



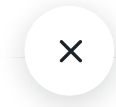
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EU travel restriction updates: Netherlands, Denmark shutting down businesses, Greece tightening entry requirements



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Omicron is [quickly spreading across the globe](#), prompting a new wave of travel restrictions across Europe and other continents.

The European Union in late November [recommended suspending travel](#) from southern Africa to curb the spread of the variant of concern. Member nations quickly took action, updating entry requirements and announcing travel bans on countries like South Africa, where omicron was first detected.

But with COVID-19 cases skyrocketing in certain regions, some EU member states are taking additional steps to prevent hospitals from being overwhelmed. The Netherlands entered a lockdown Sunday, closing nonessential stores through at least Jan. 14. Denmark shut down entertainment venues like theaters and museums that same day. Other countries, like Austria and Greece, are tightening entry requirements for

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certain destinations, here are the latest restrictions for U.S. travelers face across EU member states.

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Austria

Are U.S. tourists allowed? Yes.

Is there a vaccination requirement? U.S. travelers who have been [fully vaccinated](#) or recently recovered from the virus can enter Austria.

What sort of testing is required? As of Dec. 20, travelers who have not received a booster shot will need to show a negative PCR test to enter.

Do I need to quarantine? If a traveler has not received a booster shot and cannot show a PCR test upon arrival, they will need to self-isolate until they can show a negative PCR test.

What else should I know? Most travelers who have been in an ["area of variants of concern"](#) (Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, Zimbabwe and South Africa) cannot enter Austria.

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enter if they can [show proof of full vaccination](#), including a CDC vaccination card and any state-issued certificates. Unvaccinated U.S. travelers can only enter for essential reasons.

What sort of testing is required? [Travelers will need to](#) show a negative PCR test taken no more than 72 hours before arrival or a negative rapid antigen test taken no more than one day before arrival. Travelers will need to [get tested](#) again on day one and day seven, and must quarantine until the first test comes back negative.

Do I need to quarantine? Unvaccinated U.S. travelers are only allowed in exceptional circumstances and must quarantine at least 10 days. Children under the age of 12 do not need to get tested but [will need to quarantine](#) with their guardians.

What else should I know? Travelers will also [need to complete a passenger locator form](#) before arriving in Belgium. Most travelers who have recently been in a "[very high risk country](#)" (Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe) cannot enter Belgium.

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Bulgaria

Are U.S. tourists allowed? Yes, as long as they're [not traveling from a red zone](#) country. The U.S. is currently classified as an orange zone country.

Is there a vaccination requirement? Travelers can enter without a quarantine requirement if they show a document that proves they are vaccinated, received a negative coronavirus test or recovered from the virus.

What sort of testing is required? Travelers have the option to enter with a document proving they took a negative [PCR test within 72 hours](#) before entry or a negative rapid antigen test within 48 hours before

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rapid antigen test upon arrival.

Do I need to quarantine? Travelers who do not present proof of vaccination, proof of recovery or a negative test result face a 10-day quarantine.

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Croatia

Are U.S. tourists allowed? Yes, U.S. tourists can enter.

Are there vaccination or testing requirements? U.S. tourists may enter with [proof of full vaccination](#), [proof of recovery](#) or a [negative PCR test](#) or rapid antigen test result.

Do I need to quarantine? If a traveler does not have any of the documents listed above, they can self-isolate upon arrival for 10 days or until they have a negative PCR test or rapid antigen test result. .

What else should I know? Travelers can speed up the entry process by uploading information to [the Enter Croatia web form prior to arrival](#). Additionally, travelers who have been in South Africa, Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Hong Kong or Mozambique the past 14 days are not allowed to enter.

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Cyprus

Are U.S. tourists allowed? Yes, U.S. travelers are allowed regardless of vaccination status.

Are there vaccination or testing requirements? [Travelers who are not fully vaccinated](#) or recovered will need to take a negative PCR test no more than 72 hours prior to departure and take another PCR test upon arrival. Children under 12 are exempt from testing requirements.

Do I need to quarantine? No.



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form within 48 hours before departure. All travelers who have recently been in Botswana, South Africa, Namibia, Lesotho, Eswatini, Zimbabwe, Mozambique or Malawi cannot enter.

