

Covid-19 Asia and the Pacific’s Travel and Containment Information Sheet

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Overall take: Increasing travel and quarantine restrictions for most countries in the region.

Disclaimer: Falck Global Assistance adheres to the advice of local health authorities and the World Health Organization. Events regarding Covid-19 are subject to rapid change. Travelers are advised to follow the advice of their local health authorities.

About: The following is a brief overview of travel restrictions and containment measures for countries in Asia and the Pacific. This is a work in progress and efforts are being made to improve the collection and centralization of relevant inputs. Data collection was performed manually, and sources include national foreign ministries, embassies and consular missions abroad, and select newspapers of record.

Note: Keep in mind, information on this sheet is subject to rapid change. *This should be referenced as a starting point only.* **Travelers and their stakeholders are strongly encouraged to perform regular due diligence on travel destinations and transit routes before embarking on international travel as containment measures and travel restrictions change by the hour.**

Country	Travel Restrictions and Containment Measures	Recent Developments
Australia	from March 19, the Prime Minister of Australia announced a travel ban on all non-residents and non-Australian citizens entering Australia in effect from 9:00 pm AEDT on Friday, March 20, 2020. On 17 March 2020, the Government of Norfolk Island announced a travel ban is in place in relation to passenger arrivals to the island. Only residents and essential staff will be able to travel to Norfolk Island until further notice, and anyone returning to the island will need to self-isolate for 14 days once on island. Mandatory self-isolation and quarantine measures for all non-Australian citizens arriving in the country. A ban on cruise liners from foreign ports for 30 days from the 15th of March. Travellers from Italy must admit to a health screening upon arrival. If airlines detect passengers with signs of infection, including fever, sweats or chills they must report this to the Australian authorities. On arrival the travellers are met with biosecurity officers who make an assessment and will decide which actions are necessary e.g. isolation. If a person has been in close contact with a confirmed case of Covid19 that person must isolate 14 days after contact. Deny entry for anyone who has been to or transited in Italy. Except Australian citizens or their immediate family. enhanced border control. Ban on all non-essential events with more than 500 participants.	Transit in Australia is not allowed, exceptions can be applied for.



Bangladesh	Suspended visa on arrival to Chinese nationals. Banned entry for foreign nationals that have recently visited China. Ban on passengers from Europe from 16 - 31 March (currently excluding UK). If the traveller shows signs of infection by covid19 by arrival i.e. fever, sore throat, or difficulty breathing, the traveller risk being admitted to a local hospital” Kuwait Bangladesh Friendship Hospital” by the local authorities. If the traveller before arrival has been in a country with Covid19 the local authority’s advice for minimum 14 days of home quarantine. Temperature scans is conducted on arrival. Border to the Indian state Tripura and Mizoram are closed. Train services to and from India suspended.	
Cambodia	Temperature screenings are conducted at international airports. If the traveller has any symptoms connectable to covid19 e.g. cough, the traveller will be quarantined. From 17th of March and 30 days ahead ban on entry for travellers from United States, France, Germany, Italy and Spain. Travellers must complete a health declaration.	
China	Strict travel restrictions and mandatory quarantines in place in most major mainland Chinese cities. Advanced screening in place. Transport to China is limited but some commercial options for leaving remain available. Quarantine and containment measures subject to rapid change with no advanced notice - stay alert and monitor local and international news for the latest developments. People arriving to Beijing and Guangdong province must do a 14 days self-quarantine. Which is like to be monitored by authorities. Travellers arriving to Shanghai provide must go in quarantine if they have visited or transited, France, Germany, Spain, the United States, Italy, Iran Japan to South Korea. However other destinations can be included.	Quarantine also at government designated facilities must be paid by the traveller self.
Hong Kong	March 19, the Hong Kong government will enforce a compulsory quarantine for anyone, regardless of nationality, arriving in Hong Kong who has travelled to any overseas countries/territories within a 14-day period. The quarantine is either home quarantine, if the traveller has an address, or in a government quarantine facility. Individuals are not allowed to leave their designated quarantine location for 14 days, which means they will also be unable to leave Hong Kong for the duration of the quarantine. Your position must be shared with the Hong Kong government. Entry ban on travellers from Hubei province. Entry ban on travellers with history of travel to South Korea. High risk cases and arrivals from high risk countries under mandatory quarantine. Travellers can complete the quarantine at hotel rooms or personal residence, if the traveller cannot arrange this the Hong Kong government will place the traveller at a quarantine camp. Anyone undergoing a quarantine is required to share their real-time location via their mobile phone or to wear a tracking device.	



