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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"> • Completion of an affidavit within 48 hours prior to entry https://ddjj.migraciones.gob.ar/app/home.php • Insurance covering treatment/quarantine due to COVID-19 (without limitation). • Unvaccinated travellers are advised to take a PCR test up to 24 hours after entry. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • temperature measure upon entry. • in case of domestic flights or travel by river or sea, all documents should be carried, as there may be repeated controls. 	Attractions are open for tourism.	National air traffic is operating normally.	Currently KLM/LH/LEVEL/AR/LATAM/AF/IB/BA/TK/Edelweiss.	For arrivals until June 30 th 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.	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.	travelbelize.org/health-safety

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Costa Rica	ARA Tours	Since 1 st of August 2020	Since April, 1 st 2022, no health form or proof of insurance is required. No test requirement.	Eventually individual clarification of the health status in case of showing symptoms.	The only continuing measure is the compulsory wearing of masks in closed rooms until further notice.	SJO, LIR	<p>Iberia: Direct flights MAD-SJO 5 days per week until October (days vary). From November 2022, it flies six days a week from Thursday to Tuesday.</p> <p>Iberjet: MAD-SJO-MAD flights from April to October on Tuesdays and Saturdays.</p> <p>Lufthansa: FRA-SJO-FRA 2 October 21 to 31 May 22: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, all nonstop (FRA-SJO-FRA). Except for Monday, the Lufthansa Group thus offers daily connections to Costa Rica.</p> <p>Edelweiss: ZRH-SJO-ZRH: Wednesday, Friday and Sunday (return via LIR) until May 1. May to September 2022 Wednesday (return via LIR) and Friday From October 1, 2022 Friday and Sunday.</p> <p>From November 2, 2022 onwards Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.</p> <p>Air France: From April, flights on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. In November 2022, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday and from December 2022 also on Sundays.</p> <p>KLM: From April onwards no direct flights are confirmed until the end of the year.</p> <p>British Airways: From mid-April no direct flights are confirmed. From November operates on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.</p> <p>Condor: Not yet confirmed</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.	More information can be found on: www.aratours.com/en/ara-tours/covid-19-en
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.	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.	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.	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.	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>	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.	drtravelcenter.com

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Dominican Republic (continuation)				<p>For more information and an instruction video, please visit: https://viajerodigital.mitur.gob.do/.</p> <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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All travelers over 3 years of age must present the vaccination certificate with QR code or a valid COVID-19 vaccination card with at least 14 days of validity after completing the scheme, or the negative result of an RT-PCR test performed up to 72 hours prior to boarding to Ecuador or the Galapagos. These requirements do not apply to passengers under 3 years of age. All persons entering Ecuador are required to digitally complete a Traveler's Health Declaration form upon boarding the airline, which can be found at the following link: https://declaracionsalud-viajero.msp.gob.ec. If the platform is not available, the physical form can be submitted to the Ministry of Health at the point of entry. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All passengers arriving in Ecuador must report the presence or absence of symptoms suggestive of COVID-19 in themselves or their direct contacts to the Ministry of Public Health staff at the airport or go to the Ministry of Public Health facility closest to their accommodation for follow-up. 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 vaccination status or 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, ten (10) days of isolation after the date of sampling must be carried out at home or at any place of accommodation of the traveler's choice and at the traveler's expense. The contact information declared in the Traveler's Health Declaration will be used for follow-up. 	<p>Most tourist attractions in Ecuador are open, with safety protocols in place (temperature measurement, disinfection, mask requirement, etc.).</p> <p>Mandatory presentation of the vaccination certificate or card with a complete vaccination schedule (two doses or one dose, according to the vaccine) is required for anyone over 12 years of age to enter places of public attention.</p> <p>It is recommended on the Ecuadorian mainland to do tours with private guide only and many operators do not offer group excursions at this time.</p> <p>The national parks on the mainland are only open until 5pm. Last entry is one hour before closing time.</p> <p>All train journeys are suspended until further notice.</p>	All airports except for Lago Agrio are open again. Flights to Coca take place only on Monday to Saturday.	KLM, LATAM, Air Europa, Iberia.	<p>General cancellation conditions (special conditions apply for special products such as cruises):</p> <p>Mainland: >= 31 days before departure: 0 % 30-15 days before departure: 30 % 14-07 days before departure: 60 % 06-00 days before departure: 80 %</p> <p>Galapagos: >= 46 days prior to departure: 0 % 45-31 days before departure: 50 % 30-15 days before departure: 70 % 14-00 days before departure: 90 %</p> <p>Flights: If a flight ticket has already been issued, 100 % cancellation fees will apply regardless of the date of cancellation before the start of the trip. A fee of US\$40 will be charged for name changes after the airline ticket has been issued.</p> <p>(*) An additional flat processing fee will apply for each cancellation. The following rules apply: • Up to 2,500 US\$ travel value: 100 US\$ per booking. • Up to 5,000 US\$ travel value: 200 US\$ per booking • Up to 10,000 US\$ travel value: 300 US\$ per booking • From 10,000 US\$ travel value: 400 US\$ per booking</p> <p>(**) Until 30.06.2022 our Corona Special Cancellation Conditions for the mainland are still valid, please contact us for more information!</p>	gestionderiesgos.gob.ec/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/lineamiento_ingreso_al_pais_por_via_aerea_27-02-2022-signed.pdf

