



HELLENIC REPUBLIC
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. How can I travel to Greece?

Greece welcomes visitors applying advanced health protection protocols. Greek Tourism operates with the maximum safety possible, for tourists, employees and every person involved in the provision of tourist services.

Entry into Greece during the period **from 21.03.2022 until 04.04.2022**, is allowed under the following conditions:

From 15 March 2022 onwards, travellers visiting Greece are no longer required to fill out the Passenger Locator Form (PLF).

However, a simplified PLF remains in operation, the completion of which is **OPTIONAL**, for the sole purpose of enabling the traveller / family to issue an EU Certificate of negative or positive COVID-19 test result.

A. Travellers coming from EU member states and Schengen countries, as well as from the 35 non-EU countries that have joined the EU Digital Covid Certificate system, must hold an EU Digital COVID Certificate.

B. Travellers coming from Australia, Canada and the United States of America must display one of the following:

- a) Vaccination certificate (for those who have completed vaccination for COVID-19 at least fourteen (14) days before arrival) valid for 9 months after the completion of the basic vaccination and without time limit for travellers who have received the booster dose, or
- b) Proof of recovery from SARS-CoV-2 infection, issued 14 days after the day of the first positive COVID-19 test (PCR or Rapid Antigen test) and valid for 180 days thereafter, or
- c) Negative molecular test for COVID-19 (PCR) performed up to 72 hours before arrival, or negative Rapid Antigen test performed up to 24 hours before arrival.

C. Travellers from ALL other countries must show either a negative PCR test performed up to 72 hours prior to arrival or a negative (rapid) antigen test performed up to 24 hours prior to arrival, issued by a certified diagnostic center in the English language.

Upon entering Greece, visitors may undergo targeted COVID-19 tests. In the event of a positive result, travellers will be temporarily accommodated in an isolation hotel, free of charge. If a positive incident is detected following a sampling test at the land borders, then entry into the country may not be allowed.

For more information, please visit the relevant Greek government websites:

Protocol for Arrivals in Greece <https://travel.gov.gr/#/>

Destination Greece Health First <https://greecehealthfirst.gr/>

2. What are the health protocols for the people working in the tourism sector?

Employees in the Greek tourism sector are being vaccinated with the general population, according to government planning. Until they are vaccinated, all employees are required to undergo COVID-19 tests at the frequency set by the current Joint Ministerial Decision, as in force. In addition, they are encouraged to test even more frequently to ensure timely isolation.

3. Which vaccines are acceptable for the vaccination certificate?

Acceptable vaccines are among others:

Pfizer BioNtech mRNA / Comirnaty

Moderna mRNA / Spikevax

Astra Zeneca/Oxford ChAdOx1 nCoV (AZD1222) / Vaxzevria

Johnson & Johnson/Janssen Ad26

Sinovac/Coronovac

Gamaleya (Sputnik) Ad26/Ad5, Gam-COVID-Vac, Sputnik vaccine

Cansivo Biologics AD5-nCOV, trade-named Convidencia

Sinopharm

Covishield ChAdOx1 nCoV

BBV152 COVAXIN Bharat Biotech, India Whole virion inactivated

4. What applies to international flights?

As of 14.05.2021, flight restrictions from EU countries have been lifted and no mandatory quarantine is required. In addition, our country welcomes flights to all international airports.

For further details please visit the Athens International Airport Covid-19 information page:
<https://www.aia.gr/traveler/travellers-info/faq-for-covid19>

5. What applies to land travel?

Travellers are allowed to enter from land borders, through the entrance gates of Promachonas, Ormenios, Evzoni, Nymfaia, Exochis, Nikis, Doirani, Krystallopigi, Kipi, Kakavia, Kastania and Mavromatiou, on a 24h basis. Through the Mertziani Entrance Gate entrance is allowed from 8.00 to 20.00.

6. What about ferry connections?

As of 14.05.2021, the quarantine has been lifted for passengers who arrive by ferry through all the port entrances.

7. What will apply to guests during their stay?

During their stay in Greece, foreign visitors must follow all measures that apply to Greek citizens. In particular, access to indoor areas of restaurants, leisure and sports facilities is allowed only after showing a vaccination certificate valid for 7 months after the completion of the basic vaccination and without time limit for those who have received the booster dose.

8. Are there business activity health protocols in force?

The Greek Ministry of Tourism has released specific Health Protocols against COVID-19 to be applied by all Greek tourism enterprises for their safe operation in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic and has introduced the National “Health First” certification seal for tourist accommodation establishments that comply with the relevant requirements.

Health Protocols apply to all Greek tourism enterprises that wish to continue operation during the pandemic and aim to reduce the risk of coronavirus transmission to employees and customers.

9. Are there quarantine hotels?

Specific isolation (quarantine) hotels operate near each entrance gate, as well as in other strategic points nationwide. This way, an adequate safety net for case management is in place, combined with an early detection upon the arrival of tourists from abroad. The cost for the isolation hotels is covered by the Greek state.

10. Can I quarantine at my hotel if I am diagnosed with COVID-19?

Visitors who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 upon arrival can isolate at their booked hotel, only in the case the hotel is a 4* and 5* and provides the service of quarantine rooms as specified by the competent Health Authorities. According to legislation, the visitor upon arrival can request from the Civil Protection authorities to contact her/his booked hotel regarding the availability of such service.

11. Is the departure and arrival of private yachts allowed and from which countries?

The departure and arrival of yachts is allowed with strict protocols, while the same terms and conditions will apply to both Greeks and foreign citizens. The entry of yachts in Greece, regardless of flag, coming from Turkey is only allowed into ports of Kavala, Mytilene, Chios, Vathy and Pythagoras of Samos, Myrina of Lemnos, Symi, Skala of Patmos, as well as the tourist ports of Kos and Rhodes.

12. What is the situation regarding cruise ships?

As of 14.05.2021, cruise restrictions have been completely removed, always imposing very strict protocols that apply to these activities.

13. What if the visitor's country requires a test for his / her return?

It is possible to perform PCR or rapid antigen tests directly at the place where each guest stays if the guest needs a test for returning home. This makes it easier for every tourist to be consistent with his/her obligations, in order to safely return to his/her country.