

COUNTRY CATCH UP

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EASTERN AFRICA

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GENERAL

Q Is there any country which currently allowed clients who are fully vaccinated and have a European Green Certificate (Passport) easy access without a negative PCR-test?

A Not to my knowledge, hopefully African countries will move in that direction but I don't believe that anyone has arrived there yet. Not even South Africa as yet, even vaccinated travellers are still required to produce PCR test.

KENYA

Answered by Kath Leonard | Cheli & Peacock

Q Many people are having problems with applying for a TT code. Is this strictly informed by immigration?

A TT Codes are required and checked by Port Health on arrival in Kenya. The TT code roll out was rather bumpy, however Port Health have confirmed that the TT code has been implemented for all arriving passengers. There are numerous testing facilities that are able to provide you with TT codes as part of their testing service so this could be a solution for guests. Unfortunately this is an independent service so the efficiency of the service could be unpredictable.

Q Do you recommend getting a visa online or it is ok to get them on arrival in Nairobi?

A Kenya no longer issues visas on arrival so all visas must be applied for online prior to departure from the following website: www.evisa.go.ke

RWANDA

Answered by Mwanzi Isibo | Thousand Hills Africa

Q Do you know how tests are being checked for National Parks? Also, I heard there are certain districts with 7pm - 4am curfew, does this affect clients staying in lodges in National Parks?

A Travel between districts is only for tourism and medical emergencies. Tourism activities are not affected. Tests are checked with bar codes at the national parks. Guests can access and print their results via an online platform.

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Q How does the testing on arrival work if the client lands late at night/in the early hours of the morning (eg 1am)? Do they have to wait until the following morning to get tested?

A The testing center at the airport is open 24hrs a day and all guests test on arrival before transferring to their Kigali hotel to await results. Guests have to order room service and stay in their rooms until results are received which is now generally 8hrs.

Q Is the lockdown for the whole of the Rubavu District or just the city of Gisenyi?

A Movements are restricted between districts except for tourism or medical reasons. The lockdown is only between districts but offices, restaurants etc. remain open with 7pm curfew.

TANZANIA

Answered by Tim Golds | Nomad Tanzania

Q We have clients who are booked to do safaris in North Tanzania and Selous, then will fly to Zanzibar. For those travelling soon, they will do a PCR test before departing from Switzerland: is this enough for the entire stay in Tanzania AND Zanzibar? Or in order to enter Zanzibar, is it compulsory to do another PCR test? In which case, where can they do it ?

A They only need to do the 1 PCR test for Tanzania (which includes Zanzibar). They don't need a separate one as we are one country.

UGANDA

Answered by Amos Wekesa & Adele Cutler | Great Lakes Safaris

Q Do you mean that clients who have been vaccinated do not need a PCR test before they arrive? Or does the vaccine mean they don't need another test on arrival?

A Officially clients will need a test on arrival as well as pre-departure, but often the case is that vaccinated travellers are not tested.

Q Does the new 7pm curfew affect tourists transferring through Uganda ?

A No, they are free to move during the curfew hours as long as they are travelling between booked lodges in their itinerary.

Q If a guest is only transiting through South Africa on the way to Uganda, will they still be required to do a test upon arrival if their originating country isn't one of the ones listed where testing is required?

A Yes, they will. This does seem strange but it is how they have classified the countries.

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Answered by Helen Bolton | New Frontiers Tours

Q If clients have private game drives/transfers/excursions, are they still required to wear masks?

A On transfers and excursions yes. On game drives since it is an open vehicle the guides will ask if clients are comfortable to remove masks. If there is consensus then they will allow no masks. Slightly different rules in the bush! You can be a little more relaxed!

Q Is there any Emirates connectivity to South Africa?

A Not until the 26th of July from what I understand

Q How is the South Africa vaccination program progressing? Especially within the hospitality sector?

A We are expected to be fast tracked for the vaccine in July, but this has not yet been confirmed.

Q News 24 have just announced that Ramaphosa is worried about increasing levels of Covid and may have to review the country lockdown levels in SA?

A The numbers are climbing particularly in the Gauteng (Johannesburg) area. There is talk of further restrictions around social gatherings in this province. As I mentioned earlier, border closures and travel bans are not part of the governments strategy. Hope that helps?

Q For the airport '2 hour turnaround' Covid testing surcharge, is this available at Cape Town Airport and over weekends? And if so, are there specific hours of service?

A Yes this is available in Cape Town. They have lengthy hours. I think it's from 9am to 9pm. The clinic is called Navomix, you could check out their website at the following link: www.navomixhealth.co.za

ZAMBIA

Answered by Nick Aslin | Zambian Ground Handlers



Q When do you think Zambia will allow tourists from India?

A India is on our high-risk list so not easy right now, I imagine we will only change that when the general situation in India improves. Other than that I really can't say.

Q Is it true that Italian citizen may come only if vaccinated? Is there no way to cross the border with Zimbabwe just for the falls visit?

A Sadly not. Unless your client enters Zimbabwe, does the falls visit and then flies out of Zimbabwe the same day (we have had clients do this). There is no restriction on Italian guests to Zambia but as the Zimbabwe land borders are closed I believe that tourists would be allowed to enter Zambia for a falls visit but perhaps not to then return to Zimbabwe.

Q Did you say that Zambia has closed their borders like Malawi? Or are international travellers allowed to travel in?

A All Zambian borders are open

ZIMBABWE

Answered by Simon Teede | Bushtracks Africa

Q Are the BA flights that are flying in to Vic Falls from Johannesburg or are they from overseas as well?

A The BA flight is from Johannesburg.

Q Can tourists cross the border from Zimbabwe to visit Chobe National Park / Kasane for an overnight stay (or 2 nights) and then return to Victoria Falls to fly out?

A Yes they can. We recently had clients do this without any problems. AS LONG AS WHEN THEY ENTER AGAIN THEY FLY OUT SAME DAY.

Q Can these guests road transfer into Kasane and then after their stay in Chobe transfer back to Victoria Falls airport via land to fly out?

A The land borders are closed so they would have to fly with Mack Air.