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Guatemala	Expedición Panamundo	General entry possible since September 18, 2020.	Entry regulations from January 10, 2022 onwards: Fully vaccinated persons must also show a negative PCR-COVID-19 test or a negative antigen test not older than 72 hours prior to arrival. In both cases, only nasopharyngeal tests are accepted, no blood or saliva tests.	Entry regulations from January 10, 2022 onwards: 1) Only fully vaccinated people are allowed to enter the country. In addition they need a negative PCR-COVID-19 test or 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. 2) Mask requirement (compulsory for all travellers age two years or older) 3) Daily temperature measurements during bus rides	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 2021.	Both international airports in Guatemala City and Flores are open since September 18, 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.	Entry requirements as of December 14 th 2021: • 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 *Exception: vaccine Johnson	Entry requirements as of December 14 th 2021: • 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 *Exception: vaccine Johnson	• 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.	
Cuba	Caribbean Tours	From 6 th of April 2022 on, entry into Cuba for international guests will again be possible without a PCR test and without proof of a complete vaccination schedule against Covid-19. We recommend travellers to make a rapid test in their home country BEFORE they leave to avoid any unforeseen surprises.	"D'Viajeros": new digital entry form with QR code. From January 1 st , 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. 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. If a passenger's temperature exceeds 37.5 °C, he or she will not be allowed to board the airplane.	Random PCR samples will continue to be taken at the airports. The measures prescribed by the health authorities, such as keeping a safe distance, washing hands and the mandatory wearing of masks, continue to apply. 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.	Appropriate hygiene and safety conditions.	No restriction for tourists.	Iberia, Aireuropa, Iberojet, Air France, Edelweiss, Condor		mintur.gob.cu dviajeros.mitrans.gob.cu

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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.	Hotels 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	No general restrictions.	All incoming travelers will be required to complete an Electronic Affidavit (sworn statement), available on https://www.panamadigital.gob.pa/Registro	Wear a mouth and nose protection. Submission of the complete vaccination schedule (2 vaccinations), 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!	"Almost all tourist attractions are open again. Some museums and visitor centers still have limited opening hours. The train from Panama City to Colón is not yet available. Entry into San Blas is only permitted for persons with a full vaccination schedule. "	Airports are reopened (except of San Blas Airport).	Eurowings, Air France, KLM, Iberia, Turkish Airlines and Air Europa have already reestablished flights to Panama City.	Flexible cancellation conditions. min. Free cancellation 15 days before arrival. Exceptions will be mentioned in the offer.	visitpanama.com/information/travel-guide-lines/