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Argentina	Latventure Argentina	Borders are open for international tourists since November 1 st , 2021	<p>The conditions for entry are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • complete vaccination protection (at least 14 days before arrival in Argentina) • negative PCR test within 72 hours before entry • affidavit to be filled out online up to 48h prior to entry https://ddjj.migraciones.gob.ar/app/home.php • insurance that covers treatment/quarantine due to COVID-19 (with no limit or restrictions) 	Currently authorized travelers have their temperature measured upon entry.	Attractions are open for tourism.	National air traffic is operating normally, although with fewer connections than before the pandemic.	Currently KLM/LH/LEVEL/AR/LATAM/AF/IB/BA/TK/Edelweiss.	For arrivals until March 31 st 2022 we offer free cancellations for new bookings and changes up to 15 days before arrival.	<p>argentina.gob.ar/turismoy-deportes/protocolos-covid-turismo-deportes</p> <p>argentina.travel</p> <p>argentina.gob.ar/salud/coronavirus/ingresar-egresar-argentina/requisitos-para-iniciar-viaje-argentina</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.	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	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.	travelbelize.org/health-safety

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Costa Rica	ARA Tours	Since 1 st of August 2020	<p>The only requirement to enter Costa Rica is the completion of an online health form 72h before departure. A Corona test is not required for entry:</p> <p>Guests who are not fully vaccinated need to upload a proof of insurance for 50,000 USD, which also applies in case of COVID-19 disease, as well as a quarantine insurance for 2,000 USD per person. Children under the age of 18 do not have to provide this proof of insurance.</p> <p>Please consider that although from 1.12. 2021, the entry of unvaccinated guests is still possible, the access to hotels, restaurants, tour operators and other shops within the country is partly restricted and from 07.01.2022 completely not allowed.</p> <p>The QR code which is generated by the online health form entitles access to hotels, restaurants, tour operators and other shops. Approved vaccines are: Pfizer & BioNTech, Moderna, AstraZeneca, Johnson & Johnson, Sinovac, Sinopharm and Covaxin</p>	<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 11:00pm , the most important national parks are open and operate at 100% of their capacity.</p>	SJO, LIR	<p>Iberia: Daily flights MAD-SJO</p> <p>Iberojet: MAD-SJO-MAD on most Saturdays</p> <p>Lufthansa: FRA-SJO-FRA 02OCT21-31MAY22: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, all nonstop (FRA-SJO-FRA)</p> <p>Edelweiss: ZRH-SJO-ZRH: October 2021: every Friday, roundtrip via Puerto Plata (ZRH-POP-SJO-POP-ZRH)</p> <p>03NOV21-25NOV21: Wednesday, Friday, Sunday, all nonstop (ZRH-SJO-ZRH)</p> <p>28NOV21-01MAY22: Wednesday, Friday, Sunday, Wednesday and Friday nonstop (ZRH-SJO-ZRH), Sunday return via Liberia (ZRH-SJO-LIR-ZRH).</p> <p>Air France: 3 weekly flights CDG-SJO-CDG during November to March 2022: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, starting mid December also on Sunday</p> <p>KLM: 3 weekly flights AMS-SJO-LIR during November to March 2022: Wednesday, Friday, Sunday, starting mid December also on Monday</p> <p>British Airways: 3 flights per week LGW-SJO-LGW: Tuesdays, Thursdays, Sundays</p> <p>Condor: 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 not required to present a negative test result for COVID-19 upon arrival. However, rapid tests will be conducted on randomly selected travelers upon arrival. Passengers under five years of age 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: https://viajerodigital.mitur.gob.do/.</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>Iberia: MAD-SDQ</p> <p>Lufthansa: FRA-PUJ + FRA-SDQ</p> <p>Edelweiss: ZRH-PUJ + ZRH-POP</p> <p>Air France: CDG-PUJ</p> <p>Condor: 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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Dominican Republic (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>					
Ecuador	Latventure Ecuador	Possible since 14.08.2020.	<p>The following guideline is effective as of December 1, 2021: Entry to Mainland Ecuador by air borders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All persons entering mainland Ecuador by international air must present the Traveler's Health Declaration digitally upon boarding the airline, it is available at the following link: https://declaracionsalud-viajero.msp.gob.ec/, if the platform is not available, the physical form may be presented. All passengers entering the country, over 16 years of age, must present the COVID-19 vaccination card with at least 14 days of validity after completing the scheme and the negative result of the qualitative real-time RT-PCR test performed up to 72 hours prior to boarding to Ecuador. For children between 2 and 16 years of age, they must present a negative result of the qualitative real-time RT-PCR test performed up to 72 hours prior to embarkation to Ecuador. Entry to national territory is prohibited to any person whose point of origin, stopover or transit is South Africa, Namibia, Lesotho, Zimbabwe, Botswana and Eswatini, Mozambique, Egypt. 	<p>The following guideline is effective as of December 1, 2021: Entry to Mainland Ecuador by air borders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any passenger that during the flight or upon arrival in Ecuador presents symptoms related to COVID-19, (thermal rise, cough, general malaise, loss of smell, loss of taste, among others), regardless of the result of the RT-PCR qualitative test, will be evaluated by the Ministry of Public Health personnel, prior to entering the migration area. If it is determined that it is a "suspected case", a rapid antigen test (nasopharyngeal swab) will be performed, and if it is positive, fourteen (14) days of isolation must be carried out after the date of sampling at home or at any place of accommodation of the traveler's choice and at the traveler's expense. For follow-up, you must report contacts, this information must be included in the Traveler's Health Declaration. 	<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. Flights to Coca take place only on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.	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://www.salud.gob.ec/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/1.lineamien-to_ingreso_al_pais_por_via_area_01-12-2021_rev_final-signed-signed-1-signed-signed.pdf

