

Canada to Drop Vaccine and ArriveCan App Requirement

Masks will also no longer be required on planes and trains. The new rules go into effect on October 1.

Canada's government announced Monday that it will scrap all of its remaining COVID-related border restrictions beginning on October 1.

Our northern neighbor will no longer require arrivals to be fully vaccinated, to undergo pre- or on-arrival testing, quarantine, or report COVID-19 signs or symptoms to the government upon entering Canada. Canada is also doing away with its mask mandate on domestic planes and trains, and cruise passengers will no longer be required to undergo COVID testing prior to boarding their ship. For international flights, whether or not masks are required will depend on the carrier and if it is required by the origin or destination country.

Travelers will also no longer be required to upload travel documents and proof of vaccination to the government app called ArriveCan, which has been [heavily criticized](#) for slowing down border crossing, not being particularly user-friendly, and for being error-ridden (sometimes instructing users to quarantine unnecessarily). The app will continue to exist and travelers can upload their regular border crossing info to it if they so choose (it could help speed up the process, supposedly), but it's not required.

In April, Canada [relaxed its entry requirements](#) to allow vaccinated travelers to skip the predeparture COVID test—though they still had to use the ArriveCAN app. Canada first reopened its borders to vaccinated Americans in August 2021.

Currently, unvaccinated foreign travelers are only allowed to enter Canada if they submit to a mandatory PCR test on arrival and quarantine for 14 days. Those rules are still in effect until October 1—at that point, travelers who are midquarantine will no longer be required to complete the remainder of their quarantine, and new arrivals will no longer be required to submit a negative COVID test.

With this announcement Canada joins several other countries, including [Japan](#), Thailand, [New Zealand](#), and others, that have recently announced they have dropped or will soon be dropping vaccine mandates and other pandemic-related entry protocols.

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Proposed 1.9-Mile Ring Around the World's Tallest Skyscraper Would Serve as a Sustainable Skypark

Called the Downtown Circle project, the elevated ring-shaped building in Dubai would house a greenbelt as well as residential and commercial spaces.



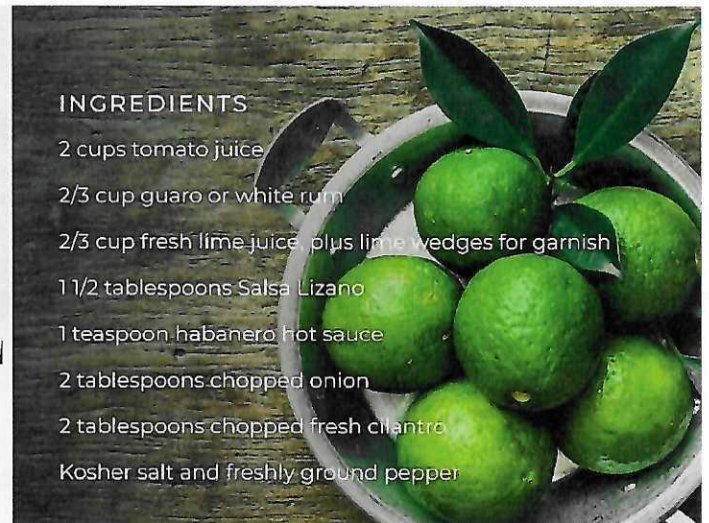
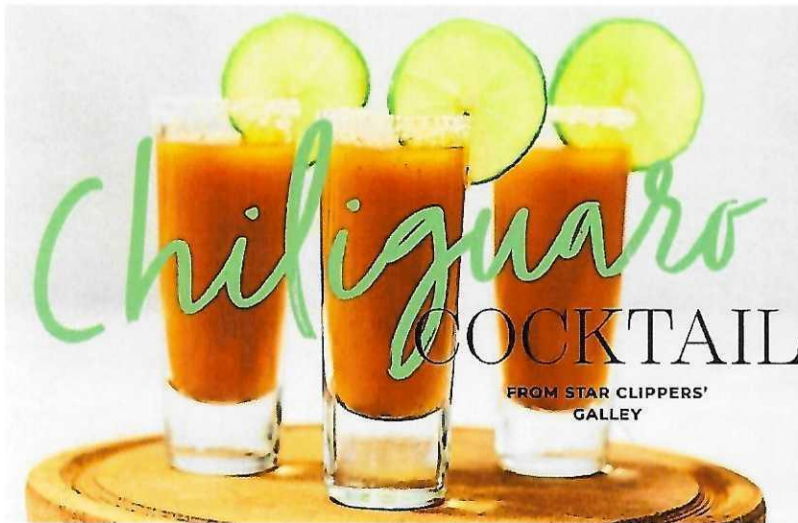
Dubai-based design firm ZN Era Space wants to put a ring on it—it being Dubai.

Called the Downtown Circle project, the proposal envisions an 1,800-foot-tall, 1.9-mile ring around downtown Dubai, including the world's tallest free-standing skyscraper, Burj Khalifa.

