# What Countries Are Open to Vaccinated Travelers?

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As more people are able to get vaccinated, countries around the world are starting to loosen travel restrictions for fully vaccinated visitors. Quarantine requirements and negative COVID-19 test mandates are being waived by certain countries for travelers who have been fully vaccinated in an effort to restart tourism.

However, it's important to note that the United States is still <u>requiring a negative COVID-19 test</u> (or proof of recovery from COVID-19) from all passengers entering the country on an international flight. So even if you've been vaccinated, you'll still need to provide a negative test to return to the U.S. Once you've been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (in most instances, this means two weeks after receiving the last dose of your COVID-19 vaccine), where can you go?

## The following countries are open to fully vaccinated American travelers right now:

#### Belize

Belize is now open to fully vaccinated travelers. Unvaccinated visitors will need either proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR test taken within 96 hours of travel, or a negative rapid test taken within 48 hours of travel. Or, visitors can opt to take a test upon arrival at the airport in Belize for \$50. More details on Belize's entry requirements can be found on their travel health and safety website.

#### Ecuador

❖ Visitors to <a href="Ecuador"><u>Ecuador</u></a> must provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken no more than three days before entering the country. However, this requirement is now waived for travelers with a valid vaccination card showing that they have received a complete series of the shot.

## ❖ Georgia

Fully vaccinated American travelers to Georgia can skip the country's cumbersome testing and quarantine requirements, which include: arriving via air (not land or sea), <u>traveling</u> <u>directly from an approved country</u>, presenting a negative PCR test taken within the past 72 hours, and getting a follow-up PCR test on the third day of a trip in Georgia.

#### Iceland

❖ Testing and quarantine requirements <u>are now waived</u> for all fully vaccinated visitors to Iceland. (Previously, the waiver only applied to travelers from Europe.) The exemption also applies to travelers who can show proof of recovery from COVID-19 "in accordance with the requirements defined by the Chief Epidemiologist."

## Seychelles

The <u>Seychelles' quarantine requirement</u> will be waived for fully vaccinated travelers, but not their testing requirement. Even vaccinated visitors will still need to show a negative COVID-19 PCR test taken within 72 hours of travel in order to enter.

### The United States

Many states within the United States are following suit and waiving quarantine and testing requirements for fully vaccinated domestic travelers coming from another state. Vermont, for example, mandates either a 14-day quarantine upon arrival to the state or a 7-day pretrip quarantine at home followed by a negative COVID-19 test, but only for unvaccinated visitors.