

Travel News

- **Saudi Arabia:** Saudi Arabia has lifted the temporary travel ban imposed last December as a precautionary measure following the detection of a mutated type of Covid-19 in several countries, the Ministry of Interior said early Sunday 03 Jan 2021.
- **Saudi Arabia/ Bahrain:** The King Fahd Causeway Authority (KFCA) has given exemption from paying PCR laboratory test fee to five categories of passengers bound for Bahrain by crossing the causeway
 1. The accredited diplomats and their families.
 2. those returning from an official government mission.
 3. foreign military personnel on official missions and their families.
 4. those returning from treatment trips at the expense of the Ministry of Health and their companions.
 5. and those participating in clinical trials of COVID-19 vaccine in Bahrain.

Also, the Children under the age of six years are exempt from undergoing a laboratory examination.

- **Kuwait:** Kuwait resumed operation of international flights on Saturday 02 Jan 2021 which was suspended for 10 days in the aftermath of the new variant of coronavirus in the UK.
- **Kuwait:** Kuwait civil aviation authority is suspending direct commercial flights to and from Britain, as of Wednesday Jan06 2021 at 4.00 AM, until further notice.
- **Kuwait:** Kuwait plans limited flights for its citizens from a number of countries with which it has halted flights for more than four months now to curb the spread of the coronavirus, The ban includes India, Pakistan, Egypt, and the Philippines that have large communities of expatriates in Kuwait.
- **Oman:** Oman's Supreme Committee has decided to lift the ban on entry to and exit from the Sultanate through various land, air and sea outlets starting from 12 am on Tuesday (December 29,2020).
- **Oman:** Qatar Airways has continued to expand its portfolio of partnerships by signing an expanded codeshare agreement with Oman Air, the deal is designed to boost connectivity and provide more flexible travel options for customers.
- **UAE:** Emirates Airline to introduce premium economy cabin on Airbus A380, Emirates' premium economy seats will also be installed on some of its Boeing 777X aircraft which are only due to join the fleet in 2023.
- **India:** As per the information shared by the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA), India is in discussion with Saudi Arabia and Singapore to form air bubble arrangements.
- **India:** According to airline sources, Air India will operate 13 flights weekly between India and the UK with six to and from Delhi; five Mumbai and two Hyderabad. Vistara will operate one flight a week to and from Delhi and Mumbai each.
- **Indonesia:** As per Indonesian government COVID-19 control measures that foreign national passengers are not allowed to enter Indonesia effective 1st to 14 January 2021. Until further notice only Indonesian citizens are permitted to travel to Indonesia.
- **Thailand:** Thailand has banned food, drink, newspapers and magazines on domestic flights.