

Germany restricts entry from areas with virus variants

Due to requirements of the German Federal Police, passengers from virus variant areas are subject to extended travel conditions starting 30 January 2021.

[Classification and overview of risk areas \(Robert Koch Institute\)](#)

Airlines are currently only permitted to carry the following passengers to or via Germany on departures from countries classified as virus variant areas (Brazil, Ireland, South Africa, Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Portugal, Eswatini and Lesotho*) until at least 17 February 2021:

- Passengers with German nationality or passengers with a valid residence permit in Germany (upon presentation of a German registration certificate)
- Passengers of other nationalities if they have a connecting flight to a "Non-Schengen country" and do not leave the transit area in Frankfurt or Munich (Exception: flights from Portugal on which no passengers of other nationalities with connecting flights to Schengen- or Non-Schengen countries are permitted)
- All passengers must present a negative test result (PCR, antigen, RT-LAMP or TMA), which is not older than 48 hours before the scheduled time of entry in Germany, and complete the [Digital Entry Registration](#)
- All passengers with a final destination in Germany must follow the local German quarantine regulations
- All passengers with a connecting flight to a destination outside Germany must also observe the entry regulations of the corresponding destination country

Click [here](#) for more information about the entry restrictions

Flights from India

If the final destination of your customer is Germany, as per the directions of the German Health Ministry, it is mandatory to pre-register [HERE](#) .

Each passenger is required to PRESENT THE COPY OF CONFIRMATION OF DIGITAL ENTRY REGISTRATION to the immigration authorities. Passengers who fail to present this form can be denied boarding.

Forms for minors or individuals in the care of another person must be completed and signed by the person responsible for them. One form must be completed per person.

This digital registration does not apply for those who are only transiting and not leaving the airport transit area in Germany.

Requirement / Conditions :

Special criteria apply on Lufthansa flights to/from India under the Indian Air Travel Bubble. Kindly ensure that you fulfil one of the below listed eligibility criteria:

- All Diplomats travelling between India and anywhere on the Lufthansa Group Network
- Any Indian national holding a valid visa and all Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) cardholders holding passports issued by any country in the EU/Schengen area, South America or Africa only and destined for any country in the EU/Schengen area, South America or Africa.
- Foreign nationals/residents destined for the EU/Schengen area, South America or Africa or spouses of these persons, whether accompanying or otherwise and destined for any country in the EU/Schengen area, South America or Africa.

- Foreigners holding valid visa (not OCI) issued by an Indian Mission in any category covered under Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) guidelines dated 30.06.2020 as amended from time to time
- All Seamen outbound from India. Seamen holding Indian passports would be allowed, subject to clearance from the Ministry of Shipping.

CURRENT VISA CRITERIA FOR ENTRY INTO AND TRANSIT THROUGH GERMANY

As visa regulations are currently changing very frequently, passengers are requested to always confirm the eligibility of their travel documentation from the respective Missions of their final destination and/or a German Mission with regards to transiting via Frankfurt/Munich.

Following visa categories to Germany and the Schengen region may serve as guidance:

- **Students on Long Term Category “D” visa issued for study purpose travelling directly to the country of visa issuance as long as the studies cannot be carried out completely abroad****
- **Students on Long Term Category “D” visa issued by German Embassy for study purpose with destination Germany.****
**** Travel on Long Term Category “D” visa for study purpose is valid as long as the studies cannot be carried out completely abroad. Students must present a certificate issued by their EU university, stating that their physical presence in the respective Schengen Country is necessary, to the Border Police in Frankfurt/Munich.**
- **Family reunion visa (Category “D”)**
- **Long-Term (Category “D”) visa for employment in health and health research sectors, for care of the elderly as well as specialists and highly qualified workers whose employment is economically necessary and whose work cannot be postponed or carried out abroad**
- **Or, any other category that may be allowed by the EU Destination Country and permitted to transit via Frankfurt or Munich; for example, Schengen visas issued in April or later, for essential personal and business reasons, like marriage, funeral, critical medical condition of close family member, birth of baby, or visit of a partner in a long-distance relationship.**

The final decision on the validity of documents for entering or transiting via Germany lies with the German Border Police (bpold.frankfurt@polizei.bund.de) for Frankfurt and (bpol.muc@polizei.bund.de) for Munich.

Passengers should purchase tickets at their own responsibility after rechecking for travel eligibility.

Passengers are personally responsible to comply with the regulations and must also check transit Germany regulations, where applicable. For latest information on Entry/Exit rules for Europe, please [click here](#)

Bookings should be updated with valid email IDs and mobile numbers of the passengers. Kindly refrain from inserting only the travel agency's email ID.

Flights to India

Conditions / Requirement

- **All Diplomats travelling between India and anywhere on the Lufthansa Group Network**
- **Any Indian national holding a valid visa and all Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) cardholders holding passport issued by any country in the EU/Schengen area, South America or Africa only and originating from any country in the EU/Schengen area, South America or Africa.**
- **Foreigners holding valid visa (not OCI) issued by an Indian Mission in any category covered under Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) guidelines dated 30.06.2020 as amended from time to time**
- **All Seamen traveling from the EU/Schengen Area, South America and Africa into India**

Passengers are requested to recheck travel eligibility based on the above and accordingly purchase tickets at their own responsibility.

