



# SOUTH AFRICA TRAVEL BAN UPDATE

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# COUNTRIES THAT HAVE BANNED ARRIVALS FROM SOUTH AFRICA

| Country      | Ban effective from                            | Details   |
|--------------|---|---|
| France       | 20 December                                   |   |
| Germany      | 22 December                                   | The ban will last until 6 January 2021.   |
| Switzerland  | 21 December                                   | People who have entered the country since 14 December must go into retroactive quarantine for 10 days.  |
| Saudi Arabia | 20 December                                   |   |
| Turkey       | 21 December                                   |   |
| Israel       | 20 December                                   |   |
| EL Salvado   | 20 December                                   |   |
| Sudan        | 23 December                                   | The ban will last three weeks subject to renewal.   |
| UK           | 24 December<br><br>7 January ( Ban extension) | Visitors arriving into England who have been in or transited through South Africa in the previous 10 days will not be permitted entry and direct flights will be banned. The has been extended until 23 January when it will be reviewed again. |
| Mauritius    | 21 December                                   |   |
| Panama       | 20 December                                   |   |
| Singapore    | 4 January 2021                                |   |
| Denmark      | 5 January 2021                                |   |
| Vietnam      | 5 January 2021                                |   |

# AIRLINES THAT HAVE SUSPENDED FLIGHTS TO AND FROM SOUTH AFRICA

| Airline             | Ban date          | Details   |
|---------------------|-------------------|---|
| Turkish Airlines    | 20 December       |   |
| Lufthansa           | 21 December       | During the travel ban, Lufthansa will be able to carry passengers from Germany to Johannesburg and Cape Town for the period 22 to 30 December. However, the airline's return flights from South Africa to Germany will not carry any passengers at all. |
| SWISS               | 24 December       |   |
| Austrian Airlines   | 20 December       |   |
| Edellweiss Airlines | 20 December       |   |
| British Airways     | Not Yet Confirmed |   |
| Virgin Atlantic     | Not Yet Confirmed |   |

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