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Czech Republic

Are U.S. tourists allowed? Yes.

Is there a vaccination requirement? A vaccine is not required to enter.

What sort of testing is required? [U.S. travelers](#) must submit a negative PCR test no older than 72 hours before arrival and have another test between the [fifth and seventh day](#) there.

Do I need to quarantine? No.

What else should I know? U.S. travelers [6 and older](#) are required to fill out a [passenger locator form](#) to enter the country. Travelers from "[dark red](#)" countries like the U.S. must also wear a respirator or similar piece of equipment (such as a KN-95 mask) whenever they leave their place of accommodation until their post-arrival test comes back negative.

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Denmark

Are U.S. tourists allowed? Yes.

Is there a vaccination requirement? [Tourists from the U.S. who are fully vaccinated or recovered](#) can enter without restrictions.

What sort of testing is required? Those who have not been fully vaccinated or previously infected [must test for COVID-19 within 24 hours after arrival](#).

Do I need to quarantine? Unvaccinated U.S. travelers [must self-isolate 10 days](#) after arrival, unless they

What else should I know? Starting Dec. 19, Denmark is tightening its COVID restrictions and shutting down culture and entertainment venues such as amusement parks, theaters and museums.

Travelers who have recently stayed in an area with COVID-19 [variants of concern](#) (including Angola, Malawi, Zambia, South Africa, Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia and Zimbabwe) must take a test within 24 hours of entry and self-isolate 10 days.

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Estonia

Are U.S. tourists allowed? Yes, [if vaccinated](#).

Is there a vaccination requirement? Vaccinated travelers [may enter for any purpose, including tourism](#). Unvaccinated travelers can only enter for work, school, family visits or with a special permit.

What sort of testing is required? Vaccinated [and fully recovered travelers](#) do not need to show a negative coronavirus test before entry. Unvaccinated travelers must take an RT-PCR test 72 hours before entering or a rapid antigen test 48 hours before entry. Children up to 12 are exempt from testing mandates.

Do I need to quarantine? Unvaccinated travelers must isolate for 10 days, but the period can be cut short with two negative tests: one taken immediately upon arrival and another taken on the sixth day. Children up to the age of 12 and those who have been vaccinated or previously infected do not need to self-isolate as long as they test negative for the virus with a PCR test upon arrival.

What else should I know? Travelers must complete a declaration of health before entering the country. The form can be completed online up to 72 hours before

"high-risk" countries (South Africa, Botswana, Malawi, Lesotho, Swaziland, Namibia, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Egypt and Turkey) are subject to a 10-day isolation period.

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Finland

Are U.S. tourists allowed? Yes, so long as they are [vaccinated](#).

Is there a vaccination requirement? Unvaccinated U.S. travelers can only enter [for essential reasons](#), not including tourism purposes. Travelers who have completed a vaccination series or recovered from COVID-19 and received one vaccine dose may enter for tourism.

What sort of testing is required? Vaccinated travelers [do not need to show](#) a negative test result, according to the U.S. Embassy in Finland.

Do I need to quarantine? [No](#).

What else should I know? [U.S. travelers](#) 6 and older who have been in Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa or Zimbabwe in the past 14 days cannot enter, [regardless of vaccination status](#). Entry may be permitted for an "essential reason" such as urgent family matters.

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France

Is there a vaccination requirement? As of Sept. 12, only vaccinated visitors from the U.S. will be allowed to visit for tourism purposes. Unvaccinated travelers can only visit for a ["compelling reason."](#)

What sort of testing is required? Vaccinated travelers will need to show a negative test taken before boarding as well as a [sworn statement](#) saying they are not experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms.

Do I need to quarantine? Unvaccinated travelers must isolate [at least seven days upon arrival.](#)

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Germany

Are U.S. tourists allowed? Yes.

Is there a vaccination requirement? Travelers who have [recently spent time in the U.S.](#) will need to be fully vaccinated or demonstrate an ["important reason"](#) for entering Germany.

What sort of testing is required? If unvaccinated, travelers older than 12 years will need to show an approved negative test result or [proof of recovery.](#)

Do I need to quarantine? Unvaccinated travelers coming from high-risk areas (which [does not include the United States](#)) who are unable to show proof of recovery will need to self-isolate for 10 days upon arrival. The quarantine period can [end on the fifth day](#) with proof of a negative coronavirus test.

