## <u>Current Countries Restricting Entry to Individuals Who Recently Traveled to Countries affected</u> <u>by the Coronavirus</u>

Australia From 9 p.m. on March 20, Australia will no longer allow entry to non-Australian citizens or residents, unless they are direct family members of Australians, Prime Minister Scott Morrison announced on Wednesday, March 18th. Australians overseas can still return to the country, but will be subject to a 14-day isolation upon arrival.

**Bahrain** will require nationals of Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, or the United Arab Emirates who have visited PRC, Hong Kong, Iran, South Korea, Malaysia, Singapore or Thailand on or around February 13<sup>th</sup> to undergo medical examination and may be quarantined. Residents of Bahrain who have visited PRC, Hong Kong, Iran, South Korea, Malaysia, Singapore or Thailand on or around February 13<sup>th</sup> are required to undergo medical examination and may be quarantined.

Bangladesh suspended the issuance of on-arrival visas for visitors from China, until further notice.

Canada suspended flights to and from People's Republic of China. Canada will deny entry to people who are not Canadian citizens, US citizens or permanent residents, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced at a news conference in Ottawa on March 16. President Trump confirmed on Twitter on March 18 that Canada and the United States will close their border to non-essential traffic.

France suspended flights to and from China.

**Guatemala** has banned non-resident travelers who have visited China on or after January 20, 2020. Immigration may restrict enter no matter the date of the China entry stamp.

Hong Kong border crossings with the mainland would be suspended, except for the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge, Shenzhen Bay Port and Hong Kong International Airport. Residents and passport holders who visited countries included in travel ban subject to quarantine.

India has cancelled all visas for foreigners who have visited China since January 20, 2020. All regular (sticker) Visas/e-Visa granted to nationals of Italy, Iran, South Korea, Japan and issued on or before March 3, 2020 and who have not yet entered India, stand suspended effective immediately. Such foreign nationals may not enter India from any Air, Land or Seaport ICPs.

Regular (sticker) visas/e-Visas granted to all foreign nationals who have travelled to Peoples Republic of China, Iran, Italy, South Korea and Japan on or after February 2, 2020, and who have not yet entered India stand suspended effective immediately. Such foreign nationals may not enter India from any Air, Land or Seaport ICPs.

Passengers (foreign and Indian) other than those restricted, arriving directly or indirectly from China, South Korea, Japan, Iran, Italy, Hong Kong, Macau, Vietnam, Malaysia, Indonesia, Nepal, Thailand, Singapore and Taiwan must undergo medical screening at port of entry.

Indonesia has issued a ban on all who travel to and from China. The ban stops visitors who have stayed in China since January 20, 2020 from visiting or transiting through Indonesia. Immigration may restrict entry no matter the date of the China entry stamp in the passport. Travelers arriving from countries with COVID- 19-confirmed case must submit a health declaration

Iraq has banned entry for all foreign nationals travelling from China.

**Israel** will deny entry to any person who is not an Israeli resident or citizen who has traveled to China, Thailand, Hong Kong, Singapore, Macau, South Korea, Japan, or Italy in the last 14 days. Travelers may be subjected to screening at airports or ports of entry. Travelers should be prepared for additional travel restrictions with little or no advance notice.

**Japan** has barred entry for anyone with symptoms of the coronavirus and no travelers from Wuhan are allowed entry; even if they do not have symptoms.

**Jordan** has imposed an entry ban on any foreigner who was in China, Iran, Italy or South Korea 14 days prior to arriving in Jordan. Jordanians (including Jordanian Americans) will be subject to a 14-day quarantine upon arrival. All travelers arriving at Jordanian airports and land borders will be screened.

Travelers should be prepared for additional travel restrictions to be put into effect with little or no advance notice.

**Kazakhstan** will quarantine travelers who visited PRC on or around February 13<sup>th</sup>. This is left to the immigration officer's discretion.

Malaysia has ceased visa-on-arrival facilities for travelers arriving from Hubei, China.

Mongolia citizens had until February 6 to return to their home country from China. Travelers from China, whether they are Chinese nationals or not, are not allowed to enter the country.

Nepal requires a doctor's note from all travelers upon entry confirming that they are not infected with COVID19.

