

## Travelling Abroad from 17<sup>th</sup> May

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The UK's Transport Secretary, Grant Shapps, recently announced the reopening of international travel and a list of 12 countries from which arrivals into England will not have to quarantine from 17 May.

The countries in the green tier of the government's traffic light system are:

Australia  
Brunei  
Falkland Islands  
Faroe Islands  
Gibraltar  
Iceland  
Israel  
New Zealand  
Portugal  
Singapore  
St Helena, Tristan de Cunha, Ascension Island  
South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands

Countries are graded green, amber, or red depending on their vaccination and infection rates, and the occurrence of variants of concern.

Arrivals from countries on the green list may enter the country without the need to self-isolate or quarantine but must take a pre-departure test as well as a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test on day two after their arrival back into England.

Arrivals from amber countries will need to quarantine at home for a period of ten days and take a pre-departure test, and a PCR test on days two and eight after arrival with the option for Test to Release on day five to end self-isolation early.

The government will also publish a 'green watchlist' to help identify countries most at risk of moving from 'green' to 'amber'.

Travellers who have passed through a red list country in the previous 10 days will be refused entry unless they are a British or Irish National or have residence rights in the UK. Any such travellers must quarantine in a government-approved hotel for ten days.

The Government's traffic light system is to be used alongside foreign travel advice issued by the FCDO, not as a replacement. When looking at options to book a foreign trip, this should be approached as a two-step process:

Check the FCDO advice for the country you wish to visit - this will give you an idea of whether travel to that country is permitted and what kind of restrictions are in place when you arrive.

A full overview of which countries fall into which traffic light colour can be found on [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk)

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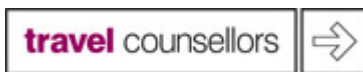
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