Slovakia

Source: European Union/Re-open EU
11.09.2020

Travelling to Slovakia
Travelling from EU countries is allowed without restrictions, except for Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, France, Luxembourg, Malta, The Netherlands, Portugal, Romania, Spain and Sweden.

Travelling from Norway, Switzerland, Iceland and Liechtenstein is allowed without restrictions.

Travelling from Slovakia or returning to Slovakia
No specific measures.

Rules and Exceptions
Travel is allowed without restrictions from countries or territories classified as "low risk" from an epidemiological point of view in relation to COVID-19.

In accordance with the Measure of the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic, all persons who enter the territory of the Slovak Republic and who visited, during the previous 14 days, a country not classified as "low risk" from the epidemiological point of view, must remain in self-isolation until they receive a negative RT-PCR test result for COVID-19. If the person does not have a place of residence in the Slovak Republic, the isolation in a hotel or an accommodation facility is possible.

This person is obliged to contact the competent Regional Public Health Authority by phone or electronically and to undergo the laboratory test for COVID-19 not earlier than on the fifth day of self-isolation. During the period of self-isolation, this isolation must be extended to all persons living in a common household with the isolated person. The testing is not obligatory for children under 3 years of age, unless the regional Public Health Authority of the General Practitioner - Paediatrician does not decide otherwise.

In order to contact the regional Public Health Authority the person may also fill in a form providing the contact information (e.g. personal data, telephone number, address of the self-isolation). On the basis of this information the Public Health Authority will arrange a COVID-19 test.

Mandatory Travel Documentation
No.

Third-country nationals
Travellers coming from the following countries can enter Slovakia without any restriction: Australia, China, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea, Faroe Islands.
Details can be found at: Covid-19 Information.

Links to relevant national sources
Driving abroad
Source: https://reopen.europa.eu/en/map/SVK

Remarks from the International Road Transport Union
03.07.2020
As from 10 June, Slovakia has started classifying third countries on the grounds of safety risks. Individuals travelling to Slovakia, who in the previous 14 days have visited a country that is not considered to be safe, must provide proof of a negative test result not older than 96 hours upon arrival at the border.

In cases where individuals enter Slovakia from an unmanned border crossing point, they must immediately submit proof of a negative test to the competent Regional Public Health Authority (in English, German, Czech or Slovak). They must then self-isolate at home and repeat the test on the 5th day of isolation at the earliest. Isolation lasts until the result of the test is negative.

International goods transport drivers remain exempted from any provision.

More information can be found here.
Source: CESMAD

11.06.2020
As from 11 June, Slovakia has opened all border crossing points with neighbouring countries, with the exception of Poland. On the Slovakia-Poland border, controls will be carried out until 26 June, and the only open crossing points are Trstená-Chyžné and Vyšný Komárnik-Barwinek.
Source: CESMAD

21.05.2020
On 21 May, the Slovak government extended border controls until 26 June. It will only be possible to enter and exit the country through the following border crossing points:

On the border with Austria
- Bratislava – Jarovce – Kittsee (motorway)
- Bratislava – Jarovce – Kittsee (old road)
- Bratislava – Petržalka – Berg
- Moravský Svätý Ján – Hohenau
- Záhorská Ves – Angern an der March

On the border with Hungary
- Bratislava uno – Rajka (motorway)
- Medveov – Vámosszabadi
- Komárno – Komárom
- Štúrovo – Esztergom
- Šahy – Parassapuszta
- Slovenské armony – Balassagyarmat
- Šiatorska Bukovinka – Salgótarján
- Krá – Bánréve
- Milhos – Tornyosnémeti (road no. I/17)
- Milhos – Tornyosnémeti cesta (road no. R4)
- Slovenské Nové Mesto – Sátoraljaújhely
- Hosovce – Tornánadásko

On the border with the Czech Republic
Financial Administration of the Slovak republic adopted on 16th of March 2020 the following measures:

