Austria

Source: European Union/Re-open EU

25.08.2020

Travelling to Austria
Entry from a country with a stable COVID-19 situation is possible without restrictions. The corresponding countries are listed in Appendix A1 of the Entry Ordinance and are currently: Andorra, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Ireland, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, San Marino, Switzerland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain (only the Canary Islands), Czech Republic, Hungary, Vatican, United Kingdom and Cyprus.

Travelling from Austria or returning to Austria
Travel Information from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs can be found at www.bmeia.gv.at

Third-country nationals may not enter the country, with the exception of personnel of international organisations, diplomatic staff, humanitarian workers, nursing and health personnel, and seasonal workers in agriculture, forestry and tourism. These categories of people can enter the country with a medical certificate (Annexes B and Annexes C). The medical certificate must provide a negative PCR test which was made no more than 72 hours previously. After entering the country, a 10-day period of quarantine at home or elsewhere has to be adhered to. The quarantine can be ended if a PCR test, which is made in the meantime, is negative.

Persons travelling in the context of commercial transport can enter the country with a medical certificate (Annexes B and Annexes C). Travellers may also enter "for reasons that are particularly worthy of consideration in the family circle in individual cases." Full information is available in the ordinance on entry into Austria in connection with the containment of SARS-CoV-2

Transit without further stops in Austria is allowed. An entry and transit declaration is required.

10.08.2020

Entering from a country with a stable COVID-19 situation is possible without restrictions.

Currently, travelling to and from EU countries is allowed without restrictions, with the exception of Portugal, Sweden, Bulgaria, Romania and Spain (except Balearic Islands and Canary Islands). Travelling to and from Norway, Switzerland, Iceland and Liechtenstein, as well as Andorra, Monaco, Vatican City State and the Republic of San Marino, is allowed without restrictions.

Remarks from the International Road Transport Union

26.06.2020

As of June 15, measures in Austria have been relaxed. People now only need to wear a mask on public transport and in the health sector, such as in pharmacies, hospitals etc.

Entry to Austria (generic rules)
As of 16 June, the following applies: People entering Austria from the Schengen area and from the European non-Schengen countries (Andorra, Bulgaria, Ireland, Croatia, Monaco, Romania, San Marino, Vatican, United Kingdom and Cyprus) must provide a medical certificate, in German or English, proving that they have a negative COVID-PCR test result. The certificate must not be older than 4 days at the time of entry. As an alternative, a 14-day self-monitored home quarantine or quarantine in a suitable accommodation must be undertaken.

The entire regulation does not apply to people who enter Austria from the 32 European countries listed in Annex A and (cumulatively) have their residence or usual habitation in Austria or in one of these countries.

Entry from outside the Schengen area
People entering Austria must provide a medical certificate in German or English confirming a negative COVID-PCR test result (certificate must be not older than 4 days at entry) or undertake a 14-day self-monitored home quarantine or quarantine in a suitable accommodation (If quarantine is refused, entry will be prohibited). There is the possibility of free-testing during quarantine. The quarantine may be interrupted only in case an immediate departure from Austria is ensured. These provisions apply to: Austrian citizens, EU/EEA citizens, Swiss citizens and members of their families living in the same household, holders of an Austrian visa D or a photo identification card, in accordance with § 95 FPG (photo identification for holders of privileges and immunities in Austria) or persons with a right of residence or documentation of the right of residence, in accordance with the Austrian Settlement and Residence Act or the Austrian Asylum Act, which authorises them to stay in Austria.

The following categories of third country nationals are allowed to enter the country from anywhere (whether or not they come from the Schengen area or from Andorra, Bulgaria, Ireland, Croatia, Monaco, Romania, San Marino, Vatican City, the United Kingdom and Cyprus):

- Members of staff from diplomatic missions and members of their families living in the same household.
- Employees of international organisations and members of their families living in the same household.
- Humanitarian aid workers.
- Seasonal workers in agriculture, forestry and tourism.
- Passengers in transit.
- Drivers engaged in freight transport.

