



TRAVEL ADVISORY NUMBER 24

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR TRAVELLERS TO SOLOMON ISLANDS

15th July 2022

The Solomon Islands Government wishes to inform Solomon Islands Citizens and Non - Citizens and intending travelers to Solomon Islands that as of 1st July 2022, it has further eased travel restrictions and will open its international borders. Take note of this latest travel advisory with changes that will come into effect as of **15th July 2022**.

This advisory covers the following areas:

- International Passenger Flights
- Entry Requirements
- No Quarantine

A. International passenger flights

1. As of 8th July 2022, normal international flights are expected to resume. Refer to flight schedules of designated airlines operating in the country on their websites.
2. Furthermore, as of 1st July 2022, foreign nationals will no longer need to apply for **exemption to the COVID-19. Oversight Committee to enter the country**. However, those who need a visa prior to entry will need to apply to Solomon Islands Immigration for appropriate visa before they can enter the country.
3. For foreign nationals who can obtain concessional visa on arrival, they do not need to apply for visa. Refer to Solomon Islands Immigration website for list of countries who can obtain visa on arrival and those that need to apply for visa before entry.

B. Entry Requirements

4. Apart from visa, the following are important entry requirements;
 - a. **Health - Mandatory Vaccination**

- i. All travelers to Solomon Islands including Solomon Islands nationals and citizens, 18 years and older must be fully vaccinated 4 weeks prior to arrival in the country.
 - ii. For travelers who are less than 18 years and are eligible to take their vaccination, they are **strongly encouraged** to do so before they enter the country. If they are unable to do so, they must agree to be vaccinated as soon as practical after arrival.
 - iii. *It is strongly recommended that booster doses of the vaccine be taken as per the policy prevailing in departing country.*
5. All travelers must submit an electronic copy of their original or internationally accepted vaccination certificate (such as the WHO yellow booklet) to the National Health Emergency Operational Centre [NHEOC] at NHEOC_REPAT@moh.gov.sb or D. Health authorities will verify 'proof of vaccination' before approval for travel is granted. This will be further checked at the airlines counter before check-in.

C. Pre-departure and post arrival testing and quarantine requirements

6. The pre-departure Covid-19 test requirement is as follows;
 - i. One Pre-departure PCR COVID-19 test within 72 hours prior to arrival in Solomon Islands.
 - ii. All tests should be performed by an accredited laboratory.
 - iii. After arrival: One PCR COVID-19 test to be taken on the third day at the nearest clinic in Solomon Islands is strongly advised. If the facility for PCR testing is not available in the province. They are strongly encouraged to do Rapid Antigen Testing.
7. All Covid-19 pre-departure test results must be forwarded to NHEOC_REPAT@moh.gov.sb.

No quarantine

8. Since no quarantine applies as of 1st July, all incoming passengers on arrival can go to their respective homes or respective hotels or places of accommodation without quarantine but they are **strongly encouraged** to do a PCR COVID-19 tests 3 days after arrival at their nearest clinic to know their status. If they are tested positive, they are strongly advised to isolate and remain at home or hotel whilst awaiting further instructions from the health team for another 7 days before they can move freely in the community.

E. Precautionary measures to be observed by all intending travelers to Solomon Islands

9. As Solomon Islands open its borders on 1st July 2022, all intending travelers are advised to strictly observe the entry requirements and post arrival. All incoming passengers will need to do pre-departure COVID-19 tests and must have negative test result and cleared by health before they are allowed to board their flights into the country.
10. The Solomon Islands Government sincerely acknowledge all for their support during the two (2) years since the closure of the international borders and travel restrictions.
11. All incoming passengers and intending travelers are urged to take self-precautionary measures such as wearing a well fitted N95 mask in light of the challenges and threats that still exist.

Thank you and welcome to Solomon Islands and wish all a pleasant stay.



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