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Reopening plan /3rd Phase

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During the outbreak of pneumonia by the new Coronavirus – COVID-19 the Portuguese government has been taking all necessary public health measures to protect the entire population, and is currently in the 3rd phase of the reopening plan, which started in may. The analysis of the evolution of the outbreak is constant and implementation of new measures will be carried out whenever necessary.

General behaviour guidelines were enacted, in which **all people must adopt a social distance** (2 meters) and **the use of face masks is mandatory** in public transport and services, shops and supermarkets, in closed spaces or in places with many people.

In order to prevent the spread of the virus and the possibility of contagion, all services should take hygiene and sanitisation measures according to the indications of the Directorate-General for Health, with specific recommendations for various sectors of activity. In tourism, the “**Clean & Safe**” seal, defined by Turismo de Portugal, was implemented, which allows tourists to have **greater security and confidence in the use of accommodation establishments, in the various tourist services and tourist attractions.**

In the archipelagos of Madeira and the Azores, both regional governments have enacted some specific measures.

Detailed information about the Deconfinement Plan at <https://covid19estamoson.gov.pt/> (in Portuguese)

Azores - <https://covid19.azores.gov.pt>

Madeira - www.visitmadeira.pt

You can get updated information on the evolution of the COVID-19 pandemic in Portugal at WHO - World Health Organization (<https://covid19.who.int/region/euro/country/pt>) or at DGS – Portuguese General Directorate of Health (<https://covid19.min-saude.pt/>).

TRAVEL MEASURES NOW

PORTUGAL

MANDATORY	ADVISED
 Use of mask in public transport	 Use of mask in public outings
 Social distancing	 Additional disinfection and cleaning

CONTINENTAL PORTUGAL



No mandatory confinement



Contactless solutions to minimize exposure



Walkthrough camera system for temperature control in the airports

AZORES ARCHIPELAGO

MANDATORY



Test negative for Covid 19 for the last 72 hours



Use of mask in private transport (air, sea and land)

MADEIRA ARCHIPELAGO

MANDATORY



14 days mandatory confinement of non residents on arrival or test negative for Covid 19 for the last 72 hours



Use of mask in private transport (air, sea and land)

- **Travel within Portuguese territory / Border restriction**

There are no specific restrictions on mobility within the Portuguese territory or to cross land borders, but social distancing rules and the use of face masks should always be observed.

- **Trips to the Azores and Madeira Islands**

Passengers flying to the Madeira archipelago have to present a negative test to COVID-19 carried out

within 72 hours before disembarkation or they will be able to take it upon arrival.
More information at www.visitmadeira.pt and [Madeira safe to discover](#)

Passengers flying to the Azores archipelago will be subject to one of the following options:

1. Submit proof of testing to COVID-19 up to 72 hours prior to flight departure;
2. Perform test on arrival and stay in prophylactic isolation until the result is obtained;
3. Perform voluntary quarantine for a period of 14 days in a hotel indicated for the purpose;
4. Return to the destination of origin or travel to any destination outside the Region, fulfilling, until the time of the flight, prophylactic isolation in a hotel indicated for this purpose.

More information at <https://covid19.azores.gov.pt>

• **Flights**

It is expected that during the months of June and July some air routes will resume depending on the opening of borders and circulation between Schengen area countries and within European Union. Before making a trip, it is important to consult the alerts and restrictions in the departure and destination countries. It is suggested to consult the border services in the country where the trip begins and in Portugal (www.sef.pt) or the consular representation at destination.

Before planning your trip, consult the European Union website - <https://reopen.europa.eu> - where you can find information on each country about borders, available means of transport, travel restrictions, health and public safety measures, as well as other practical information for travellers.

To know more about travel regulations all around the world, check the map at the [IATA Travel Centre](#).

Portuguese airports (Lisboa, Porto, Faro, Ponta Delgada e Funchal) implemented several initiatives in order to keep staff and passengers safer. A body temperature measurement system was implemented on arrival.
More information at <https://www.ana.pt/en/passenger-guide/what-you-need-to-know/covid-19>

Useful links with information on flights from/to Portugal:

- www.flytap.com
- www.ana.pt/en/corporate/ana/flight-restrictions
- www.azoresairlines.pt
- www.ryanair.com
- www.airfrance.pt
- www.lufthansa.com
- www.eurowings.com
- www.easyjet.com

On Portuguese territory, travellers who show symptoms suggestive of respiratory disease during or after travel should immediately contact the National Health Service by calling **808 24 24 24 (SNS24)**.

If you are a foreigner and you need to contact your embassy, please consult the website of the Diplomatic Corps in Portugal: www.portaldiplomatico.mne.gov.pt/rede-diplomatica/corpo-diplomatico-em-portugal

If you are Portuguese or you live in Portugal, in case you have a scheduled trip, you should consult the restrictions in each country on the Portal das Comunidades:

Alerts (in Portuguese) - www.portaldascomunidades.mne.pt

Advice to Travellers (in Portuguese) - www.portaldascomunidades.mne.pt/pt/conselhos-aos-viajantes

If you are travelling and you need support on your return to Portugal, you can contact the Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

Portuguese travellers line - gec@mne.pt / +351 217 929 714 / +351 961 706 472

• **Embarkation and disembarkation of tourism cruises**

Passenger boarding and disembarkation at Portuguese ports is not permitted, except for resident passengers.