	<p>Anyone who have been in Iran, or the Emilia-Romagna, Lombardy or Veneto regions of Italy in the last 14 days is required to stay in a quarantine centre. From 14 of March all travellers from whole of Italy, France (Bourgogne-Franche-Comte and Grand Est), Germany (North Rhine-Westphalia), Japan (Hokkaido) or Spain (La Rioja, Madrid, Paris Vasco), is required to stay in a Hong Kong Quarantine centre. * Most borders and all ferry's to mainland China and Macao is closed. From 17 March, anyone who has travelled to Korea (except Daegu or Gyeongsangbuk-do) or the Schengen Area in Europe (Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy (except Emilia-Romagna, Lombardy or Veneto regions), Latvia, Principality of Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovak Republic, Republic of Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland) in the past 14 days, will be subject to compulsory home quarantine.</p>	
India	<p>All existing visas, except diplomatic, official, U.N. or International Organizations, employment, and project visas are suspended until April 15, 2020. This will be in all ports of entry. Travellers, including Indians, coming from arriving from or having visited China, Iran, and Republic of Korea must do a two-week quarantine. The states of Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram and Sikkim have banned entry of foreign nationals. The Government of India has announced that passengers from the UK, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Schweiz, the EU or Turkey will be prohibited from entering India. Airlines will not permit passengers from those countries to board planes from 1200 GMT on 18 March 2020. The restrictions are due to be in place until at least 31 March 2020. Social distancing measures implemented. All foreign nationals arriving into the Indian state of Kerala will be kept in isolation for a period of 14 days, all foreigners already in Kerala need a medical clearance by the District Medical Officer.</p>	<p>From the 22 of March till the 29 of March international flights are not permitted to land in India. Train and bus transportation are expected to be affected and have a reduction in departures.</p>
Indonesia	<p>Entry ban all visitors who travelled from or transited through China, Iran areas Tehran, Qom, and Gilan, Italy areas Lombardi, Veneto, Emilia Romagna, Marche, Piedmont and South Korea areas Daegu and Gyeongsangbuk-do in the past fourteen days, suspended the issuance of visas-on-arrival, and suspended all flights between Indonesia and China. Travellers from other parts of these countries must bring a certificate of good health. Closing of schools, universities, and cultural institutions. on Friday 20 March the visa exemption scheme will be suspended for 1 month for all visitors to which it previously applied. All those who wish to visit Indonesia must obtain a visa from the relevant Indonesian. All visitors must present a health certificate before departure to Indonesia.</p>	



