

Costa Rica: Government announces the extension of the gradual opening of air borders

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On August 13, 2020, the Government of Costa Rica announced the extension of the gradual opening of the country's air borders. In total, 44 countries can enter Costa Rica. The air borders are open only for the following countries:

- Japan
- Thailand
- China
- Australia
- New Zealand
- Uruguay
- European Union (specifically travelers boarding in Frankfurt and Madrid)
- United Kingdom
- Canada

The entry of travelers to Costa Rica will have several mandatory requirements:

1. Showing a negative result of the COVID-19 test, obtained in the 48 hours before the trip
2. Completing an epidemiological digital form that the Costa Rican Social Security Administration (CCSS) will provide, available in different languages.
3. Obtaining travel insurance that covers quarantine accommodation and medical expenses for acute illness.

If a traveler does not meet these requirements, they will not be able to travel to Costa Rica.

Foreigners entering the country must wear face protection and comply with the protocol of the air terminal, respecting physical distancing, disinfection in carpets, temperature taking, and any other sanitary instruction.

Maritime, river, and land borders will continue to be closed.

The Employment and Labor, and Immigration practice of Dentons Muñoz Costa Rica offers legal advice relating to:

1. Legislation review to determine the expansion of the opening of air borders.
2. Drafting of legal opinions on immigration topics.
3. Practical and strategic tips to prevent future legal issues.

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