PORTUGAL OPENING PLAN

PORTUGAL

Don't Forget to search for the Clean and Safe seal, it guarantees that additional protocols and measures to keep you safe are being implemented

OPEN NOW



Public Transport



Street stores



Book shops & Libraries



Water Sports and Nautical activities



Golf Courses



Zoos, Oceanariums, and similar



Individual Outdoor Sports
(without access to locker room)



Recreational Fishing



Rentalcar/Taxis/TVDE
(2/3 capacity and when being driven occupation is limited to the backseat)



Porto Santo Beach
Madeira Island



Restaurants, Cafes & pastryshops
(50% capacity, closing time 11pm)



Terraces and Promenades



Cultural facilities
(Museums, Palaces, Monuments, Art, Galleries...)

MAY 30TH



Religious Celebrations and churches
(limited capacity)

JUNE 1ST



Cinemas, Theaters, Concert Halls, and auditoriums
(with marked seats, and reduced capacity)



Shopping Center

JUNE 6TH



Beaches
(with health regulations)

- **Gatherings**

The circulation and gathering of groups of up to 20 people is not permitted, in private or in public spaces, unless they belong to the same household.

- **Transports**

The use of face masks is mandatory.

Public transports are limited to 2/3 of the capacity.

In taxis / TVDE, the front seats must be used only by the driver, and passenger occupancy cannot exceed 2/3 of the remaining space.

- **Rent-a-Car**

In vehicles with a capacity of 5 passengers or less, they can be fully occupied if they belong to the same household.
If the vehicle has a capacity for more than 5 passengers, its capacity is limited to 2/3 of the total, unless they are part of the same household.
The use of a mask is always mandatory.
- **Access to commercial premises and catering and beverage establishments**

In supermarkets, pharmacies and stores of essential goods, a minimum distance of 1,5mt must be maintained between table places. The use of face masks is mandatory when people walk around in the restaurant. the take-away options and home deliveries can be maintained.
- **Museums, cultural spaces and leisure spaces**

Museums, monuments and cultural spaces have reopened with specific circulation measures and social distance.
Cinemas, theatres, auditoriums and showrooms must have marked seats, reduced capacity and must keep social.
The use of face mask is mandatory.
- **Open-air events**

Outdoor shows can take place in a delimited venue to allow access control, even if free. They must follow rules of social distance and circulation, in order to minimize physical contact.
- **Religious Ceremonies**

Religious ceremonies must follow the rules of capacity reduction, social distancing and the mandatory use of a mask.
- **Golf**

Each golf course follows the recommended health guidelines as well as specific measures established by the Portuguese Golf Federation available at www.fpg.pt.
- **Accommodation**

During the month of June, the tourist accommodation will resume its activity, being able to adopt the “[Clean & Safe](#)” seal implemented by Turismo de Portugal, which allows the identification of establishments and services that have implemented enhanced hygiene and safety measures.
A general occupancy limitation has not been determined, but each accommodation unit must define a Contingency Plan to be applied in the COVID-19 context, with circulation rules in common areas, as well as hygiene and cleaning procedures.
- **Swimming pool**

Establishments with a swimming pool must implement procedures for the prevention and control of infection, ensuring compliance with rules of occupation, permanence, hygiene of spaces and physical distance between users.
- **Campings**

The campsites, as well as the service areas for motorhomes, will have a maximum capacity limited to 2/3 of the area.



RULES FOR BEACHES

Bathing season - beginning June 6th



General beach Rules

- Physical distancing of 1.5m between beachgoers (who are not part of the same group)
- 3m distance between beach parasols
- Sporting activities with 2 or more people are forbidden (except for nautical activities, surf lessons and similar sports)



Parasols and tents/huts

- Each person or group can only rent this equipment in the morning (until 1.30pm) or in the afternoon (from 2pm onwards)
- 3m distance between awnings and parasols
- 1.5m distance between the boundaries of the tents
- Maximum limit of 5 users per parasol, tent/hut
- Possible exceptional extension of the concession area



State of occupancy

- State of occupancy announced through signs similar to traffic light signs:
 - Green: low occupancy (1/3)
 - Yellow: high occupancy (2/3)
 - Red: full occupancy (3/3)
- Information updated continuously and in real-time on the "InfoPraia" app and on the Portuguese Environment Agency (APA) website (www.apambiente.pt)
- Parking is prohibited outside car parks and other orderly parking areas



Circulation rules

- One-way circulation with physical distancing of 1.5m
- Circulation corridors, parallel and perpendicular to the coastline, may be defined



Restaurants, bars and outdoor terraces

- Regular cleaning of spaces (minimum: 4 daily cleanings)
- Limitation on capacity, according to the terms applicable to restaurants
- Possible reorganisation of outdoor terraces to ensure safety distance



Itinerant sale

- Mandatory use of mask and visor by the salesperson in contact with users
- The circulation of street vendors should be done with physical distance and, preferably, through circulation corridors



Equipment

- The use of pedal boats, slides or indoor showers is prohibited
- Outdoor showers, sun loungers, mattresses or beach ashtrays should be sanitised daily or whenever a change of user occurs



General obligations for users

- Avoid access to areas with high or full occupancy
- Mandatory use of hand sanitiser upon arrival at the beach and regulatory thereafter
- Ensure physical safety distance when using the beach and bathing

GENERAL RULES

- Rules applicable to "bathing beaches" only
- Possibility of beach prohibition in case of serious breach by users or dealers

All information can be consulted in real time in the "InfoPraia" app and at www.apambiente.pt

- **Beaches**

An occupancy status information system is available through signage, to help choosing the beach:

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Yellow: high occupancy (2/3)

Red: full occupancy (3/3)

The information will be updated in real time on the “Info Praia” app (available for iOS and Android) and on the website of the Portuguese Environment Association - <https://infopraia.apambiente.pt/> (in Portuguese)

Rules available

at <https://covid19estamoson.gov.pt/plano-desconfinamento-medidas-gerais/desconfinamento-praias/> (in Portuguese)