Japan	<p>From 0001 on 21 March (Japan Standard Time), all passengers arriving in Japan from the UK, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Cyprus, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Iran, Ireland, Latvia, Lichtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, South Korea, China and the Vatican. are required to self-isolate for 14 days on arrival at a designated location (such as a hotel or your own home) and to avoid using public transport. The measures do not apply to passengers who are transiting and are not going through immigration. In addition, travellers will not be able to enter Japan without a visa if the traveller is coming from a Schengen country and a few others. Single and multiple entry visas will also be suspended. Entry ban on all foreign nationals who have stayed in Hubei province in the past fourteen days or who possess Chinese passports issued by Hubei province. Japan imposed an entry ban on foreign nationals who have stayed in Zhejiang province or who hold passports from Zhejiang. * Entry ban on travellers that within 14 days have visited the South Korean city of Daegu, the county of Cheongdo, and the cities of Gyeongsan, Andong, Yeoncheo, and counties of Chilgok, Uiseong, Seongju or Gunwi in North Gyeongsang Province * Entry ban on travellers that within 14 days have visited Qom Province, Tehran Province, Gilan Province, Alborz Province, Isfahan Province, Qazvin Province, Golestan Province, Semnan Province, Mazandaran Province, Markazi Province, Lorestan Province in Iran. * Entry ban on travellers that within 14 days have visited Veneto Region, Emilia Romagna Region, Piemonte Region, Marche Region, Lombardy Region in Italy * Entry ban on travellers that within 14 days have visited the republic of San Marino * The Government of Japan has requested that all primary and secondary schools close from 2 March until regular spring holidays at the end of March. They have also requested that organisers consider postponing or cancelling large-scale cultural and sporting events during an initial two-week period from 26 February. The northern island of Hokkaido also issued a 'declaration of state of emergency on 28 February lasting until 19 March, asking residents to refrain from going out, particularly at weekends. On February 14, a Cabinet Order officially designated the novel coronavirus as a "quarantinable infectious disease" as described in Article 34 of the Japanese Quarantine Act. This order permits detention and isolation of those suspected of or confirmed to be carrying the virus. There are enhanced quarantine procedures at entry points to Japan such as airports and ports. The authorities may carry out extended health checks on arrival including compulsory hospitalisation. You should comply with any additional</p>	
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	screening measures by the authorities if asked to go through extra checks.	
Macau	All border entry points remain open with advanced screening measures in place. If a traveller shows signs of covid19 they may be subject to compulsory quarantine if the traveller does not follow this, they might face criminal prosecution. On March 18, the Macau government began prohibiting entry of non-residents from all overseas countries/territories, except those from Hong Kong, Taiwan, or mainland China. On March 17, the Macau government began enforcing a compulsory 14-day quarantine for anyone, regardless of nationality, arriving in Macau who has travelled to any area outside of Hong Kong, Taiwan, and mainland China within a 14-day period. Non-Macau residents complete the quarantine period at a designated hotel at their own expense. All ferry crossings between Hong Kong and Macao has ceased until further notice. the bridge between Hong Kong and Macao will remain open.	
Malaysia	Under travel restrictions announced on March 16 all foreign nationals, with very limited exceptions, are restricted from entry to Malaysia until March 31, though this end date may be extended at the discretion of the Malaysian government. All foreigners are encouraged to go home. Foreign nationals may transit through Malaysian ports of entry as long as they are not required to pass through immigration within Malaysia while in transit. Entry ban on all travellers, regardless of their nationalities, who had visited Hubei, Zhejiang, and Jiangsu provinces in china, Daegu city and Cheongdo county in South Korea, Hokkaido in Japan, Lombardi, Veneto and Emilia-Romagna in Italy, Tehran, Qom and Gilan in Iran, and possibly Denmark (however the latter are only reposted in some government sources) within a period of fourteen days prior to entering Malaysia. Malaysia suspended the issuance of visa-on-arrival to Chinese nationals from Hubei and Wuhan. Malaysian state of Sabah has banned entry to South Korean nationals. Screening at all international entry points, sea and air. As of now, there are no restrictions on foreign nationals leaving Malaysia, though you may not be able to re-enter Malaysia until 01 April. Shops, except for grocery shops, Schools, universities are closed from 18 of march. From March 18 to March 31 the Malaysian government is placing a general prohibition of movement and mass assembly within Malaysia including religious, sports, social and cultural activities.	
Maldives	Entry ban on travellers (also regarding transit) from or who the latest 14 days has been to Korea, Iran, China, Bangladesh, Germany, Spain, France, UK, and Italy. Travellers must fill out a health questionnaire upon arrival. Temperature scans at international airports. Ban on all cruise ships dogging in the	



