

# Mobility: Immigration alert

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## Brazil

### Brazil lifts the prohibition on air travel from India, South Africa and the UK

#### Executive summary

The Brazilian Government announced that the temporary ban on air travel from India, South Africa and the UK that went into effect on 2 October 2021 has been lifted. Travelers departing from, or who were recently present in, these three countries may now enter Brazil by air.

#### Background

On 2 October 2021, the Brazilian Government implemented a temporary ban on air travel from India, South Africa and the UK. The entry ban barred direct flights from these three countries, and it prohibited the admission of passengers who were present in, or transited through, these countries in the 14 days prior to their desired travel to Brazil.

#### Entry by air

On 5 October 2021, the Brazilian Government suspended its ban on travel from India, South Africa and the UK. Effective 5 October 2021, travelers departing from, or who were recently present in, these three countries leading up to their desired travel to Brazil, may now enter the country by air. These travelers are required to take a reverse transmission polymerase chain reaction (RT PCR) COVID-19 test no more than 72 hours prior to travel, or an antigen COVID-19 test no more than 24 hours prior to travel. They must test negative to be admitted. Travelers who take a RT PCR COVID-19 test (or an antigen COVID-19 test), transit through another country en route to Brazil, and remain in the transit country for more than 72 hours (or 24 hours), must take another RT PCR (or antigen) COVID-19 test in the transit country. They must test negative to gain admission to Brazil.

New entrants, irrespective of their nationality and travel history, must complete an [online health declaration](#) no more than 24 hours prior to travel. They are not required to get tested for COVID-19 or quarantine after their arrival in Brazil.

#### Entry by land

In general, entry to Brazil by land is currently prohibited. There are limited exceptions to this entry ban, including for the following travelers, who are permitted to enter by land:

- ▶ Brazilian nationals and their spouses, partners, parents, children and their children's caretakers (if not the parents)
- ▶ Brazilian residents (including temporary and permanent residents, and holders of Brazilian work authorization documents) and their spouses, partners, parents, children and their children's caretakers, provided the dependent family members hold valid Brazilian ID Cards
- ▶ Non-Brazilian nationals who transport cargo to Brazil from another country
- ▶ Humanitarian workers who receive advance approval from the Brazilian health authorities

Travelers who are eligible to enter Brazil by land must comply with the same pre-travel (RT PCR or antigen) COVID-19 test requirements as travelers who arrive by air. They must also complete an online health declaration no more than 24 hours prior to travel.

#### Entry by sea

Effective 1 November 2021, maritime cruise vessels (e.g., cruise ships) will be permitted to resume their activities and

enter Brazil. Currently, entry to Brazil by sea is limited to crew members and other maritime professionals entering for specific purposes (e.g., to board a flight from Brazil to their home country). Travelers who are eligible to enter Brazil by sea must comply with the same pre-travel (RT PCR or antigen) COVID-19 test requirements as travelers who arrive by air. They must also complete an online health declaration no more than 24 hours prior to arrival in Brazil.

#### Next steps

EY will continue to monitor these developments. Should you have any questions, we encourage you to contact one of our immigration professionals.

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