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UK Removes the Philippines from the Red List

The United Kingdom announced on 07 October 2021 that effective 11 October 2021, 47 countries and territories will be removed from its Red List, including the Philippines, making it easier for more people to travel to the UK. Passengers from the Philippines will no longer be required to undergo hotel quarantine for 10 days which usually costs GBP 2,285 per head. Once in England, travellers must quarantine at home or in the place one opts to stay for 10 days. Other rules are the following:

- 1) For those fully vaccinated -
 - Book and pay for a day 2 COVID-19 test to be taken on or before day 2 upon arrival, and complete a passenger locator form within 48 ours before arriving in England.
 - The COVID-19 booking reference number should be indicated in the passenger locator form.
 - The UK's approved vaccines are: Oxford/AstraZeneca Pfizer BioNTech-Moderna-Janssen.
 - A proof of vaccination has to be presented, like the NHS COVID pass for those vaccinated under the UK's vaccination programme, or a vaccine certificate issued by a national or state-level public health authority.
 - The rules for people who do NOT qualify as fully vaccinated will be observed for those vaccinated with a vaccine that is not in the UK's approved list.
- 2) For those not fully vaccinated -
 - Take a COVID-19 test in the 3 days prior to travelling to England, book and pay for day 2 and 8 COVID-19 tests to be taken after arrival in England.
 - Complete 10 days self-isolation (with the option to *Test to Release* on Day 5)
 - Complete the passenger locator form within 48 hours before arriving in England.
 - The arrival date is considered as day 0.

The data for all countries and territories will be kept under review and the government of UK will not hesitate to take action where a country's epidemiological picture changes.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

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