- obligation for all employees to wear a mask or other protective equipment (shawl, scarf, etc.);
- prohibition of clients entering offices without a mask or other means of protection;
- introduction of temporary regime of service, enabling home office when its applicable;
- compulsory quarantine for all employees and persons living in the same household for 14 days after returning from abroad, in this case, the obligation to contact the doctor by telephone and then to notify the employer;
- obligation to wash hands or use an alcohol-based hand disinfectant especially after handling client documents;
- prohibition of clients entering the office premises outside of the premises reserved for the public (mail room, client center);
- recommendation to use telephone, electronic and written communications preferably, except in justified cases;
- to conduct personal meetings at the offices only in exceptional cases, in agreement with the client, in the designated areas;
- consider the use of disposable gloves when handling documents and documents from citizens and, after work, re-wash hands in the prescribed manner;
- to regulate the number of clients in client centers;
- to prohibit the entry of clients with symptoms of respiratory diseases to the workplaces;
- restrict the entry of clients with children to financial administration workplaces;
- keep a minimum distance of two meters between the negotiators during personal meetings if the workplace does not have a protective compartment;
- to shorten client handling in personal contact to a maximum of 15 minutes;
- recommendation to all employees to restrict private journeys to coronavirus-confirmed countries;
- ordering that the place of stay of employees must be known when applying for a leave from work;
- calls for frequent ventilation of the offices and other premises;
- cancelling the participation on foreign business trips with immediate effect and prohibits the reception of foreign delegations;
- in the case of care for a child under the age of 10, because the childcare institution or school has been closed pursuant to the regulations of the competent authorities, absence of employees will be justified.

Please find attached below useful links to our national Authorities concerning the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak:


On 7 May, the Slovakian Government extended their border control measures until 27 May 2020. During this period it will only be possible to enter and exit Slovakia through designated land border crossings (the list remains the same as in the original decision):

**Slovakia – Austria**
- Bratislava – Jarovce – Kittsee (motorway)
- Bratislava – Jarovce - Kittsee (old road)
- Bratislava – Petržalka – Berg
- Moravský Svätý Ján - Hohenau

**Slovakia – Hungary**
- Bratislava unovo – Rajka (motorway)
- Medveov – Vámosszabadi
- Komáro – Komárom
- Štúrovo – Esztergom
- Šahy – Parassapuszta
- Slovenské armoty – Balassagyarmat
- Šiatorská Bukovinka – Salgótarján
- Krá – Bánréve
- Milhos – Tornyosnémeti (road no. I/17)
- Milhos – Tornyosnémeti cesta (road no. R4)
- Slovenské Nové Mesto – Sátoraljaújhely

**Slovakia – Czech Republic**
- Svinovec – Mosty u Jablunkova
- Makov – Bílá-Bumbálka
- Horné Smie – Brumov-Bylnice
- Drietoma – Starý Hrozenkov
- Moravské Lieskové – Stráni
- Lysá pod Makytou – Stelná
- Vrbovce – Velká nad Velikou
- Brodské – Beclav (highway)
- Skalica – Sudomice (new road)

**On the border with Poland**
- Trstená – Chyžné
- Vyšný Komárnik - Barwinek

Source: CESMAD
Suspension of international rail transport and reduced domestic rail transport (12.03.2020)

From 7:00 am on Friday, 13 March 2020, all passenger trains were canceled at all cross-border railway sections. If these trains also provided carrier national transport, the trains remained functional in the territory of the Slovak Republic. From 14 March 2020 all domestic trains are operated according to the regular schedule for a Saturday.

Start date: 13.03.2020
End date: not available
Further information: https://korona.gov.sk/obmedzenia-v-doprave/

Suspension of all international bus lines and international bus transport through Slovakia (12.03.2020)

Following a decision of the Slovak Republic dated 12 March 2020, a ban was introduced on the operation of all international bus lines and the ban on international bus transport through the territory of the Slovak Republic from 07.00 hrs. on March 13, 2020 pending appeal. During this period no international bus transport through the territory of the Slovak Republic shall be operated.

Start date: 13.03.2020
End date: not available
Further information: https://korona.gov.sk/obmedzenia-v-doprave/

Temporary and limited relaxation of the enforcement of driving and rest times for the drivers involved in domestic and international delivery of goods.

Slovakia notified a temporary and limited relaxation of the enforcement of driving and rest times for the drivers involved in domestic and international delivery of goods. This relaxation is granted pursuant to Article 14(2) of Regulation (EC) No 561/2006

Start date: 19.03.2020
End date: 17.04.2020
Further information: https://ec.europa.eu/transport/sites/transport/files/temporary-relaxatio...

02.06.2020
On 28 April, Slovak Authorities decided to lift driving bans that were originally planned for 1, 3, 8 and 10 May.

Source: CESMAD

11.06.2020
On 29 April, Slovak Authorities decided to lift driving bans that were originally planned for 1, 3, 8 and 10 May.

Source: CESMAD

18.04.2020
Restrictions at borders
On 17 April, the Slovak government has decided to extend controls at the borders until 7 May.

The open border crossing points list is unchanged.