Travelers who were recently been in ["areas of variants of concern"](#) (including Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe) must quarantine for 14 days, regardless of vaccination status.

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A youth jumps in the sea from a rock at Varkiza village, a few miles southwest of Athens, on Thursday, July 29, 2021.

Are U.S. tourists allowed? [Permanent U.S. residents](#) may travel to Greece for tourism.

Is there a vaccination requirement? No.

What sort of testing is required? Starting Dec. 19, U.S. [all travelers](#) 5 and older must show a negative PCR test taken no more than 72 hours before entry or a laboratory rapid antigen test taken no more than 24 hours before entry.

Do I need to quarantine? All visitors are subject to random coronavirus testing upon arrival. If the test result is positive, the traveler must quarantine 10 days, with [expenses covered](#) by the Greek state.

What else should I know? Tourists must fill a [passenger locator form](#). Additionally, access to a number of businesses (including restaurants, cinemas, museums and more) is restricted to those who can prove [proof of vaccination or recovery](#) from the virus.

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Hungary

Are U.S. tourists allowed? [Yes](#).

Is there a vaccination requirement? U.S. travelers can [enter by air](#) with a negative PCR test [no older than 72 hours](#).

Do I need to quarantine? U.S. travelers [do not need to quarantine](#), according to the U.S. Embassy.

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Is there a vaccination requirement? No.

What sort of testing is required? [As of Dec. 5](#), travelers who are vaccinated or have recovered from the virus must show a negative coronavirus test to enter (either a negative antigen test taken no more than 48 hours before arrival or a negative PCR test taken no more than 72 hours before arrival). Unvaccinated travelers must show a negative PCR test taken no more than 72 hours before arrival.

Do I need to quarantine? No, unless you have [recently been in certain countries in southern Africa](#).

What else should I know? Starting Dec. 20, pubs and restaurants [must close by 8 p.m.](#) and are only accessible to those who are fully vaccinated or who have recently recovered from the virus.

Travelers must fill out a [passenger locator form](#) before departure. Additionally, travelers who have recently been in scheduled states (Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe) are asked not to travel to Ireland and face quarantine if they do enter the country.

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Italy

Tourists wait in line to enter the Colosseum in Rome, Italy.

Are U.S. tourists allowed? Yes.

Is there a vaccination requirement? Vaccinated

[the U.S., regardless of vaccination status](#), must take a PCR or antigenic swab coronavirus test and get a negative result within 72 hours before arrival. Children under 6 are exempt.

Do I need to quarantine? Unvaccinated travelers from the U.S. who have not recovered from the virus must [self-isolate for five days](#) and take another test at the end of the self-isolation period.

What else should I know? All travelers must fill out a digital passenger locator form, and will need a [COVID-19 digital certificate](#) or "Green Pass" to access locations such as [indoor restaurants, theaters and museums](#). For U.S. travelers, venues that require a Green Pass will also accept CDC "white cards," according to the U.S. embassy.

The country has also [prohibited entry for travelers](#) who have been in South Africa, Lesotho, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia and Eswatini in the past 14 days, excluding Italian citizens.

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Latvia

Are U.S. tourists allowed? Yes, [if fully vaccinated](#).

Is there a vaccination requirement? Fully vaccinated U.S. citizens are allowed to enter for travel. Unvaccinated travelers will need an ["essential" reason](#) to enter Latvia.

What sort of testing is required? Unvaccinated U.S. travelers face additional testing requirements, including the need [to show a negative](#) PCR test taken within 72 hours before arrival or a negative antigen test taken no more than 48 hours before arrival.

Do I need to quarantine? Unvaccinated travelers will need to [self-isolate 10 days](#).

entering. visitors who were vaccinated in the U.S. can receive a [short-term vaccination certificate](#), which is valid 30 days and can be used to attend certain events.

The country has also [banned travel](#) from South Africa, Lesotho, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Namibia, Eswatini and Malawi.

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Lithuania

Are U.S. tourists allowed? Yes.

Is there a vaccination requirement? Unvaccinated travelers may enter the country.

