

Health Entry and Stay Conditions for Travellers

Interim Conditions v3.8; with effect from 27 November 2021; Ministry of Health.

Key Changes from v3.7 –

- Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe have been added to the restricted list of countries.
- Restriction on entry of visitors and new GOP-holders from these countries.
- All Seychellois, residents and GOP-holders should refrain from travelling to countries in the restricted list until further notice.

Visitors to Seychelles

	Procedures and Conditions ¹
Pre-Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Entry from All Countries, except countries on the restricted list.• Entry from Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe is not allowed at present (Restricted list).• Negative COVID-19 PCR test done within 72h of departure.• Complete Health Travel Authorisation at seychelles.govtas.com.• Valid Travel & Health insurance to cover COVID-19 related quarantine, isolation or treatment.• Entry/stay conditions will not be affected by COVID-19 Vaccination status; but visitors are strongly encouraged to be fully immunised before travel.
Arrival and Stay	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stay in any certified tourism establishments.• Where a visitor is residing in a certified tourism establishment in Seychelles, they need <i>not</i> take a routine Day 5 PCR test². Where this is not the case, visitors are expected to take a day 5 PCR test.• No minimum length of stay in first establishment.
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visitors who have been a country on the restricted list in preceding 14 days will not be permitted entry into Seychelles.• Conditions for stay for children up to age 17, regardless of their vaccination status, will be as for the parent/guardian they are accompanying.• All visitors must report any illness at any point during stay to hotel management and public health authority for further evaluation.• Anyone tested positive, and/or assessed to be a close contact, will be required to undergo isolation or quarantine as per national protocols.

Seychellois, Residents and their Dependents

	Procedures and Conditions
Pre-Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• May enter from any country.• Negative COVID-19 PCR test done within 72h of departure from country of origin.• Complete Health Travel Authorisation.
Arrival and Stay	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No quarantine required, except when entering from a restricted country.• Day 5 PCR test is required.• Where entering from a country in the restricted list: a <i>7-day quarantine</i> in an approved establishment or home-quarantine is required, with <i>day 5 PCR test</i>.
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conditions for Children (up to age 17) will be as for their accompanying parent/guardian.• All individuals arriving in Seychelles must report any illness to their local health centre and/or public health authority, even if vaccinated.• Diplomats on short-term official work-visits to Seychelles follow conditions as for Residents.

¹ Visitors are also advised to refer to Department of Tourism travel advisory at: <http://tourism.gov.sc/>.

² Conditional to stay and daily monitoring in a certified tourism establishment. COVID-19 testing may still be indicated for public health reasons, e.g. have symptoms of COVID-19 illness, or if close contacts of known cases of COVID-19.

Gainful-Occupation-Permit (GOP) Holders and their Dependents

Procedures and Conditions		
	For countries on the Restricted list	For other countries
Pre-Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only returning GOP-holders and their dependents are allowed entry. New GOP-holders are not permitted entry. Negative COVID-19 PCR test done within 72h of departure from country of origin. Complete Health Travel Authorisation. Insurance cover for COVID-19 related health costs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Negative COVID-19 PCR test done within 72h of departure from country of origin. Complete Health Travel Authorisation. Cover for COVID-19-related health costs: testing, quarantine, isolation, treatment.
Arrival and Stay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7-day quarantine, with a day 5 PCR test. Close self-monitoring for symptoms. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No quarantine required. A day 5 PCR test³ (at client's/employers' cost).
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dependents of GOP-holders will follow same procedures as for the GOP-Holder. 	

Entry by Sea to Seychelles (by Yachts)

Procedures and Conditions	
Pre-Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply by e-mail to pha@health.gov.sc for Health Travel Authorisation. Valid Travel & Health insurance to cover potential COVID-19 related costs.
Arrival and Stay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spend at least 14 days at sea from last port of call. All crew and passengers should be without symptoms of COVID-19 during this period. No need for Arrival or Day 5 PCR test. Earlier disembarkation is allowed provided all crew undertake a COVID-19 PCR test (at cost) upon arrival, with all results negative.
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All visitors/crew must report any illness during stay to hotel management and/or public health authority for further evaluation. Conditions for entry of diplomatic or military vessels will be based on discussions with Public Health Authority, through Department of Foreign Affairs.

Seafarers (by Flight⁴)

Procedures and Conditions	
Pre-Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May enter from any country. No pre-travel quarantine required. Negative COVID-19 PCR test done within 72h of departure from country of origin. Complete Health Travel Authorisation. Valid Health insurance to cover any potential COVID-19 related costs.
Arrival and Stay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No quarantine required on arrival. Encouraged to directly board vessels and depart as soon as possible after arrival. Where there may be delays, a day 5 PCR test (at clients'/employers' cost) is indicated. For arrivals from countries on the restricted list, please refer to and follow as directed in section on GOP-holders arriving from countries on the restricted list. Daily surveillance as per protocol with Rapid Antigen Test⁵ aboard vessel is encouraged.
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any seafarer showing symptoms of COVID-19 illness during their stay/work must report it to relevant supervisors and/or company doctor. Any suspect cases must be immediately reported to Port Health using standard forms.

Restricted list of countries

Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe.

³ Encouraged to use certified private testing facilities for this test.

⁴ Entry of Seafarers by sea requires additional discussions with the Public Health Authority.

⁵ Testing must be with WHO/FDA-Approved Antigen Rapid Diagnostic Tests, and be conducted by trained personnel.