All electronic visas issued prior to April 2020 stand revoked.

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS:

- As per Government of India requirements, **all passengers have to REGISTER WITH THE INDIAN MISSION(S) IN GERMANY**, prior to departure via the following [link](#). This is a

mandatory requirement for travel on these flights.

- Passengers are required to produce a confirmation of the same at check-in
- This process is mandatory even if the passenger has previously registered on a similar Indian Embassy website in his/her country of origin
- **Even if the journey originates outside of Germany**, passengers must register on the above link and **make sure to select “Germany” as departure country on the web-page.**
- **In case your Lufthansa flight number is not yet reflecting on the registration site**, you can complete the registration process by selecting any flight to your final destination on, or close to, the chosen date of departure. Additionally, you can mention your Lufthansa Flight Number, Date and Time in the ‘Remarks’ section of the above-stated link.
- All passengers travelling to Delhi, Mumbai and Bengaluru **MUST** submit **SELF-DECLARATION FORM** on the online portal (**please click here**) at least 72 hours before the scheduled travel. This is a **mandatory requirement** for travel on these flights.
- In case institutional quarantine is required, passengers are recommended to directly pre-book hotels empaneled by State Governments for COVID-19 quarantine.
- Passengers travelling to Delhi and Mumbai must also seek **EXEMPTION FROM INSTITUTIONAL QUARANTINE by submitting a negative RT-PCR Test report** on arrival. This test should have been conducted within 96 hours prior to undertaking the journey. The test Report should be uploaded on **this portal** for consideration. Each passenger shall also submit a declaration with respect to authenticity of the report and will be liable for criminal prosecution, if found otherwise. The test report could also be produced upon arrival at the point of entry airport in India. This might change on short notice and a test might be made mandatory.
- It is mandatory for all passengers to **DOWNLOAD THE “AAROGYA SETU”** application on their mobile devices before boarding.
- **FOR ALL PASSENGERS TRAVELLING TO BENGALURU (ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS):**
 - Asymptomatic passengers will be sent for home quarantine for a period of 14 days. If home quarantine is not possible, passengers shall be allowed institutional quarantine (Government or Private).
 - Business / Short – term travelers may seek **EXEMPTION FROM HOME QUARANTINE by submitting a negative RT-PCR Test report** on arrival. This test should have been conducted within 96 hours prior to undertaking the journey. Each passenger shall also submit a declaration with respect to authenticity of the report and will be liable for criminal prosecution, if found otherwise. The test report should be produced upon arrival at Bengaluru airport.
 - All passengers must download **AAROGYA SETU APP, QUARANTINE WATCH APP AND APTHAMITRA APP** on their mobile devices.
 - For **DETAILED GUIDELINES** for each category of international passengers arriving at Bengaluru Airport, please click **HERE**
- **INTERNATIONAL TO DOMESTIC TRANSFERS** - If the final destination is not the arrival airport of the international journey:
 - Passengers intending to have connecting flights to other domestic airports as their final destination would be allowed for such onward journey, when the exemption from institutional quarantine requirement is granted in favour by the State authorities concerned of the first airport of landing on the basis of a

- negative RT-PCR test report, for which test was conducted within 96 hours prior to undertaking the journey.
- International-to-domestic transfer passengers who do not have negative RT-PCR test reports, can also get the RT-PCR test done at the testing centers at Delhi or Mumbai airports. This can be done at a charge up on arrival. Kindly note, the process of testing and getting the result/report may take up to 8 hours. Passengers should contact the respective airports directly for more details.
 - For information on **testing facilities at New Delhi Airport**, please click **HERE**
 - For details of **testing facilities at Mumbai Airport**, please click **HERE**
 - Passengers can arrange an e-pass via the State Government to quarantine at the point of final destination. Passengers are personally responsible to reconfirm the regulations & arrange e-pass via the State Government / GOI websites. In absence of required documents, the procedure as applicable by the authorities will be final and binding.
 - All passengers must go through the Guidelines for International arrivals issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. Passengers must ensure they fulfill all requirements mentioned in the same. Please **CLICK HERE** for the guidelines.
 - Protocol, health measures and quarantine regulations related to COVID-19 implemented in India and as applicable at Destination State /Union Territories Government are to be adhered. Please find the same **HERE**
 - Passengers are personally responsible to comply with the regulations and must also check transit Germany regulations, where applicable. For latest information on Entry/Exit rules for Europe, please **CLICK HERE**
 - All passengers have to comply by health and sanitization measures applicable by the airlines and at origin & destination countries.
 - For the various health and safety measures to be followed onboard, **CLICK HERE**
 - At the time of boarding the flight, passengers will have to undergo thermal screening as per health protocol. Only asymptomatic travelers would be allowed to board the flight.

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