Exemptions from testing and quarantine requirements
Upon entry, individuals are exempt from testing or quarantine requirements in case they are carrying out one of the following:

- Goods transport operations.
- Commercial transport operations.
- Repatriation trip or flight.
- Transfer journey or flight.

Driving bans

- Motorcycle journeys.
- Passengers in transit.
- Goods transport operations.
- Repatriation or transfer journeys.

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- Goods transport operations.
- Repatriation or transfer journeys.

Driving bans
When entering from a country in which there is no stable COVID-19 situation, entry is possible with a health certificate (Annex C).

Rules and Exceptions
The prerequisite to enter Austria is that the traveller has only resided in countries with a stable COVID-19 situation in the past ten days and is resident or habitually resident in Austria or in one of these countries.

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If the person has also been in other countries within the last 10 days, entry is possible either with a medical certificate confirming a negative PCR test (performed within 72 hours prior to entry) or by undergoing a 10-day (home) quarantine. A confirmation of accommodation must be presented and any costs incurred must be paid for by yourself. Quarantine can be terminated if a PCR test performed during the period is negative.

Children up to the age of 6 are exempt from compulsory testing upon entry.

Mandatory Travel Documentation
No

Specific measures for Austrian citizens returning to Austria
Country specific travel information are available at www.bmeia.gv.at

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If the person has also been in other countries within the last 10 days, entry is possible either with a medical certificate confirming a negative PCR test (performed within 72 hours prior to entry) or by undergoing a 10-day (home) quarantine. A confirmation of accommodation must be presented and any costs incurred must be paid for by yourself. Quarantine can be terminated if a PCR test performed during the period is negative.

Children up to the age of 6 are exempt from compulsory testing upon entry.

Links to relevant national sources
FAQs on travel and tourism (www.sozialministerium.at) www.bmeia.gv.at

Documents you need to travel in Europe

Source: https://reopen.europa.eu/en/map/AUT

Restrictions at borders

Austria - Italy
Since 16 June, Austria has opened its borders with Italy. All border crossings between Austria and Italy are open again. From this date, neither a negative SARS-CoV-2 test nor a 14 quarantine is required. Sporadic border controls continue to be carried out.

Austria - Germany
Coming from Germany, entry into Austria has been possible since 4 June, without the obligation to have a medical certificate or the obligation to quarantine at home. There are no systematic border controls being carried out.

Austria - Switzerland
Since 4 June, complete freedom of travel between Austria and Switzerland has been restored.

Austria - Hungary
Since 5 June, there are no more border controls. However, border crossings between Austria (AT) and Hungary (HU) are only permitted at these official border crossing points: Klingenbach, Deutschkreuz, Nicseldorf and Heiligenkreuz. Commercial traffic between AT and HU is not subject to restrictions anymore.

Austria-Slovenia:
All border crossings between Austria and Slovenia are open again, but only Slovenian and Austrian citizens are allowed to use them. All other citizens may only use the following border crossing points: Karawanken Tunnel, Loibl Tunnel and Spielberg Motorway, as well as Spielfeld Bahnhof, which only relevant to rail traffic.

The regulations are not applicable to the transport of goods or the carriage of goods. Freight transport runs smoothly across all open border crossings with the Republic of Slovenia; as long as the relevant documentation (order and delivery documents, note documents, driver's passport or ID card and proof of employment) are available.

Austria - Slovakia
Borders are open and freedom of travel between Austria and Slovakia is restored. Since 4 June, individuals are free to enter Austria from Slovakia.

Austria - Liechtenstein
Since 4 June, border controls and health checks have been discontinued

Austria-Czech Republic:
All border crossings between Austria and the Czech Republic are open.

