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Border Dilemmas

How can you do essential travel amid new lockdown measures?

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Latest Updates

- **Indonesia** – a temporary ban on the entry of all foreign travellers. This will be applied to business travels through Reciprocal Green Lane arrangement as well, effective till 28th January 2021.
- **New strains** of COVID-19 have been identified in the UK, Japan and South Africa. New variants causing another round of lockdowns:
 - **Germany: National lockdown**
Extended from 10th January until 31 January 2021
 - **Japan: State of emergency**
Restrictive movement and work until 7th February 2021
 - **Malaysia: Movement control order**
*2-weeks lockdown imposed on 6 targeted states until 26th January 2021.
However, declaration of state of emergency does not impact travel arrangement.
(See page 10 for RGL travel arrangement)*
 - **UK: Third national lockdown**
Lockdown measures continue until 31st March 2021

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Business Travel through Reciprocal Green Lane (RGL)



Brunei



Indonesia



South Korea



China



Japan



Germany



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Business Travel with Partial Restrictions



Netherlands



United Kingdom



South Africa



United States



Turkey



Vietnam



Brunei

Updated on 2nd October 2020

Before Entry

- Sponsoring agency to submit Entry Travel Pass application on behalf of traveller(s) at least 8 working days before departure
- Controlled travel itinerary for 14 days
- Must have remained in Singapore for the last 14 days
- Negative COVID-19 RT-PCR test 72 hours prior to departure
- Download the BruHealth application prior to departure

Upon Entry

- Swab test on arrival, valid proof of payment for test prior to travel
- Travel arranged directly to accommodation by the host

After Entry

- Self-isolation till test results or advisory from health officials
- Traveller(s) are allowed to proceed with his/her controlled itinerary with private transport provided by host



China

Updated on 14th June 2020

Provinces and municipalities under RGL are limited to Shanghai, Tianjin, Chongqing, Jiangsu and Zhejiang

Before Entry

- Apply for fast lane access to Foreign Affairs Office or Commerce Authority of traveller(s)'s destination through host company or government agency in China
- Apply for Chinese visa on receipt of invitation letter
- Negative COVID-19 PCR test within 48 hours before departure

Upon Entry

- Undergo COVID-19 PCR and serology test on arrival
- Download China's local health mobile application

After Entry

- To remain in designated locations for 1-2 days till test results are available
- Upon release of negative test results, host company or government agency will arrange transportation to designated workplace or residence
- After 14 days, traveller(s) may travel outside the designated six provinces in the country



Germany

Updated on 25th November 2020

Before Entry

- Must have remained in Singapore for the last 14 days
- Present the authorised SGS Travel Pass and a valid visa (if required) at Changi Airport check-in point

After Entry

- Traveller(s) must follow the local regulatory requirements for COVID-19



Indonesia



Temporary suspension of inbound entry until 28th January 2021

Entry points to Indonesia are limited to Soekarno-Hatta International Airport and Batam Center Ferry Terminal

Before Entry

- Proof of sponsorship by Indonesian company or government agency
- Sponsor to apply visa on behalf of the traveller(s) at <https://visa-online.imigrasi.go.id/> and submit 7 days prior departure
- Must have remained in Singapore for the last 14 days
- Negative COVID-19 PCR test results within 72 hours before departure
- Submit pre-trip health, travel history declarations, COVID-19 PCR swab test results and controlled itinerary to e-HAC application

Upon Entry

- Present negative COVID-19 PCR results, valid e-visa and valid return or out-going air/ferry ticket
- Mandatory COVID-19 PCR test upon arrival at airport/ ferry terminal

After Entry

- To remain in isolation at self-sourced accommodation until test results are released (typically within 8 hours)
- Traveller(s) may proceed with his/her controlled itinerary, only with private transportation arranged by sponsor

<https://visa-online.imigrasi.go.id/>

<https://safetravel.ica.gov.sg/indonesia/rgl/faq#faq-residents-singapore>



Japan

Updated on 4th December 2020

Before Entry

- Prepare “Written Pledge” and “Schedule of Activities in Japan”
- Submit visa application documents at the Embassy of Japan in Singapore
- Must have remained in Singapore for 14 days and perform daily health monitoring prior to departure
- Present the cover letter and certificate of pre-entry COVID-19 PCR testing result from authorised institution done 72 hours before departure

Upon Entry

- COVID-19 PCR testing at the airport
- Submit a questionnaire, “Schedule of Activities in Japan”, “Written Pledge” and pre-entry COVID-19 testing result
- Install COVID-19 messaging contact tracing application – LINE and COCOA

After Entry

- Refrain from using public transportation
- Limited areas of activities (e.g. between location of stay and business destinations) based on “Schedule of Activities in Japan” for 14 days
- Health follow-up after entering Japan for 14 days
- Keep location data for 14 days



Malaysia

Updated on 22nd September 2020

Before Entry

- Tentative travel program & proof of non-residential accommodation
- Must have remained in Singapore for the last 14 days
- Negative COVID-19 PCR test 72 hours prior to departure
- Compulsory to install, register and activate MySejahtera mobile application prior to departure
- Sponsoring enterprise or government agency in Malaysia to apply on behalf of traveller(s) for MyTravelPass (<https://mtp.imi.gov.my/>) 10 days before departure
- MTP approval will be issued via email 24 hours before departure date