New Zealand announced, all foreign travelers who exit or transit from China after February 2, 2020 (New Zealand time) will be refused entry or subject to quarantine, as the country has closed its borders to any foreigner arriving from China. Starting the night of March 19, New Zealand will ban any foreign citizens from entering the country, Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern announced in a news conference on Wednesday. The travel ban will now apply to those coming from the Pacific Islands, who had previously been exempt from restrictions. It will also close off travel between New Zealand and Australia for the majority of citizens in the two countries, who are typically able to travel back and forth without a visa.

North Korea completely shut its borders to travelers and flights from China.

Oman will enforce travelers who have visited PRC, Iran, Japan, South Korea or Singapore to be subject to quarantine.

Papua New Guinea has shut its air and seaports to all foreign travelers from Asia. Its land border with West Papua has also been closed.

**Philippines** is requiring all nationals and spouses and children of nationals who have visited PRC, Taiwan, Hong Kong, or Macao on or around February 13, 2020 to self-isolate upon arrival

**Republic of China (Taiwan)** as of February 7, 2020, foreign nationals who have recently visited or resided in the PRC will be prohibited from entering Taiwan (including those who are eligible for visa-free treatment, landing visas, and e-visas, as well as those carrying valid visas).

**Russia** has banned all Iran nationals from applying for visas or entering their territory. As of March 10<sup>th</sup>, all travelers who have visited PRC, Iran, Italy, Japan, South Korea or Singapore in the last 14 days will be guarantined for two weeks.

Saudi Arabia is banning travelers from entering if travelled to or transited through China since January 20, 2020. Immigration may restrict entry no matter the date of the China entry stamp in the passport. Umrah and Hajj visas are on hold. The Embassy/Consulates will not issue these visas until further notice. Tourist eVisas also might be hold as well. Will confirm once we receive more information. Immigration is denying entry to travelers who have visited these countries since February 10th: China Hong Kong, Iran, Taiwan and Italy.

South Korea has banned all foreign travelers who have passed through Wuhan, China.

**Trinidad & Tobago** have banned non-resident travelers who have traveled to China on or after January 20, 2020. Immigration may restrict enter no matter the date of the China entry stamp in the passport.

**United Kingdom** on March 19, a spokesperson for Prime Minister Borish Johnson said there was "zero prospect" of any restrictions on travel in and out of London, and that there were "no plans" to shut down its transport network. However, the city's transport authority had already closed parts of London's Tube network, and the government did not rule out introducing further social distancing measures in the coming days. New York VFS operating center has closed till further notice.

**United States** imposed a ban on all foreign nationals who visited China since January 20, 2020. Immigration may restrict entry no matter the date of the China entry stamp in the passport. \*U. S Citizens will be subject to screening and possible 14-day quarantine. \*

\*For more up to date travel advisories, please visit this link on our website <a href="https://g3visas.com/travel-advisories">https://g3visas.com/travel-advisories</a>.\*

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## **Current Countries Restricting Visas and Entry to Chinese Nationals**

**Australia** is not allowing applicants in mainland China or Iran to apply for an Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) at this time due to strict new travel restrictions updated on 1 March 2020 to minimize the potential spread of Novel Coronavirus.

Canada stopped granting visas to Chinese nationals.

India is not issuing visas to Chinese nationals. Regular (sticker) visa / e-Visa granted to nationals of Peoples Republic of China, issued on or before 02.05.2020 were suspended earlier. It shall remain enforce. Such Chinese nationals may not enter India from any Air, Land or Seaport ICPs.

Indonesia suspended visa-free, consular visas and visa on arrival provisions for Chinese nationals.

**Iran** will no longer visa exempt nationals from PRC, Hong Kong and Macao but they can obtain a visa on arrival with medical check and certificate.

**Kazakhstan** has suspended the issuance of visas to Chinese nationals.

Malaysia suspended the granting of visas to all residents of the Hubei province in China.

Myanmar suspended visas for PRC visitors and nationals.

**New Zealand** placed temporary entry restrictions to all Chinese nationals.

Paraguay has cancelled visas issued to nationals of PRC

Philippines ordered the suspension of the visa on arrivals (VoA) and consular visas for all Chinese nationals.

**Singapore** has stopped issuing visas to Chinese nationals with passports issued in Hubei and suspended its 96-hour transit-free policy.

Sri Lanka has suspended all visa-on-arrivals and consular visas for Chinese nationals.

Russia has banned all Chinese nationals from applying for visas or entering their territory.

**United States** imposed a ban on all Chinese nationals from entering the country.

Vietnam has stopped granting visas to Chinese nationals.

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