What sort of testing is required? Unless fully vaccinated or recovered from COVID-19, [travelers 16 and older](#) must take a [PCR or antigen test](#) prior to arrival.

Do I need to quarantine? A 10-day self-isolation period is mandatory for those not fully vaccinated or recovered, [with some exceptions](#). The period can be cut short on the seventh day with a negative test.

What else should I know? Travelers must complete a [pre-arrival questionnaire](#) no earlier than 48 hours before the start of their trip.

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Luxembourg

Are U.S. tourists allowed? Yes, if [fully vaccinated](#).

Is there a vaccination requirement? Unvaccinated U.S. travelers can enter only for "essential" reasons.

What sort of testing is required? [Authorized travelers aged 12 years and two months and older](#) can enter by air with:

- A vaccination certificate
- Proof of recovery

negative nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT) test taken less than 72 hours before departure or a negative rapid antigen test taken by a medical laboratory less than 48 hours before departure.

Do I need to quarantine? [For the most part, no.](#)

Through at least Jan. 14, travelers who have recently been in Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa or Zimbabwe face additional testing requirements and a [seven-day quarantine period](#) after arrival.

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Malta

Are U.S. tourists allowed? Yes.

Is there a vaccination requirement? [U.S. travelers may enter Malta](#) with a valid vaccination certificate, such as a [CDC vaccination card](#). The vaccination card must be verified through the VeriFLY app, available on Google Play and the Apple App Store. The vaccination requirement does not apply to those under 12.

What sort of testing is required? Unvaccinated travelers 5 and older will need to take an RT-PCR test no more than 72 hours before arrival. Rapid antigen tests are not accepted.

Do I need to quarantine? Unvaccinated travelers 12 and older must quarantine [at least 14 days](#).

What else should I know? All travelers must complete a [digital passenger locator form](#). Additionally, travel from South Africa, Namibia, Lesotho, Botswana, Eswatini and Zimbabwe has been temporarily banned.

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Netherlands

Are U.S. tourists allowed? Yes.

Is there a vaccination requirement? Yes, [U.S. tourists](#) can only enter if they are vaccinated or recovered from the virus. Some unvaccinated U.S. travelers may

What sort of testing is required? Travelers 12 and older must show [a negative coronavirus test to enter](#).

Do I need to quarantine? Vaccinated travelers from the U.S. do not [have to self-quarantine upon arrival](#). Travelers from areas considered [very high risk](#) (which does not currently include the U.S.) must quarantine, regardless of vaccination status.

What else should I know? The country is entering a nationwide lockdown [through at least Jan. 14](#) with nonessential venues like restaurants, bars, theaters, zoos and amusement parks closed. Residents can only have two visitors at a time.

The country has also banned passenger flights to the Netherlands from Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Zimbabwe and South Africa [through at least Dec. 22](#).

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Poland

Are U.S. tourists allowed? [Yes](#), U.S. travelers may enter by air. U.S. citizens entering by land or sea must qualify for an entry exemption, such as school.

Is there a vaccination requirement? Fully vaccinated U.S. travelers can enter without [a quarantine period](#).

What sort of testing is required? [Starting Dec. 15](#), travelers from outside the Schengen Area will need to take a negative coronavirus test no more than 24 hours before departing for Poland.

Do I need to quarantine? Unvaccinated travelers 12 and older from outside the Schengen Area who must quarantine [14 days](#), but can cut the quarantine period short on day seven with a negative coronavirus test. Unvaccinated travelers arriving from the Schengen Area must quarantine 10 days unless they can show a negative coronavirus test result taken no more than 48 hours before arrival. Fully vaccinated visitors and those who have recovered from the virus can forgo a

an electronic passenger locator form before entering.

A paper form is also available. Travelers from Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe cannot be exempt from quarantine.

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Portugal

Are U.S. tourists allowed? Yes, U.S. tourists [may enter Portugal](#).

Is there a vaccination requirement? No.

What sort of testing is required? All air travelers entering mainland Portugal from the U.S. who are 12 and older must show [a negative coronavirus test](#), regardless of vaccination status, according to the U.S. embassy. Mainland Portugal accepts PCR tests taken no more than 72 hours before boarding or rapid antigen tests taken no more than 48 hours before boarding.