Facilitation measures
On 17 April, the Slovakian government has notified the extension of driving and rest times rules relaxations. Relaxations apply from 00:00 of 18 April until 24:00 of 31 May and are the following:

- Art. 6.1: increase of the maximum daily driving time from 9 hours to 11 hours
- Art. 6.2: increase of the maximum weekly driving time from 56 hours to 60 hours
- Art. 6.3: increase of the fortnightly driving time from 90 hours to 96 hours
- Art. 7: the driver shall have an uninterrupted break of at least 45 minutes if he does not take a rest period after five and a half hours of driving
- Art. 8.1: reduction of the minimum daily rest period from 11 hours to 9 hours

Source: CESMAD

09.04.2020
On 9 April, the Slovak police have lifted driving restrictions for goods vehicles heavier than 3.5 tonnes on 10, 12 and 13 April (please note there are no driving restrictions in place on Saturday).

Source: CESMAD

07.04.2020
On 7 April, the Slovak Government decided to temporarily reintroduce border controls from 8 April until 17 April 2020. During this period it will only be possible to enter and exit Slovakia through the following border crossings:

Slovakia - Austria

- Bratislava – Jarovce – Kittsee (motorway)
- Bratislava – Jarovce - Kittsee (old road)
- Bratislava – Petržalka – Berg
- Moravský Svätý Ján - Hohenau
Slovakia - Hungary

- Bratislava unovo – Rajka (motorway)
- Medveov – Vámosszabadi
- Komárno – Komárom
- Štúrovo – Esztergrom
- Šahy – Parassapusza
- Slovenské armotty – Balassagyarmat
- Štítorská Bukovinka – Salgótarján
- Krá – Bárréve
- Milhos – Tornyosnémeth (road no. I/17)
- Milhos – Tornyosnémeth cesta (road no. R4)
- Slovenské Nové Mesto – Sátoraljaújhely

Slovakia – Czech Republic

- Svrinovec – Mosty u Jablunkova
- Makov – Bílá-Bumbálka
- Horné Srnie – Brumov-Bylnice
- Drietoma – Starý Hrozenkov
- Moravské Lieskové – Sráni
- Lysá pod Makyťou – Stelná
- Vrbovce – Velká nad Velikou
- Brodské – Beclav (highway)
- Holí – Hodonín
- Škálica – Sudomice (new road)

Slovakia - Poland

- Trstená – Chyžné
- Vyšný Komárnik – Barwinek

Procedures at green lane border crossings remain unchanged.

In addition, the Slovak police have lifted driving restrictions for goods vehicles heavier than 3.5 tonnes on 10, 12 and 13 April.

Source: CESMAD Slovakia

28.03.2020

After yesterday’s (27 March) closures of border crossing points with the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Austria to freight vehicles over 7.5 tonnes, due to bottlenecks and resulting traffic jams at the Hungarian border, the situation is now slowly getting back to normal.

All border crossings are now open, including the border crossing point Brodske - Breclav between Slovakia and the Czech Republic.

Source: CESMAD-Slovakia and CESMAD-Bohemia

27.03.2020

According to information from the Slovak Government Authorities, Slovakia is currently closing its borders with the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Austria, to freight vehicles over 7.5 tonnes, due to bottlenecks and resulting traffic jams which have accumulated since this morning at the Hungarian borders.

The only exempted transports are those unloading in Slovakia and those allowed on the dedicated green lanes https://ec.europa.eu/transport/sites/transport/files/green-lanes.pdf. The list of goods allowed to use the green lanes are: post, perishable goods, fuel supply for gas stations, foodstuff, transport of live animals, and medical and biological products.

Exiting Slovakia is possible.

The duration is not specified.

Sources: CESMAD Slovakia and CESMAD Bohemia
Slovakia has agreed on a temporary and limited relaxation of the enforcement of driving and rest times for drivers involved in domestic and international delivery of goods. This relaxation is granted pursuant to Article 14(2) of Regulation (EC) No 561/2006. This temporary relaxation applies from 19 March 2020 and will run until 17 April 2020, included.

Slovakia has made it clear that driver and road safety must not be compromised. Drivers should not be expected to drive whilst tired - employers remain responsible for the health and safety of their employees and other road users.

For the above mentioned category of drivers, the following provisions will be temporarily relaxed as follows:

- Derogation to Article 6(1): replacement of the maximum daily driving limit of 9 hours with one of 11 hours.
- Derogation to Article 6(2): replacement of the maximum weekly driving limit of 56 hours with one of 60 hours.
- Derogation to Article 6(3): replacement of the maximum fortnightly driving limit of 90 hours with one of 96 hours.
- Derogation to Article 7: replacement of the minimum daily breaks requirements by imposing a break of 45 minutes after 5 and a half hours.
- Derogation to Article 8(1): Reduction of the daily rest requirements from 11 to 9 hours.

Source: CESMAD Slovakia