Upon Entry

- Take COVID-19 PCR/RTK-Antigen test at point of entry at traveller(s)'s own cost
- Traveller(s) must check-in to MySejahtera mobile application upon arrival at respective point of entry

After Entry

- Self-isolate while waiting for test result
- Once tested negative for COVID-19, obtain release of self-isolation order from nearest government health facilities
- Maximum period of stay with controlled itinerary is 14 days

<https://mtp.imi.gov.my/myTravelPass/main?termConditionRGL>



South Korea

Updated on 14th December 2020

Entry point to South Korea is limited to Incheon International Airport

Before Entry

- Sponsoring company or government agency to apply for Quarantine Exemption Certificate from Business Travel Support Centre Korea
- Controlled travel itinerary for 14 days
- Must have remained in Singapore for the last 14 days
- Approved applicant submit documents via email to fastlanesg@mofa.gov.kr between 5 to 10 days before departure to Korea
- Negative COVID-19 PCR test 72 hours prior to departure at designated testing facility

Upon Entry

- COVID-19 PCR test on arrival at Incheon airport
- Present documents and remain isolated for 1-2 days till result is released

After Entry

- Activate the ROK Government's Self Health Check Mobile Application
- Adhere to controlled itinerary supervised by host or government agency

Returning to Singapore

Updated as of 1st January 2021

Brunei
China

- Present all relevant RGL travel documents
- Compulsory COVID-19 PCR test upon arrival in Singapore
- Remain in isolation until the test result is out
- Traveller(s) with negative test result is exempted from Stay-Home Notice (SHN)

Germany
Indonesia
Japan
Malaysia
South Korea

- Traveller(s) will be subjected to 14 days SHN at dedicated SHN facility upon arrival in Singapore



Netherlands

Updated as of 29th December 2020

Before Entry

- Check the latest safe countries list from the [Netherlands Government website](#)
- Negative COVID-19 PCR test 72 hours prior to departure at designated testing facility
- Must have remained in Singapore for the last 14 days

Upon Entry

- Present negative COVID-19 PCR results

After Entry

- Traveller(s) that did not meet requirements may need to self-isolate for a maximum of 10 days



South Africa

Updated on 2nd January 2021

Entry point to South Africa is limited to Tambo International Airport, King Shaka International Airport, Cape Town International Airport

Before Entry

- Check the latest border regulations from the [South African Government website](#)
- Negative COVID-19 PCR test 72 hours prior to departure at designated testing facility
- Must have remained in Singapore for the last 14 days
- Install the COVID Alert South Africa mobile app

Upon Entry

- Present negative COVID-19 PCR results

After Entry

- Traveller(s) that did not meet requirements may need to be quarantined at designated facility at own cost



Turkey

Updated as of 30th December 2020

Before Entry

- Must have remained in Singapore for the last 14 days
- Negative COVID-19 PCR test 72 hours prior to departure at designated testing facility

Upon Entry

- Present negative COVID-19 PCR results
- Complete passenger information form
- Undergo medical screening for COVID-19 related symptoms

After Entry

- Traveller(s) that shows COVID-19 symptoms will be required to perform another swab test



United Kingdom

Updated as of 19th October 2020

Before Entry

- Check the latest travel corridor list at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors>
- Must have remained in Singapore for the last 14 days
- Negative COVID-19 PCR test 72 hours prior to departure at designated testing facility
- Complete online passenger locator form
- Submit the form 48 hours prior arrival

Upon Entry

- Present a copy (printed/electronic) of the passenger locator form with QR code
- Present negative COVID-19 PCR results

After Entry

- Traveller(s) that did not meet requirements may need to self-isolate for a maximum of 14 days



United States

Updated as of 12th January 2021

Before Entry

- Check the latest entry restrictions list from [CDC website](#)
- Must have remained in Singapore for the last 14 days
- Negative COVID-19 PCR test 72 hours prior to departure at designated testing facility

Upon Entry

- Present negative COVID-19 PCR results

After Entry

- Traveller(s) are recommended to perform another COVID-19 test within 3 to 5 days post arrival



Vietnam

Updated as of 1st October 2020

The regulations below only applicable for permitted visitors on trips with less than 14 days.

Before Entry

- Prepare travel itinerary and submit application to HCMC's Department of Labour/ Invalids and Social Affairs/ Hanoi's People Committee
- Negative COVID-19 RT-PCR test results 3-5 days prior to departure
- Submit online health declaration at <https://tokhaiyte.vn/> prior departure
- Ensure the traveller(s) is covered with appropriate health insurance; or
- Investing agencies/organisations to bear any treatment fee related to COVID-19

Upon Entry

- Present negative test results upon arrive in Vietnam
- Must install and register with Bluezone application

After Entry

- Mandatory COVID-19 swab tests every two days while in Vietnam in lieu of quarantine

Returning to Singapore

Updated as of 1st January 2021

Netherlands
South Africa
Turkey
United Kingdom
United States

- Traveller(s) will be subjected to 14 days SHN at dedicated SHN facility upon arrival in Singapore
- COVID-19 swab test during SHN period

Vietnam

- Compulsory COVID-19 swab test upon arrival, exempted from SHN

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More Countries Coming Soon...



Hong Kong

*Air Travel Bubble (ATB) is temporary
deferred until further notice*



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