## **Seychelles**



Source: Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Tourism - Department of Tourism

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- Seychelles-Visitor-Travel-Advisory-26th-January-2021
- List of countries from which visitors are permitted to enter Seychelles effective as of 1st January 2021
- Conditions for entry of persons into Seychelles

Announced by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Tourism, Mr Sylvestre Radegonde during a joint press brief with his counterpart from the Health Ministry, Mrs Peggy Vidot on Thursday, January 14, 2021

The review follows the recent launch of the immunisation campaign in the small island nation. The campaign expected to have just under three quarters of the local adult population vaccinated by mid- March 2021.

With immediate effect, Seychelles will be welcoming vaccinated visitors from any part of the world.

### Vaccinated Visitors:

To be recognized as "vaccinated", visitors must be able to show that they have taken the complete dose of the vaccine i.e., two doses plus 2 weeks after the second dose for the four vaccines currently receiving heavy media exposure. Visitors need to submit an authentic certificate from their national health authority as proof of COVID-19 vaccination alongside a negative COVID-19 PCR certificate, obtained less than 72 hours prior to travel.

### Non-Vaccinated Visitors:

All visitors currently permitted entry (Category 1 and 2, private jet passengers) will now need to show a negative PCR test obtained less than 72 hours prior to travel. Prior to the 14th of January, 2021, Category 2 had required a test less than 48 hours.

Visitors that are not vaccinated or not coming from a Category 1 or 2 countries or travelling by private jet, are still unable to enter. This will be in force until mid-March once Seychelles has vaccinated a large majority of its adult population.

#### Mid- March Onwards

Once the majority of the adult population in Seychelles is vaccinated, the country will open up to all visitors, vaccinated or not. At that point, visitors will only need a negative PCR obtained less than 72 hours prior to travel.

Irrespective of the above, visitors are to abide to the existing health measures (e.g. wearing of face masks, social distancing, etc...) which remain applicable as per the travel advisory published on the Department of Tourism Website- tourism.gov.sc. Similarly, all tourism operators will still be required to follow their existing COVID-19 standard operating procedure and protocol.

More details about the new measures will be published in the Seychelles Travel Advisory in the coming days and can be accessed on tourism.gov.sc.

Source: http://tourism.gov.sc/covid-19-guidelines/

Remarks from the International Road Transport Union

Forthcoming

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#### Source: WCO/Seychelles Revenue Commission

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#### Measures aiming to Facilitate the Cross-border Movement of Relief and Essential Supplies

- 1.1. Fast tracking the processing and release of urgent medical cargo and relief supplies through simplified procedures.
- 1.2. Accepting scanned copy of preferential certificate of origin during the COVD 19 pandemic subject to the original copy being submitted once the crisis is over.
- 1.3. Taking deposit for the release of consignment benefitting from preferential treatment but unsupported by preferential certificate of origin because of lock down from exporting countries.

# 2. Measures aiming at Supporting the Economy and Sustaining Supply Chain Continuity

2.1. The Port is operational with Customs staff working to ensure that import and export procedures are completed in a timely manner with priority given to consignment directly related to the COVID 19 pandemic.

# 3. Measures aiming at Protecting Customs administrations' Staff

- 3.1. Limiting the number of officers on duty to that necessary to provide the services required during the COVID 19 pandemic.
- 3.2. Providing transport for officers to and from work.
- 3.3. Cancellation of meetings and replaced by other means of remote communication, hence avoiding the crowding of people and to minimize the transmission of the virus.

#### 4. Measures aiming at Protecting Society

- 4.1. Insisting on social distancing at all our offices.
- 4.2. Making available protective equipment and ensuring that staff is informed of their proper
- usage and maintenance (restrooms, gloves, masks, sanitizer, etc.).
- 4.3. Encouraging maximum use of technology, to the extent possible.

#### 5. Other Measures.

- 5.1. Encouraging declarant to use pre-payment account
- 5.2. Encouraging the use of pre-lodgement.

Further information: http://www.wcoomd.org/-/m......s/natural-disaster/covid\_19/seychelles\_en.pdf?la=en