Source: AISÖ

04.06.2020

On 3 June, the Austrian government published decree BGBl. II No. 253/2020, which lifts temporary border controls at the internal borders with Germany, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, the Czech Republic and Slovakia. Border controls are maintained at the border with Italy.
Entry requirements

Persons wishing to enter Austria from the Schengen Area or from Andorra, Bulgaria, Ireland, Croatia, Monaco, Romania, San Marino, Vatican City, the United Kingdom or Cyprus must present a medical certificate on their state of health and show that the molecular biological test for SARS-CoV-2 is negative. The medical certificate must not be older than four days when entering the country. There are no restrictions if persons enter from the following countries, live in these countries and have resided only in these countries in the last 14 days: Andorra, Belgium, Bulgaria, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Ireland, Iceland, Italy, Croatia, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, San Marino, Switzerland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Vatican City, Cyprus.

The entry of third-country nationals from outside the EU and Schengen area not mentioned above is prohibited.

Start date: 16.06.2020
End date: 30.09.2020

More info: https://www.sozialministerium.at/Informationen-zum-Coronavirus/Coronavirus..

Source: https://ec.europa.eu/transport/coronavirus-response_en

Measures when entering Austria by air

Source: AISÖ

18.05.2020

With effect from 18 May, the weekend and holiday driving ban for trucks over 7.5t and trucks with trailers, has been reapplied.

Source: AISÖ

06.05.2020

On 6 May, the Austrian Government extended controls at border crossing points with Italy, Switzerland, Liechtenstein and Germany until 31 May.

Source: AISÖ

05.05.2020

Following recent updates on prolongation of controls at the Austrian border, AISÖ has provided further details on the current situation in Austria.

On the border with Italy, smaller border crossing points are closed. Open border crossings are: Brenner, Sillian, Reschenpass and Thörl-Maglern. Traffic can be monitored via webcams here.

On the border with Switzerland, the following border crossings are open:

- Tirol – Pfunds (Goods/passenger traffic)
- Vorarlberg – Mäder (Goods/passenger traffic)
- Vorarlberg – Lustenau (Goods/passenger traffic)
- Vorarlberg – Hohenems (Goods/passenger traffic)
- Vorarlberg – Wöflurt (Goods traffic)

On the border with Hungary, traffic can be monitored via webcams here and here.

On the border with Slovakia, the following border crossings are open for goods transport:

- Kittsee – Bratislava/Jarovce
- Hohenau – Moravský Svätý Ján (between 05:00 - 24:00 also trucks up to 7.5t)

On the border with the Czech Republic, Czech commuters entering Austria must have the following documents:

- Austrian commuter certificate
- Travel documents (best: passport)
- Further recommended: Copy of the employment contract

Drivers and companies are advised that double manning is permitted, provided that appropriate safety distances (1m), masks and the general COVID-19 rules of conduct are observed. It is mandatory to wear a mask in public places (when entering service stations, toilet facilities, petrol stations – inside).

Source: AISÖ

21.04.2020

On 21 April, AISÖ confirmed that the weekend traffic ban for goods vehicles over 7.5 tonnes will be suspended until 17 May.

Source: AISÖ

15.04.2020
1. After arrival by air to Austria, Austrian citizens, EEA-/EU-citizens, Swiss nationals as well as family members of these persons living in the same household and foreigners holding a Visa D published by Austria or foreigners holding an Austrian residence permit or a documentation of the right of residence according Austrian settlement and residence law or asylum law or aliens police law immediately have to start a 14-day self-monitored home-quarantine and to confirm this by signature, unless their immediate departure is ensured. If self-monitored home-quarantine cannot be ensured, these persons will be accommodated for 14 days which must not be left, unless their immediate departure is ensured. Quarantine can be quit if a molecular biological of sars-cov-2, performed during the quarantine, is negative. Austrian citizens, EEA-/EU-citizens or Swiss nationals providing a molecular biological of SARS-CoV-2, which is negative and is not older than 4 days, do not need to start home-quarantine or quarantine.

