Find out whether you are required to quarantine in Abu Dhabi

Updated 21 March, you are exempt from quarantine if you have travelled on a direct flight from:

- Australia
- Brunei
- Greenland
- Hong Kong region (China)
- Iceland
- Mauritius
- Morocco
- New Zealand
- Saudi Arabia
- Singapore

UAE residents and nationals in Phase III of the vaccine trials or taking part in the National Vaccination Programme, are exempt from quarantine on arrival into Abu Dhabi if they are travelling from any of the countries or regions listed above. This is valid 28 days after you have completed your second vaccine dose.

ARRIVE

Prepare for your arrival in Abu Dhabi

Abu Dhabi arrival eligibility
You can enter Abu Dhabi if you are a UAE national or resident, or if you are eligible for a visa on arrival. Residents are encouraged to visit uaeentry.ica.gov.ae to verify your entry status before you book. You will be exempt from quarantine if you are travelling from the countries/regions listed above.

Take a COVID-19 PCR test
For peace of mind and protection, COVID-19 PCR testing is mandatory for all flights. Most destinations require you to take your test 72 hours before your flight departure time. All destinations have different requirements, always check testing times before you fly at etihad.com/destinationguide

Prepare for your departure
Print a copy of your COVID-19 PCR test result to present at check-in. You will also need to download the ALHOSN app before you fly; the official COVID-19 results and contact tracing app in the UAE.

CONDUCT

Formalities on arrival in Abu Dhabi

COVID-19 PCR test on arrival into Abu Dhabi
You’ll undergo thermal screening and COVID-19 PCR testing on arrival into Abu Dhabi. Testing will take place after you clear immigration and have collected your checked baggage. This applies to all guests, excluding children under 12.

If you are not required to quarantine on arrival
Once you’ve completed your COVID-19 PCR test, you’ll be required to self-isolate at home or at your hotel for 10 days. If your test is positive, you will need to follow further formalities. Once you’ve cleared immigration, you’ll also be fitted with a medically approved wristband for the duration of your quarantine and required to sign a quarantine undertaking form.

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HOME

Head to your home or hotel
If you are required to quarantine, you must self-isolate in your home or hotel for 10 days. If you are travelling from a country deemed high-risk by the UAE authorities, you may be subject to quarantine in a government facility. If you are not required to quarantine and have received your negative result, enjoy your stay in Abu Dhabi and follow further testing requirements.

Take a COVID-19 PCR test in Abu Dhabi
If you are exempt from quarantine, you must take a COVID-19 PCR test on day 6 and day 12 of your arrival into Abu Dhabi. If you’re part of the National Vaccination Programme you’ll only need to test on day 6. Find your closest clinic at etihad.com/destinationguide. PCR testing in the UAE starts from AED 85. If you are required to quarantine, you must take a COVID-19 PCR test on day 8. You’ll be notified of the date and location of your appointment by text message.

Explore Abu Dhabi and the UAE
If you have been in quarantine, your wristband will be removed on day 10 following your negative test result. Now it’s time to discover the best of Abu Dhabi. Book activities and experiences at etihad.com/holidays. If you’re travelling to another emirate, you will need to follow the arrival procedures for that emirate.

Choose Well.

Your wellness will always be our priority. COVID-19 PCR testing is mandatory before every flight to give you the confidence to travel the world again. You’ll feel safe knowing that every guest flying with us has tested negative for COVID-19. Learn more about the steps we’re taking to make sure your journey is safe and comfortable at etihad.com/wellness.