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Greece COVID-19 Updates

Greece recently announced that passengers are not allowed to enter Greece except for travelers coming from EU countries, and some selected non-EU countries, merchant seamen and for other essential reasons.

For those who are allowed to enter, the following are the guidelines:

1. Transit

As a general rule, passengers in transit in the EU+ area are exempted from temporary travel restriction.

EU citizens entering the EU from a third country, as well as their family members, irrespective of their nationality, are exempted from the travel restrictions regardless of whether or not they are returning to their country of nationality or residence.

Passengers travelling from a non-EU country to another non-EU country may transit through the international transit area of airports located in the Schengen area. Rules regarding airport transit visa requirements continue to apply.

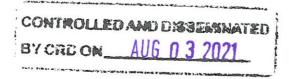
2. Internal Restrictions

At present, it is mandatory to wear a mask in all indoor public places, in all areas of Greece.

3. COVID-19 restrictions

All restrictions remain under regular review. In Regional Units (περιφερειακές ενότητες) where the spread of COVID-19 is particularly high and hospital capacity is limited, restrictions may be tighter or re-imposed with limited notice. Travelers should keep up-to-date by checking travel.gov.gr, and following local announcements. As restrictions may vary, travelers should check the latest local guidance.

- 4. Travelers arriving in Greece are required to have:
 - a. A negative COVID-19 test result from a laboratory; the test must be taken up to 72 hours before entry in Greece. This test is mandatory for all non-EU DCC (Digital COVID Certificate) holders (including children over the age of 12), regardless of the epidemiological situation in the country of departure.
 - b. A vaccination certificate issued by a certified authority.



- c. A certificate of recovery from the SARS-CoV-2 virus infection issued by a public authority or a certified laboratory.
- d. Proof that the traveler was tested positive with COVID-19 in the past 2 to 9 months. This can be proven either by presenting a positive PCR molecular or an antigen test result performed by an authorized laboratory or a medical certificate confirming that the holder was tested positive with SARS-CoV-2 virus infection.
- e. Proof of a negative COVID-19 test is not required for all travellers that have completed their vaccination (i.e., 14 days have elapsed since the last vaccination, depending on the doses required) and hold a vaccination certificate.
- f. Accepted vaccines are: Pfizer BioNtech, Moderna, Astra Zeneca/Oxford, Novavax, Johnson + Johnson/Janssen, Sinovac Biotech, Gamaleya (Sputnik), Cansino Biologics, Sinopharm.
- g. Proof of a negative COVID-19 test is also not required if the traveller was tested positive and at least 20 days have elapsed since the first positive result. This can be proven either by presenting a positive PCR molecular or an antigen test result performed by an authorized laboratory, or a medical certificate confirming that the holder was tested positive with SARS-CoV-2 virus infection. The validity of this certificate is 9 months.

5. Accommodation

All hotels are permitted to open, and other types of accommodations, including e.g. Airbnb, private rentals and hostels, are also available. However, travelers should note that many operators are likely to reduce their offer and close some accommodation during the winter months, particularly in light of measures put in place by the Greek authorities to fight the spread of COVID-19. Travelers should check directly with their accommodation provider in case of related concerns.

All travelers must complete their Passenger Locator Form (PLF) until the day before entering the country, providing detailed information on their point of departure, the duration of previous stays in other countries, and the address of their stay while in Greece. In case of multiple stays, they are required to provide the address for the first 24 hours at least. One PLF should be submitted per family.

Travelers will receive the PLF with their unique Quick Response (QR) code via email (the QR code will be provided in a link in the email).

The PLF can also be found on the Visit Greece app and at travel.gov.gr. It is strongly recommended that all visitors download the Visit Greece app (GDPR compliant) for free, prior their arrival in Greece.

Cruising and yachting is allowed. Maritime connections with Turkey are temporarily restricted.

More details can be found at https://travel.gov.gr/

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