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# Qatar lists 40 low-risk countries to travel

The State of Qatar has announced a list of 40 “Low-Risk” countries from which entry of their nationals will be allowed in Qatar, as it gradually lifts travel restrictions amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Countries included in the list are Brunei Darussalam, Vietnam, China, Thailand, Malaysia, New Zealand, Malta, Finland, Hungary, South Korea, Estonia, Norway, Lithuania, Latvia, Japan, Cyprus, Ireland, Greece, Italy, Slovakia, Denmark, Netherlands, Germany, Morocco, Poland, France, Australia, Canada, Slovenia, Belgium, United Kingdom, Czech Republic, Austria, Switzerland, Algeria, Turkey, Iceland, Spain, Croatia, and Andorra.

All nationals from the identified low-risk countries are required to take a COVID-19 test upon arrival at the airport, as well as sign a formal pledge of adhering to be quarantined at home for a week and proceed to the accredited health centers by the end of self-quarantine.

Also, passengers who already have a COVID-19 disease-free certificate from an accredited medical center will be exempted from PCR test at the airport, provided that the certificate does not exceed 48 hours prior to the travel time.

As of July 29, 2020, Philippines is not included in the list, which is subjected for review by Ministry of Public Health of Qatar every two weeks.

On the other hand, countries that are not included in the list, including the Philippines, will still be accepted on board flights to Hamad International Airport under stricter health protocols.

As such, they are required to book a quarantine hotel for one week through the “Discover Qatar” website before arriving to Qatar, as well as undergo a PCR test on the sixth day of their quarantine.

Also, under the same conditions as passengers from low-risk countries, nationals with COVID-19 disease-free certificate from an accredited medical center will be exempted from PCR test at the airport.

Meanwhile, Qatari nationals and holders of permanent residency can freely travel and return any time to Qatar provided that they follow the health protocols of the country they are coming from.

Stranded residents of Qatar will be also allowed to return to Qatar starting August 1, 2020 by getting a Return Permit through the “Qatar Portal”.

For further information on the health protocols in the State of Qatar, visit its Ministry of Public Health official website at <https://covid19.moph.gov.qa>. ###