m) can be ensured. In restaurants, a mask must be worn when entering and leaving the restaurant, as well as in the buffet area and when ordering at the bar. Mask protection is also compulsory in washrooms. However, once you have taken a seat in the restaurant or café, the mask may of course be removed at the table. The minimum distance of 1.5 m between 2 people must always be maintained.</p>	<p>Current situation in Cuba, updated on October 5th, 2021.</p> <p>Cuba is the first country with the most vaccinated inhabitants from November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Children are also already vaccinated from the age of 2 years.</p> <p>The situation in the different provinces is easing daily. From mid-November, Cuba will return to normality and allow a unique travel experience under safe conditions with appropriate hygiene and safety conditions. Entry to Cuba via the international airports (Havana, Holguin and Varadero), as well as from other provinces to the capital, is possible again for international tourists without restrictions. Hotels and private accommodations are gradually opening their doors to international tourism and people are once again allowed to move freely to any province. Guests are allowed to stay in official accommodation (hotels and casas particulares) without further ado. Museums, galleries, nature reserves, restaurants and bars will be opening. Beach holidays in beach destinations such as Varadero, Cayo Santa Maria or Cayo Coco are possible again and can be booked at very attractive rates. Tourist round trips, round trips by rental car or taxi are possible again and top spots like Viñales, Trinidad and Cienfuegos are open for travellers.</p>	No restriction for tourists.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Iberia</li> <li>• Air France</li> <li>• Edelweiss start their flights from 18<sup>th</sup> of november on</li> <li>• Condor start their flights from 19<sup>th</sup> of december on to Holguin, 20<sup>th</sup> of december to Havana and from 21<sup>st</sup> of december to Varadero</li> </ul>	We can discuss the various options with tour operators and agencies basing on our GTC and cancellation policy before check-in. We will make sure to be as flexible as possible.	mintur.gob.cu
<b>Mexico</b>	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 1.5 m). There are different hygiene protocols depending on the state, generally health checks are carried out on entry by means of temperature measurement and questionnaires.	Most of the country's tourist attractions are open. In the south-east of the country (Quintana Roo, Yucatan, Campeche, Chiapas) the most important and best-known archaeological sites are open, such as Tulum, Coba, Ek Balam, Chichen Itza, Uxmal, Palenque, Calakmul. Most of the museums and archaeological sites in central Mexico are now open again, some with a limited number of visitors and changed opening times.	All airports in the country are open.	Edelweiss currently flies twice a week from Zurich to Cancun. Condor currently flies four times a week, from mid-July even daily direct from Frankfurt to Cancun. Lufthansa currently flies three times a week directly from Frankfurt to Cancun. Lufthansa currently flies several times a week directly from Frankfurt to Mexico City.	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; <a href="https://youtu.be/OFPaiAw8L8">youtu.be/OFPaiAw8L8</a>
<b>Nicaragua</b>	ARA Tours	14 Jul 2020 entry possible via airport and border towards Costa Rica or Honduras. However, for now it's not possible to leave the country towards Costa Rica by land.	Entry by air: negative PCR test within 72 hours prior to the arrival in Nicaragua. The test result needs to be sent to the migration authorities until 36 hours prior departure by the airline, together with copy of the passport. Entry by land: negative PCR test, not older than 72 hours before entry to Nicaragua.	Travelers are required to present their negativ PCR test, not older than 72 hours. They need to inform their adress and local phone number in Nicaragua. The local authorities will then give a follow-up to assure there are no symptoms nor any medial attention is required.	Some hotels are still closed, although they are officially allowed to operate throughout the country.	International airport Managua MAG and regional airport Corn Island.	<p>Avianca SAL-MGA (4x per week)</p> <p>Avianca MIA-MGA (2x per week)</p> <p>Copa PTY-MGA (2x per week)</p>	no current bookings	

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Panama	GAPA Travel	It is possible to enter or leave the country via the International Airport Tocumen, as well as via the border crossings to Costa Rica (Paso Canoas and Guabito / Sixaola).	All incoming travelers will be required to complete an Electronic Affidavit (sworn statement), available on <a href="https://www.panamadigital.gob.pa/Registro">https://www.panamadigital.gob.pa/Registro</a>	Temperature measurements. Wear a mouth and nose protection. Submission of the complete vaccination schedule (vaccination card, also in digital form), whereby the last vaccination must not be younger than 14 days. Alternatively: negative PCR COVID-19 or antigen test, not older than 72 hours before departure! If this cannot be presented, a Covid-19 rapid test will be carried out at the airport. The cost of this test is borne by the traveler (50 USD). A positive test results in a 14-day quarantine in a hotel organized by the state (Hotel Hospital). Important: When entering from or via a high-risk country, e.g. Costa Rica or USA (within the last 15 days, complete list on <a href="https://www.tourismpanama.com/plan-your-vacation/advisories">https://www.tourismpanama.com/plan-your-vacation/advisories</a> ), submission of the complete vaccination schedule is mandatory in order to avoid a quarantine for at least 3 days at the expense of travelers.	Around 70% of the hotels are already open again. Almost all tourist activities are possible again nationwide. It is still compulsory to wear mouth and nose protection in public areas. Due to the very low infection rate, there are currently no further restrictions.	Airports are reopened (except of San Blas Airport).	Air France, KLM, Iberia, Turkish Airlines and Air Europa have already reestablished flights to Panama City. Eurowings will offer flights between Frankfurt and Panama City from the first quarter of 2022.	15 days prior to arrival free of charge.	<a href="https://visitpanama.com/information/travel-guidelines/">visitpanama.com/information/travel-guidelines/</a>