

Covid-19: Travel restrictions and entry requirements

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Destination or transit Portugal

Portuguese authorities have determined that on **flights departing from Portuguese-speaking countries and the United States of America, non-Portuguese passengers or non-residents of Portugal⁽¹⁾**, with destination or transit in Portugal, who do not present at the time of departure proof of a negative COVID-19 test, namely molecular RT-PCR test, carried out within the last 72 hours before departure, are not allowed to board or permitted entry to Portugal.

Portuguese citizens or foreign nationals with a permanent residence in Portugal who travel without a molecular RT-PCR test will be immediately tested upon arrival at the airport, in which case the cost will be charged to them.

The tests will be carried out and made available by [ANA, SA](#), through qualified health professionals, which can be subcontracted, and passengers must wait for the results of the tests confined to the location where they will be staying, providing their contact details and following the rules of the Directorate-General for Health.

Passengers who are unable to comply with these requirements and who have a travel date until July 15, have the possibility to change the trip for the following week, and shall be exempt from paying the change fee, however the fare difference will be charged, if applicable, and the change will be according to flight availability. For travels from July 16 onwards normal fare rules of the ticket will apply.

⁽¹⁾adults and children

Travelling from the United States Of America and Brazil

As a result of restrictions implemented by the Government of Portugal in effect **through the 15th of July, 2020**, passengers traveling from **the United States and Brazil** will only be authorized to enter Portugal if they meet the following conditions:

FROM THE USA

Only the following passengers may enter Portugal:

- Portuguese nationals
- Foreign nationals holders of residency permits in Portugal
- Citizens of the EU and nationals of States which are members of the Schengen Area and their families in accordance with Directive 2004/38 / EC of the Parliament and of the Council, and nationals of a third-country if they are legal residents of an EU Member State
- Third-country nationals traveling for business, study, family reunions, health reasons or humanitarian reasons;

In addition to meeting the conditions for travel as stipulated above, passengers entering from the USA must also:

- At time of departure, present proof of the results of a negative COVID-19 test administered in the 72 hours preceding their flight, otherwise passengers will be denied entry in Portugal
- Nationals of Portugal and foreign nationals holders of legal residency in Portugal, who exceptionally do not have proof of COVID-19 testing, will be immediately escorted upon arrival in Portugal by the competent security authorities in order to have the test administered at passengers' own expense.

FROM BRAZIL

Only the following passengers may enter Portugal:

- Portuguese nationals
- Foreign nationals holders of residency permits in Portugal
- Citizens of the EU and nationals of States which are members of the Schengen Area and their families in accordance with Directive 2004/38 / EC of the Parliament and of the Council, and nationals of a third-country if they are legal residents of an EU Member State
- Third-country nationals traveling for business, study, family reunions, health reasons or humanitarian reasons;

In addition to meeting the conditions for travel as stipulated above, passengers must also:

- At time of departure, present proof of the results of a negative COVID-19 test administered in the 72 hours preceding their flight, otherwise passengers will be denied entry in Portugal
- Nationals of Portugal and foreign nationals holders of legal residency in Portugal, who exceptionally do not have proof of COVID-19 testing, will be immediately escorted upon arrival in Portugal by the competent security authorities in order to have the test administered at passengers' own expense.

Note: TAP will only be able to operate flights to and from São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro.

Entering the United Kingdom

As of the 8th of June, new rules are in to affect for passengers, residents and non-residents, travelling to the United Kingdom. Passengers will need to:

- Fill out the online form available [here](#), providing information regarding the journey, as well as personal contact information. The form can only be submitted within 48 hours before the scheduled arrival in the United Kingdom;
- Self-isolate for a period of 14 days at the location where you they'll be staying. [Click here](#) for more information.

- To see which passengers are exempt from English border rules, [click here](#).

Travelling to Portugal - Madeira, Porto Santo and the Azores

1. Madeira and Porto Santo islands

When planning a trip to Madeira and Porto Santo, it is important to know the regulations in force in this Region, within the scope of the prevention and containment of COVID-19.

1 - It is mandatory to complete the epidemiological survey. For the passenger's convenience, you can fill it out [here](#) in the 12 to 48 hours prior to departure.