	<p>Maldives. Public spaces are closed. For 14 days, effective from 14 March, travel from and to resorts from all inhabited islands is suspended. Excursions to islands other than the one in which you are resident are being limited.</p>	
Mongolia	<p>Border closed with China. Mongolia imposed an exit ban on Mongolian citizens to China. Domestic travel restrictions in place. All inbound travel from foreign locations are suspended until at least 28th of March, this also include all auto and train travel. Prohibition of intercity travel. The Government of Mongolia has been arranging a small number of charter flights to selected locations outside Mongolia that are to be used to return Mongolians to Ulaanbaatar. The Ministry has stated that foreign nationals may purchase tickets for the outward part of these flights. Closure of schools, universities, cinemas and entertainment centres until March 30. Prohibitions of gatherings. Closure of bars and reduction in the opening hours of restaurants. Visitors to public offices are subject to temperature screenings and required to wear a facemask. Road crossings to Russia closed until 31 March. Prohibition of intercity travel and public gatherings.</p>	
Myanmar	<p>From the 19th March all land borders are closed in and out for foreigners. Foreigners with a valid visa can travel out of Yangon, Mandalay and Naypyotaw airports. Visa free travel with China suspended. Travellers going to Myanmar from Italy and Iran must show a certificate that they are covid19 free. Temperature scans and travel history at all ports of entry. Myanmar has imposed new restrictions: travellers who have recently visited France, Italy, Iran, Spain and Germany will be placed in government quarantine facilities for 14 days on arrival; recent travellers to the United States will be put under surveillance for 14 days; and travellers who have visited China or the Republic of Korea will not be permitted entry. Land border to India at Tamu is closed. If you test positive for the virus, you are highly likely to be transferred to a Government quarantine hospital until you are recovered. Patients will be obliged to use a government facility even if they have private insurance. Patients in government hospitals are expected to make their own arrangements for bringing in food and other essential supplies. Lone travellers will not be allowed out of isolation to purchase food or make phone calls.</p>	
Nepal	<p>From 20 March – 15 April, the Government of Nepal has announced its intention to deny entry to Nepal to certain foreign nationals. It is indicated that this means all passengers coming through direct flights, having a transit at, and taking the first flight of their origin in Europe, West-Asia, and all the Gulf Countries, Turkey, Malaysia, South Korea and Japan are subjected to Arrival Restrictions in Nepal. Nepal announced the suspension of visas upon arrival for nationals from any country from midnight on March 14 until April 30, 2020. Those</p>	



	<p>travellers already possessing a prior valid Nepali visa will be required to submit a swab test PCR health certificate issued a maximum of seven (7) days before arrival to Nepal to the immigration office at Tribhuvan International Airport. Temperature screening at the international airport and land borders with China. All land points of entry will be closed until further notice the Kathmandu Tribhuvan international airport will in the meantime be the only entry/exit point. All arrivals into Nepal will be quarantined for 14 days. Private and non-government sectors are encouraged by the Nepal Government to postpone their international programs scheduled to be held in Nepal.</p>	
New Zealand	<p>No travellers, except travellers who are citizens in New Zealand, can board a plane to New Zealand from 11:59pm 19 March. Travellers must self-isolate for 14 days when arriving to New Zealand. Biosecurity screening at all international airports. All events with more than 500 participants should be cancelled.</p>	
North Korea	<p>Borders closed with Russia and China. Entry ban on all foreign tourists and North Koreans in China.</p>	
Pakistan	<p>Borders closed with Iran and Afghanistan until 3 of April. All flights to and from China suspended. Mandatory quarantines in place for high risk individuals. International flights can only be initiated from Islamabad, Karachi, and Lahore. Health screenings at arrival from all flights and major points of entry. Temperature screenings at airports. Closing of schools and cancellation of public, private and sport events. Larger public gatherings are banned. From 21 of March all incoming travellers to Pakistan must submit a copy of a covid19 test before departure to Pakistan. The test must specify full name, passport number and original test must be shown upon arrival. Passengers on all domestic flights will from 21 also be screened before departure.</p>	<p>From the 21 March all international airports will reopen, except Gwadar and Turbat, as screening procedures are implemented.</p>
Philippines	<p>Non-Philippine citizens coming from the travel restricted areas, including transit passengers, will automatically be denied entry to the Philippines. From 15 March are declared a lock down of Manila. the government has stated that they intend to impose a curfew from 20 - 05 in all of Manila and other local governments. In this period are all travels to and from Manila banned, with a few exceptions, until at least 14th of April. Travel ban on all in country travel by air and sea to and from Manila, however foreign citizens are allowed to go home, thus international flights can operate in relation to the current restrictions. Public gatherings have been banned and schools are closed. Philipinos are allowed to travel home with a 14-day quarantine. Public transportation is suspended.</p>	