2. Third-country nationals (see note 1) not covered by 1) are not allowed to enter Austria from outside the Schengen area. Exempted are staff of diplomatic missions as well as family members of these employees if living in the same household, humanitarian forces, nursing and health workers, seasonal workers in the field of agriculture and forestry, transit passengers as well as persons working in the area of transport of goods.

3. Third-country nationals (see note 1) entering Austria from the Schengen are and staff of diplomatic missions as well as family members of these employees if living in the same household, humanitarian forces, nursing and health workers, seasonal workers in the field of agriculture and forestry, transit passengers as well as persons working in the area of transport of goods are only allowed to enter Austria by air if they can provide a medical certificate in German or English confirming that a molecular biological of SARS-CoV-2 is negative and is not older than 4 days. If the certificate cannot be provided these persons will be accommodated for 14 days, unless there immediate departure is ensured. Quarantine can be quit if a molecular biological of sars-cov-2, performed during the quarantine, is negative.

4. This decree does not apply to crews of passenger, cargo, rescue and ambulance, repatriation or ferry /positioning flights as well as for aviation personnel, which is repositioned to maintain operations, for members of the Austrian armed forces who return from missions abroad, for persons who enter Austria for the imperative interest of Austria as well as for reasons worth considering in the family circle, which has to be made credible at control.

Note 1: Third-country nationals are nationals from all remaining states except Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden as well as United Kingdom, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.

Start date: 20.03.2020
End date: 15.06.2020
Source: https://ec.europa.eu/transport/coronavirus-response_en

On 10 April, the Austrian Government granted a further relaxation of driving and rest time rules. The following relaxations apply to national and international transport from 14 April until 15 May:

- Art. 6.1: replacement of the maximum daily driving limit of 9 hours with one of 11 hours.
- Art. 6.2: replacement of the maximum weekly driving limit of 56 hours with one of 60 hours.
- Art. 6.3: replacement of the maximum fortnightly driving limit of 90 hours with one of 100 hours.

Relaxations set out by the previous decree are no longer in place.

Source: ITF

- 09.04.2020

On 6 April 2020, AISÖ confirmed that in Austria, the weekend and holiday driving ban for trucks over 7.5 tonnes will be suspended until 19 April 2020. However, members should be aware that the sectoral driving bans currently in place in the Tyrol region will remain valid.

Source: AISÖ

25.03.2020

The Ministry of Social Affairs has issued a new regulation which restricts the entry into Austria from land border crossing points of those persons living in or transiting from the following neighbouring countries:
- Italy
- Switzerland
- Liechtenstein
- Germany
- Hungary
- Slovenia

Those wanting to enter Austria must present a medical certificate that can be filled out in German, English or Italian, which proves that their test for SARS-CoV-2 is negative. The medical certificate must not be older than four days at the time of entry, otherwise the authorities may refuse entry.

This regulation does not apply to freight or commuter traffic. This regulation came into force on 20.3.2020.

Source: AISÖ

24.03.2020

Tyrol has issued another Regulation (attached in German only). This Regulation extends the existing measures to 12 April 2020.

In order to prevent the further spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), it is prohibited to enter public places on the entire national territory, while security of the supply chain and the free movement of goods for all municipalities has been guaranteed.

Some of the most important provisions are contained in paragraph 3 of the new Regulation:

1) The entrance to and departure from the municipalities within Tyrolean territory shall be prohibited.

2) Paragraph 1 shall not apply to:

General trips by suppliers (e.g. food transport) and provision of general services (e.g. road service, waste collection, service companies, public administration, public road and rail transport).
Reintroduction of border controls on the internal border to Italy (10.03.2020)

Entry into AT from there is only possible with a health certificate (not older than 4 days) or when admitting into 2 week home quarantine; transit without further stops in Austria is allowed. Exceptions for cargo and cross-border workers.