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Guatemala	Expedición Panamundo	General entry possible since September 18 th 2020	Entry will be allowed to those persons, regardless of their nationality, who can prove that they have been in one of the authorized countries for the past 14 days and show no symptoms of illness.	<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 Note: in both cases only nasopharyngeal tests are accepted, no blood or saliva tests! Important: 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. 2) Submission of the health declaration 3) Mask requirement (compulsary for all travellers age two years or older) 4) Temperature measurement 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. 	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 th 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.	visitguatemala.com
Colombia	Neptuno	The entry to Colombia is allowed since September.	<p>Entry requirements as of December 14th 2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • valid proof of at least one dose of a Covid 19-vaccination, which has been applied within minimum 14 days before departure • in case the traveller has only on shot at the moment of departure, a negative PCR test, not older than 72 hours before departure, is required* • online registration at Check-Mig, through the homepage of the Colombian migration office <p>*Exception: vaccine Janssen</p>	<p>Entry requirements as of December 14th 2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • valid proof of at least one dose of a Covid 19-vaccination, which has been applied within minimum 14 days before departure • in case the traveller has only on shot at the moment of departure, a negative PCR test, not older than 72 hours before departure, is required* • online registration at Check-Mig, through the homepage of the Colombian migration office <p>*Exception: vaccine Janssen</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • facemasks are compulsory at all times • a valid vaccination certificate is required to enter most sites and attractions, including e.g. restaurants, museums and national parks. • borders are open for international tourism • tourism infrastructure is intact • national and international flights are operating 	All mayor airports in the country are opened again.	Avianca (Madrid, Barcelona, London), Iberia, KLM/Air France, Turkish Airlines, Air Europe. Lufthansa has 5 connections weekly Bogotá - Frankfurt - Bogotá (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Sunday)	Cancellation without cost until 15 days before arrival. Exceptions are being mentioned with the confirmation.	

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Cuba	Caribbean Tours	<p>Cuba has been open again since November 15, 2021 and welcomes vaccinated and non-vaccinated tourists. The usual COVID-19 hygiene regulations continue to be applied throughout the country. In the case of vaccinated travelers, a valid vaccination certificate is required; as for the unvaccinated ones, a negative RT-PCR certificate carried out no more than 72 hours before the day of entry to Cuba.</p> <p>Cuba is not a risk area for Switzerland and Germany, so there is no mandatory quarantine for travelers when returning home.</p>	<p>Entry is only possible with a current visa (Tourist Card). Since January 10, 2021, any unvaccinated traveler must present on entry a certificate with a negative result of a PCR-RT test for SARS-CoV-2 (in English), issued by a certified laboratory in the home country and carried out within 72 hours before arrival on the island. Vaccinated travelers will need a physical international vaccination card.</p> <p>"D'Viajeros": new digital entry form with QR code. From January 1st, 2022, the digital form "D'Viajeros" (https://www.dviajeros.mitrans.gob.cu) must be filled out by every traveler before travelling. Attention: This does not replace the tourist card, which is still valid as an entry visa.</p> <p>Corona Update: Due to the new Omicron variant, travelers from South Africa, Lesotho, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Namibia, Malawi and Eswatini are again subject to a 7-day quarantine requirement as of December 4th, 2021. In addition, entry is only possible with the same provisions as above apply and certificate of a complete vaccination scheme and negative PCR test result from the home country (PCR not carried out no more than 72 hours before arrival).</p> <p>The aforementioned regulations also apply for travelers from Belgium, Israel, Hong Kong, Egypt, Turkey and other sub-Saharan African countries, but subsequent quarantine and a second PCR test are not required.</p> <p>International travel health insurance with COVID-19 coverage: Insurance coverage is compulsory. If the traveler has not got an insurance in the home country or has no documented evidence of having one on entry, then the traveler has to buy a travel insurance at the airport of entry.</p> <p>If a passenger's temperature exceeds 37.5°C, he or she will not be allowed to board the airplane.</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 Cuba – Update December 8th, 2021. Cuba is the first country with most of its population vaccinated. As of December 15, 2021, Cuba is back to normal and allows a unique travel experience under safe conditions with appropriate hygiene and safety conditions.</p>	<p>No restriction for tourists.</p>	<p>Iberia, Aireuropa, Iberojet, Air France, Edelweiss, (Condor start their flights from 19th of december on)</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>mintur.gob.cu</p>

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Mexico	Tierra Maya Tours	Currently possible without restrictions	No regulatory requirements prior to entry.	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; youtu.be/OFPaiAwhsL8
Nicaragua	ARA Tours	14 Jul 2020 entry possible via airport and border towards Costa Rica or Honduras.	Via airport: Negative PCR COVID-19 test, not older than 72 hours before arrival in Nicaragua. The test result must be submitted by the airline to the immigration office 36 hours before departure, together with a photo of the passport. By land: Negative PCR COVID-19 test, not older than 72 hours before arrival in Nicaragua. All visitors have to fill in an online form prior to entering the country.	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.	Connection via Miami, San Salvador and Panama by Avianca and Copa	no current bookings	
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 https://www.panamadigital.gob.pa/Registro	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 https://www.tourismpanama.com/plan-your-vacation/advisories), submission of the complete vaccination schedule is mandatory in order to avoid a quarantine for at least 3 days at the expense of travelers.	Most 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.	visitpanama.com/information/travel-guide-lines/