As of the 1st of July:

- All passengers on flights from abroad who carry a negative test for COVID-19 disease, performed within 72 hours prior to disembarkation, in laboratories certified by national or international authorities, upon disembarkation, proceed to their destination, upon presentation of the corresponding report which can also be submitted, in advance, together with the inquiry referred to in point 1.
- Passengers disembarking at airports in the Autonomous Region of Madeira who have not tested for COVID-19, will do so at the airport upon arrival. After performing the test, the passenger will proceed to their destination. The passenger will be informed of the result within the following 12 hours.

As additional preventive measures for COVID-19 in the Autonomous Region of Madeira, the following are recommended:

- Use of a mask, especially in closed spaces and public transport (mandatory);
- Social distance (2 meters between people and avoid crowds);
- Frequent hand hygiene;
- Respiratory etiquette.

For the safety and protection of all, comply with the recommendations.

For further clarification, passengers can send an email, uesp.madeira@iasaude.madeira.gov.pt and / or contact the following number: (+351) 291 208 738.

Tourism reopening in Madeira

From the 1st of July, Madeira and Porto Santo islands will be fully open to international travellers and have developed a plan to ensure security for both tourists and residents.

Madeira Promotion Bureau have created the "[MADEIRA SAFE TO DISCOVER](#)" with valuable information and recommendations for all travellers to these enchanted portuguese islands.

2. Azores

As of the 15th of June, all passengers disembarking at the airports of Ponta Delgada, on the island of S. Miguel, or Lajes, on the island of Terceira, will be presented with a statement which they must fill out and sign. The statement will present various possibilities and the passenger will have to opt between one of the following:

1. Submit proof, in paper form, of a document issued by an accredited laboratory for the testing of COVID-19, attesting to the SARS-CoV-2 screening test, within 72 hours prior to the departure the airport of origin. The document must state the passenger's identification, the laboratory where it was performed, the date of the test, the signature of the person responsible for carrying out the test, and the NEGATIVE result. In this case, and if the stay is extended for seven or more days, the passenger must, on the 5th and 13th day, counting from the date of the SARS-CoV-2 screening test, if the stay is for the mentioned duration or more, contact the health authority of the municipality where you reside or are staying, with the objective of conducting a new SARS-CoV-2 screening test, done by the local health authority, the result of which you will be notified;
2. Complete a screening test for SARS-CoV-2, done by the local health authority, with the collection of biological samples upon arrival, and must remain, in prophylactic isolation at home or the location where you will be staying, until the test result is received. In this case, and if the stay is extended for seven or more days, the passenger must, on the 5th and 13th day, counting from the date of the SARS-CoV-2 screening test, if the stay is for the mentioned duration or more, contact the health authority of the municipality where you reside or are staying, with the objective of conducting a new SARS-CoV-2 screening test, done by the local health authority, the result of which you will be notified;
3. Return to the destination of origin or travel to any destination outside the Region, in which case until the time of the flight mandatory prophylactic isolation in a hotel indicated for the purpose must be fulfilled;

All passengers must comply with the rules for the use of a mask, physical distance and respiratory etiquette defined by the regional health authority.

If the passenger refuses to comply with all the procedures provided, the local health authority may, within the scope of its competence, determine mandatory quarantine, for the period of time necessary in order to obtain the SARS-CoV-2 virus screening test result, or if the passenger does not agree to this, than until the period of time necessary to complete 14 days since the arrival to the Region, stay in a hotel designated for this purpose, in which the cost will be charged to the passenger.

Failure to comply with the prophylactic isolation in the aforementioned terms and period, as well as failure to comply with the mandatory quarantine, in cases where it is determined, implies the immediate presentation, by the health authority of the municipality where the passenger resides or is staying, of a complaint for the practice of crime disobedience.

Necessary information concerning the hotel units determined for this purpose and the associated services and conditions, will be available through the COVID-19 Line for non-medical issues - 800 29 29 29 or by email esclarecimentocovid19@azores.gov.pt.

Travelling to Brazil - until July 30

A medical statement or certificate issued by a local health authority or doctor must be presented confirming that the passenger is not infected with COVID-19.

This applies to the following passengers:

- Foreign citizens of any nationality who have a visiting visa granted for a short stay, with no intention of establishing residence, or those who are exempt from visiting visas, for the purpose of performing artistic, sporting or business activities;
- Foreign citizens of any nationality who are travelling to Brazil to establish residence for a specific time and have a temporary visa.

Travelling to Senegal

On flights to Dakar (DSS) only passengers who are citizens of Senegal will be allowed to board.

For country/regions travel restrictions' information, we recommend that you check IATA's website www.iatatravelcentre.com/international-travel-document-news/1580226297.htm