Singapore	<p>As of 20 March, 23:59 local time, all visitors to Singapore including tourists, Singaporeans, Permanent Residents and Long-Term Pass holders entering Singapore will be issued a 14-day Stay-Home Notice by the Singapore authorities on arrival. All visitors will also be required to provide proof of where they will serve the notice, for example a hotel or private residence. Transits are possible if the traveller remains in the transit area. Entry ban on all foreign nationals who travelled to mainland China and Daegu city or Cheongdo county, Republic of Korea, Iran, Spain, France, Germany, and Italy in the last fourteen days. Singapore suspended visas, including previously issued visas, for passport holders from China and Iran. Travelers with a residence permit in Singapore who the last 14 days have been to either Iran, Japan, Italy, France, Spain, UK, Schweiz, South Korea or Germany are subject to mandatory 14-day quarantine and monitoring. Temperature scans at all ports of entry. From 15 March must events with more than 250 participants be cancelled or postponed.</p>	
South Korea	<p>Entry ban on foreigners who have been to Hubei Province in past fourteen days. Quarantine in effect in Daegu. Some airlines have suspended flights to and from South Korea. Visa-free entry to Jeju island and to Chinese nationals who are travelling from China will be suspended. Temperature screenings in airports. Travellers from a range of European countries will be subject to additional screening for COVID-19 on arrival at South Korean ports and airports. They will also be asked to report their health status to the authorities for 14 days after arrival. High volume testing underway, travellers will be tested at all ports of entry and exit. City of Daegu under lockdown. Failure to comply with containment or testing measures is an imprisonable offence. Advanced screening procedure in airport as well as health monitoring 14 days after arrival on health app after arrival to the country.</p>	<p>As of the 22 of March must all travellers from Europe, that does not live or in other ways have permanent residency in South Korea be quarantined at a government isolation facility upon arrival at the airport.</p>
Taiwan	<p>Taiwanese nationals entering Taiwan from South Korea must undergo a 14-day period of home quarantine. Taiwanese government are incorporating penalties for people who violate government-mandated home quarantine orders with fines or jail. All airline passengers entering Taiwan are now required to fill in a health declaration which includes travel history for the preceding 14 days. Travelers from high risk countries must conduct self-health management for 14 days. Includes taking temperatures twice a day, limiting time in public, and wearing face masks when outside the home. Social distancing in effect. Ban on all foreign travellers from March 19 with a few exceptions. Any traveller arriving from outside Taiwan and granted entry are subject to a 14-day home quarantine. They will be required to complete a health declaration form and accurately provide their travel and contact history.</p>	<p>Taiwan have imposed quarantine measures with retroactive effect. Everyone who has been to Europe between the 5th and 14th of March must be quarantined. These people are requested to contact the local authorities. Quarantines will be monitored by authorities and have penalties if the quarantine is not fulfilled. Not every hotel will accept people in</p>