If flying to [the Azores](#), international travelers must show a negative coronavirus test. Travelers must also fill out a questionnaire before their trip at <https://mysafeazores.com>.

If flying to [Madeira](#), travelers can enter with proof of a negative coronavirus test, proof of vaccination or proof of recovery. Visitors must fill out a survey ahead of departure at <https://madeirasafe.com>.

Do I need to quarantine? Travelers cannot board an outbound flight to the U.S. without a negative coronavirus test, according to the U.S. Embassy. If that test result is positive, the travelers face a mandatory quarantine.

What else should I know? Tourists must fill out an online Passenger Locator Card after checking in and before their departure at <https://portugalcleanandsafe.pt/en/passenger-locator-card>. Starting Dec. 25, there will be a partial

Additionally, flights to and from southern African countries (South Africa, Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia and Zimbabwe) have been [suspended](#).

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Romania

Are U.S. tourists allowed? [Yes](#).

Is there a vaccination requirement? Unvaccinated U.S. travelers can enter the country, but face a quarantine period of at least 10 days.

What sort of testing is required? Starting Friday, U.S. travelers may enter with proof of full vaccination or recovery from the virus [within the last 180 days](#) and are not subject to quarantine if they show a negative PCR coronavirus test taken no more than 48 hours before entry.

Do I need to quarantine? Unvaccinated travelers from the U.S. who have not recovered from the virus must quarantine 14 days. The isolation period can be reduced to 10 days with a negative coronavirus test performed no more than 48 hours before entry. Children under 12 are exempt from quarantine and testing requirements, and those between 12 and 16 can enter without quarantine with a negative PCR test.

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Slovakia

Are U.S. tourists allowed? U.S. tourists may enter as long as they have already legally [entered the Schengen area](#).

Is there a vaccination requirement? Vaccinated travelers can enter without a quarantine period.

negative coronavirus test to enter.

Do I need to quarantine? Unvaccinated [travelers must quarantine 10 days](#). The isolation period can end on the fifth day with a negative PCR test. Children under 12 years and 2 months do not need to test, and only need to quarantine if members of their household must quarantine. Additionally, there is a [mandatory quarantine](#) for all travelers who have recently been in South Africa, Botswana, Namibia, Lesotho, Eswatini, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Israel, Hong Kong and Seychelles, regardless of vaccination status or previous infection.

What else should I know? All travelers who arrive by airplane must submit a public [passenger locator form](#), and all travelers older than 12 years and 2 months must register before arrival at <https://korona.gov.sk/en/ehranica/>.

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Slovenia

Are U.S. tourists allowed? Yes. Travelers may enter without quarantine with proof of vaccination, proof of recovery or a negative coronavirus test.

Is there a vaccination requirement? No.

What sort of testing is required? Travelers entering with a negative test can submit a negative PCR test no older than 72 hours or a negative rapid antigen test no older than 48 hours that was [performed in select countries](#), including the U.S.

Do I need to quarantine? If travelers cannot provide proof of vaccination, proof of recovery or a negative coronavirus test, they must quarantine 10 days. The isolation period can end early with a negative PCR test performed no sooner than the fifth day. Travelers cannot quarantine in tourist accommodations.

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Spain

travelers must be vaccinated to enter for non-essential reasons such as tourism. Unvaccinated children under 12 are exempt.

What sort of testing is required? [There are no testing requirements.](#)

Do I need to quarantine? U.S. travelers do not have to quarantine.

What else should I know? Travelers must fill out an online [health control form](#) to obtain a QR code that must be shown at boarding and upon arrival.

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Sweden

Are U.S. tourists allowed? [Yes.](#)

Is there a vaccination requirement? Yes. U.S. travelers 18 and older must present proof of [full vaccination](#) (such as the white CDC card) to enter.

What sort of testing is required? Vaccinated U.S. travelers [do not need to test](#) for the virus to enter.

Do I need to quarantine? No.

What else should I know? The Public Health Agency of Sweden recommends anyone who has spent time outside of Scandinavia in the past seven days get tested for the coronavirus "[as soon as possible after entry into Sweden](#)," regardless of vaccination status. There are no COVID-related entry requirements for travelers entering directly from another Nordic country such as Denmark, Finland, Iceland or Norway.

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