Start date: 10.03.2020
End date: 10 days from starting date

Reintroduction of border controls on the internal border to Liechtenstein and Switzerland

Entry into AT from there is only possible with a health certificate (not older than 4 days) or when admitting into 2 week home quarantine; transit without further stops in Austria is allowed. Exceptions for cargo and cross-border workers.

Start date: 14.03.2020
End date: 10 days from starting date

Suspension of flights and passenger trains; rail service restrictions

Stop of all direct flights (from IT, ES, FR, NL, UK, CH, IR, KO, PRC, RU and UKR) and passenger trains from IT, CZ, SK, SI, CH)

End date: not available

Temporary and limited relaxation of the enforcement of driving and rest times for the drivers of vehicles transporting goods

Austria has agreed to a temporary and limited relaxation of the enforcement of driving and rest times for the drivers of vehicles transporting goods. This relaxation is granted pursuant to Article 14(2) of Regulation (EC) No 561/2006. It will apply to those drivers involved in the delivery of goods domestically and internationally.

Start date: 16.03.2020
End date: 14.04.2020

Lift of weekend traffic ban

Austria notified the Commission that it suspended the weekend traffic ban for >7.5 tonne vehicles.

End date: not available

Contact information:
https://www.sozialministerium.at/dam/jcr:a37c0451-29fe-4509-bc16-fabd5006ebd1/VO%20Vor%C3%BChrung%20von%20Grenzkontrollen%20Italien.pdf
https://infothek.bmvit.gv.at/coronavirus-reisehinweise-aktuelle-informationen/
https://www.bmeia.gv.at/

Supply-critical public infrastructure (e.g. electricity and water supply).

3) In order to ensure the security of the supply chain and the free movement of goods, transit through municipalities on Austrian territory is permitted.

Source: AISÖ

Throughout Austria, the weekend traffic ban for heavy goods vehicles above 7.5 tonnes will be suspended until 3 April 2020 with immediate effect. This measure has been discussed and coordinated with Italy and Bavaria in order to avoid border waiting times as much as possible.

The driving bans for trucks over 7.5 tonnes to the Klingenbach and Deutschkreuz (Burgenland) border crossings have also been lifted to relieve pressure from the Nickelsdorf border point.

At the Austria-Hungarian border:
- Border crossings to be used by international freight traffic departing from or ending in Hungary:
  - Hegyeshalom / Nickelsdorf.
  - Sopron / Klingenbach (transiting vehicles over 7.5t allowed until 05:00 on 20 March).
  - Kópháza / Deutschkreutz (transiting vehicles over 7.5t allowed until 05:00 on 20 March; vehicles over 7.5t with Austrian or Hungarian licence plates permitted until 00:00 on 23 March).
  - Rábafüzes / Heiligenkreuz
- Border crossings to be used by AT-HUN bilateral freight transport (in addition to the three mentioned above):
  - Bucsu / Schachendorf.
  - Koszeg / Rattersdorf.
  - Rábafüzes / Heiligenkreuz.

In addition, the government has announced a temporary relaxation of the enforcement of driving and rest times for drivers in order to eliminate bottlenecks caused by the current crisis. The measures lifted are those in Articles 6 to 9 of the EU Regulation No. 561/2006. This exception applies from 16 March 2020 to 14 April 2020. Measures lifted are the following:
- Art. 6(1): replacement of the maximum daily driving limit of 9 hours with one of 11 hours;
- Art. 6(2): replacement of the maximum weekly driving limit of 56 hours with one of 60 hours;
- Art. 6(3): replacement of the maximum fortnightly driving limit of 90 hours with one of 100 hours;
- Art. 7: replacement of the minimum daily breaks requirements by imposing a break of 45 minutes after 5 and a half hours;
- Art. 8(2): Reduction of the daily rest requirements from 11 to 9 hours;
- Art. 8(6): Weekly rest period of at least 24 hours after six 24-hour periods.

Further details can be found in the Regulation.

Source: AISÖ