		quarantine. If the traveller cannot find a place of quarantine, they will be put in a government facility, only with the most necessary things.
Tajikistan	Land border crossings to Uzbekistan has been closed. Currently, travellers who have been present in, or transited through, a country where there has been a recorded outbreak of COVID-19 may be subject to a mandatory 14-day quarantine in a Tajik facility. The current list of countries requiring mandatory quarantine includes the United States, as well as Afghanistan, Belgium, China, Denmark, France, Germany, Iran, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Spain, and the United Kingdom.	
Thailand	Flights to Thailand have been limited due to concerns of spread risk. Travelers entering Thailand who have been in China (including Hong Kong and Macau), Italy, Iran, South Korea, and also for Denmark, France, Germany, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States within the prior 14 days are subject to self-monitoring and reporting requirements. travellers from China, Korea, Hong Kong, Macau, Italy, and Iran. Travelers from these areas must present a health certificate to their airline at the time of check-in prior to boarding their flight to Thailand to confirm non-infected status. Absent the health certificate, the traveller will be denied boarding. In addition, upon arrival in Thailand the traveller will be given a "T-8 questionnaire" which they must fill out. The document requires personal information and information on the traveller's location during their stay in the Kingdom of Thailand. TRANSIT PASSENGERS: Passengers transiting these countries for fewer than 12 hours do not have to present a health certificate or fill out the T-8 questionnaire. They will be subject to enhanced screening. Passengers transiting these countries for more than 12 hours will be treated as if they are passengers arriving from those designated locations. They must present both a health certificate before boarding and fill out the T-8 questionnaire upon arrival. The MoPH has implemented screening procedures at all international airports and local hospitals. Thai authorities announced enhanced screening for all flights from mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan, Japan, Korea, Italy, Iran and Singapore. Please be aware that if you come to the attention of Thai health authorities with fever and flu-like symptoms, and have travelled to China or had close contact with a known COVID-19 case within the past 14 days, you will	



	<p>be placed in isolation and required to undergo testing which can take up to 48 hours. If you are found to be positive, you will be hospitalized until symptoms resolve and you have two negative tests separated by 24 hours. Thermal scanners are in use at six international airports and local hospitals. Social distancing measures and enhanced screening in effect. Closure of educational institutions and venues in Bangkok. Effective from 21 March, Thailand will introduce additional screening measures for passengers flying to Thailand. Before passenger's check-in, airlines will be required to check whether they have recently travelled to the countries as mentioned before. From 22 March these measures will also apply to travellers in transit. If a passenger has visited, or is flying from, one of those countries, then they will need to present a medical certificate signed by a medical professional confirming no evidence of the coronavirus infection in the previous 72 hours, and also present evidence of travel insurance of no less than US\$100,000 which covers COVID-19. Failure to meet these requirements will mean passengers are not permitted to board their flight.</p>	
Turkey	<p>Border with Iran closed. Quarantines for suspected high-risk cases arriving from high risk countries. Entry ban on travellers from Iraq, Italy, China, South Korea, Iran. Foreign citizens who were in China, South Korea, Iraq, Iran or Italy in the last 14 days are not permitted to transit or enter Turkey. Schools and universities closed. Social distancing measure in effect. From 14th of March to 17th of April all flights from Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, China, Denmark, Egypt, France, Germany, Iran, Ireland, Iraq, Italy, Kosovo, Mongolia, the Netherlands, Norway, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Spain, Sweden, South Korea, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom are suspended. Foreign citizens who were physically present in these countries in the last 14 days are not permitted to transit or enter Turkey. Temperature scans at place in airports.</p>	
Vietnam	<p>Temporary suspension of entry into Vietnam of people with recent travel history to epidemic affected areas, this also counts areas with single or few cases. The rural community of Son Loi in the northern Vietnamese province of Vinh Phuc remains under quarantine due to several corona cases. All passenger trains to and from China has been suspended as well as airlines has halted their service to mainland China, South Korea and Bangkok. Ban on all travellers from the Schengen area and Britain. Many of Vietnam's tourist destinations announced temporary closures. Masks are required for entry to several malls, residential buildings and businesses in several provinces and cities, but on an inconsistent basis. As of March 18, Vietnam has ceased visa issuance to foreigners. Beneficiaries of the Vietnamese visa waiver program or Vietnamese and their spouses and children who have a</p>	

	<p>certificate of visa exemption shall only be allowed to enter Vietnam. As of March 18, all travellers entering Vietnam are subject to a health check. Travelers coming from the United States, Europe, and ASEAN countries will be subject to mandatory 14-day quarantine. The Vietnamese government announced that all people in Vietnam must wear face masks in public places starting on March 16.</p>	
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