



Coronavirus Global Updates

The Coronavirus has virtually shut down all corporate and leisure travel. We have gathered the latest developments from around the world. Below are some highlights effecting travel and tourism during the next few months.

Latest Travel Developments:

- Cuba: suspended all international commercial flights to help combat the spread of coronavirus across the island. Foreign ships will also be required to leave the country.
- France: Paris Orly airport will stop commercial flights but remains open for medical flights, special flights, government flights and aircraft diversions.
- Hong Kong: indefinitely extend the entry restriction on non-Hong Kong residents and quarantine and airport transit measures due to the coronavirus pandemic.
- Japan: expanded a ban on the entry of non-Japanese people to 73 countries, including the United States, China and South Korea. Everyone entering the country, including Japanese nationals, will be asked to go into a voluntary two-week quarantine.
- Mexico: urged its citizens to avoid nonessential travel amid the coronavirus pandemic, specifically asking them not to go to the United States.
- Singapore: the island city is now in a circuit-breaking state till May. 4, 2020. This means only essential businesses will remain open. The Transport Minister Khaw Boon Wan has also announced Changi Airport's Terminal 2 will suspend operations for 18 months from May 1.
- Thailand: the Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand (CAAT) announced a ban on all international services into Thailand from Apr. 6 – Apr. 18, 2020. In addition, Trat Airport, Samui Airport and Sukhothai Airport will be closed till Apr.30, 2020 to all commercial flights. The airports will remain operational for state or military, emergency landings, technical handling and medical and relief services.

- US, Canada & Mexico have extended non-essential [travel restrictions](#) for another 30 days.
- IATA has compiled full [country lists](#) and their current boarder and airport restrictions.

Airline Updates:

- [Alaska Airlines](#): cuts flights by 80% for next 2 months.
- [American Airlines](#): cut domestic flights by 70 – 75% in April and about 80% in May. Specifically, it would suspend more flights in and out of New York City's three main airports for about a month. The cut of international flights is projected to be at 90% in April and May.
- [Delta Air Lines](#): is giving passengers two years to use credit from canceled flights. Travelers who cancel flights on Delta now have through May 2022 to use their credits. The airline is also extending its SkyMiles Medallion Members' status as well as the expiration dates for upgrade certificates and travel vouchers.
- [JetBlue Airways](#): will reduce daily flights in and out of the four New York City-area airports where it operates by as much as 80 per cent in April as part of wider schedule cuts due to the coronavirus outbreak. JetBlue plans to reduce its overall schedule from an average of some 1,000 daily departures to about 300 in April, a roughly 70per cent cut. Flights in and out of New York City-area airports will decline to 60 from 205 and likely see further reductions to as few as 40 per day.
- [Southwest Airlines](#): will cut more than 40% of flights from May 3 through June 5. It'll preserve more than 80% of itineraries it previously offered but some non-stop flights will now require a connection. Southwest is also shortening its operational day, removing many departures previously scheduled before 7 am and after 8 pm. Extended [Companion Pass](#) and elite status into 2021.
- [United Airlines](#): is extending current members' MileagePlus Premier status through January 2022, reducing thresholds for Premier qualification by 50 per cent, offering more credit card points and making it easier to upgrade seating.

Other News:

- Germany has canceled this years [Oktoberfest](#).

- CDC mandates all [Cruising](#) suspended until July, at the earliest.
 - [Virgin Australia](#) has filed for bankruptcy.
 - The US is only issuing passports for emergency travel only and suspended Global Entry enrollment.
 - All [Disney Parks](#) are closed until further notice.
 - The 2020 Olympics have been postponed until 2021.
 - [Canada](#) will require face masks on a flights.
 - [Spain](#) Preparing to Reactivate Tourism at End of 2020
 - Real ID deadline extended until October 1, 2021
 - During this unsettling time many destinations around the World have put together [Virtual Tours](#) of the worlds most iconic destinations.
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Southwest Airlines

Exciting news in the Travel industry, Southwest Airlines and Travelport have partnered up! The airline will allow travel agencies to book, change, modify and refund reservations through Travelport's global distribution system (GDS). We will also have full access to SWA fares and pricing to include Corporate and Government discounted fares. This partnership is a great asset to travelers, travel managers and agency's as we will be eliminating unnecessary wait times due to previously required calls to Southwest. Southwest Airlines content will be available to book in the Travelport GDS systems NLT May 4th.



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