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### **MALDIVES TO OFFER VACCINES TO TOURISTS**

The Maldives is offering vaccinations to travellers booking a stay in the country. The tourist vaccination scheme will begin once all residents of the Maldives have received their vaccinations. Current entry requirements for the islands are a negative PCR test and travellers will need to obtain another PCR test in the Maldives to re-enter South Africa. These tests can be done in the resorts approx. USD60-100 (R857-R1 430) per test. Many resorts are offering specials that include the cost of this test in the package price. Air Seychelles will be offering flights via the Seychelles to the Maldives. Flight duration is 9 hours and will operate from June to October. Contact Grayston Travel for Maldives Packages.

### **KLM/AIRFRANCE - UK TRAVEL UPDATE**

UK Passport travelers are not permitted to travel via Amsterdam to the UK. Air France is open for travelers to the UK.

### **SINGAPORE AIRLINES TO RESUME FLIGHTS FROM 1 JULY**

Singapore Airlines will be flying back into Cape Town from the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2021. All travellers with recent travel history from South Africa can transit through Singapore.

### **AMPATH NOW WATERMARKING CERTIFICATE**

South Africa- Ampath are now watermarking the certificate with your ID or Passport No to avoid fraud.

### **MANGO TO CONTINUE FLYING**

Mango will operate beyond the 8<sup>th</sup>

May 2021 with availability currently until the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021, which means travel must be within these dates. Update will follow next week.

### **ISRAEL HALTS VACCINATED TRAVELLER SCHEME**

Israel's program allowing vaccinated travelers into the country has been halted to align with government's latest entry and exit regulations. According to new regulations, only citizens and returning residents will be allowed entry into Israel. Even those who have been vaccinated against COVID-19 will still be subjected to ten-days in quarantine on condition of producing two negative PCR tests. Travelers who only complete one PCR test will be required to self-isolate for 14 days. Israel has postponed the Vaccinated Traveler Programme indefinitely.

### **GERMANY CANCELS THE 2021 OKTOBERFEST**

Oktoberfest festivities have been cancelled for a second year in a row due to concerns over the spread of COVID-19. Germany is in the middle of a lockdown that includes a ban on large gatherings. Oktoberfest typically attracts about 6 million visitors from around the world.

### **SAA GETS R2.7BN WINDFALL FOR SUBSIDIARIES INCLUDING MANGO AND SAA TECHNICAL**

The reprioritization gives R1.6 billion to SAA Technical, R819 million to Mango Airlines and R218 million to Air Chefs. The Department of Public Enterprises requested a mechanism to transfer a portion of the business rescue funding to SAA's subsidiaries.

### **NEWSFLASH - MAY 2021**

### **ETHIOPIAN AIRLINES BANNED FROM FLYING INTO THE UK**

Ethiopian Airlines is banned from flying into the United Kingdom as Ethiopia is on the Red List of countries. Travelers can fly from the UK via Addis Ababa to other destinations.

### **SA TRAVELLERS GREEN-LIGHTED FOR TANZANIA-ZANZIBAR**

Tanzania has issued a modified Travel Advisory specifying that South African travelers will not be subject to a 14-day quarantine. Mango Airlines is no longer operating flights to and from Zanzibar

### **VICTORIA FALLS SPECIALS LIGHTED FOR TANZANIA**

The Royal Livingstone 5 star hotel is currently offering a 3 night Special from R14875 per person sharing. The rate includes return flights from Johannesburg -Victoria Falls on BA Comair. Current Taxes. Return cross border transfers. Accommodation in a standard room (3 nights), breakfast daily, sunset Cruise. Excludes all other meals, sightseeing, drinks, visa costs, Insurance costs & covid-19 tests. All rates are subject to change and increase and availability at time of booking. Prices correct as at 5May21. Contact Grayston Travel.

### **BRITISH AIRWAYS COMAIR MANUAL CHECK-IN PROCESS**

BA Comair are advising all passengers to get to the airport 2 hours before departure to avoid any inconvenience due to current problems with their check-in and boarding processes.

**PLEASE CHECK GRAYSTON TRAVEL'S WEBSITE FOR HOLIDAY SPECIALS. [WWW.GRAYSTON.CO.ZA](http://WWW.GRAYSTON.CO.ZA)**

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