The circular structure would be held aloft by five pillars and contain private residences and commercial spaces over five floors. It would also include a continuous greenbelt that would run along the ring's interior, called the Skypark, which, the company said, would include various habitats, from waterfalls to sand dunes. It would contain so much space that the horizontal skyscraper would effectively be a city within the city.

Beyond addressing the issue of space in densely populated urban areas like Dubai, the ambitious project would also address the issue of environmental sustainability. Dubai has an ambitious and comprehensive plan, called Dubai 2040, that maps out a path for a more sustainable urban development of the city, which the Downtown Circle would strive to align with through a roof made entirely of solar panels and an electric tram system, among other more climate-friendly features.

According to Visit Dubai, the project is not confirmed—and it's hard to say how feasible the idea would be, both from a practical or financial standpoint—but if it were to get the green light in the future, it would dramatically change Dubai's skyline.



The Reasons We Travel

To remember why travel is still so important, despite all the chaos, Travel Market Report recently asked readers a simple question—why do you travel? Here's what they said: Trace your heritage, follow your inspiration, get out of your comfort zone, to escape, to connect and to reconnect. Why do you travel?



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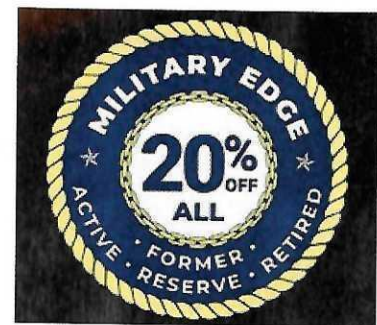
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Barbados Removes All COVID-19 Protocols

Effective from September 22, Barbados has discontinued all **COVID-19**-related travel protocols. There is no testing requirements for entering the island whether you are vaccinated or unvaccinated. In addition, the wearing of masks generally has now become optional. Mask wearing only remains mandatory for persons working in and visiting healthcare facilities, nursing homes, hospitals and senior citizens homes; persons traveling on public transportation; and for persons who are COVID-19 positive.

Minister of Tourism and International Transport **Lisa Cummins** said, "This is the last step for us which reflects our position as fully open for business following the COVID-19 pandemic. We look forward to continuing to welcome visitors to our shores to experience all of the new and returning events slated for the rest of the year, and into early 2023."

Disney to Shutter Florida Theme Parks Ahead of Hurricane Ian's Arrival



After announcing that some resorts and water parks would close in preparation for this week's expected arrival of Hurricane Ian, Disney went a step further on Tuesday, announcing that all of its Orlando theme parks would shut their doors on Wednesday and Thursday. Disney's Animal Kingdom, Hollywood Studios, Epcot, and Magic Kingdom parks will all be closed on Wednesday and Thursday ahead of Hurricane Ian. The parks, which had last shut their doors for COVID-19 in 2020, had also been forced to close in 2019 of Hurricane Dorian's arrival.

Disney also said that it would waive all change and cancellation fees for check-in dates of Monday, Sept. 26 through Tuesday, Oct. 4 due to the potential impact of Hurricane Ian.

Disney had previously announced a number of changes to this week's schedule, including the closures of Disney's Fort Wilderness Resort & Campground, Copper Creek Cabins at Disney's Wilderness Lodge, Treehouse Villas at Disney's Saratoga Springs Resort & Spa, and the Bungalows at Disney's Polynesian Village Resort from Wednesday, Sept. 28 through Friday, Sept. 30.

Hong Kong to Drop Travel Quarantine Requirement on Sept. 26

Hong Kong will no longer require travelers to undergo three days of mandatory hotel quarantine upon arrival, lifting the burden on international travelers to Hong Kong for the first time since early 2020.

The self-monitoring period will include being assigned an amber color code under the city's digital health code, which limits movement (those self-monitoring will not be allowed in "high-risk premises" including bars and restaurants). Hong Kong had been employing one of the most restrictive remaining COVID-19 inbound travel policies outside of mainland China. Its current three-day quarantine is the least restrictive it has been since the start of the pandemic. At one point, Hong Kong was requiring travelers to undergo 21-days of mandatory hotel quarantine.



The government of Hong Kong had previously said that the policies were created in order "to balance between people's livelihood and the competitiveness of Hong Kong to give the community maximum momentum and economic vitality."

Travel companies in Hong Kong have been pushing for a clear plan for a return to normal for a few months. Cathay Pacific, the flag carrier of Hong Kong, has long been campaigning for a clear plan for the complete removal of Hong Kong's restrictions.

Japan to Officially Drop Daily Traveler Limit, Lift Ban on Individual Travel in October



For the first time in nearly two-and-a-half years, Japan is opening its border to foreigners without heavy COVID restrictions.

Starting Oct. 11, individual international travelers will be able to enter Japan without being part of a tour group. Japan is ending its international daily arrivals cap and will reinstate visa waivers. The daily visitor cap is currently at 50,000 and had been as low as 20,000 just a few weeks ago.

The changes are expected to boost Japan's struggling tourism industry, which has been held back by strict entry rules, including a near-full ban on new entries by foreigners that was imposed in 2021.

The changes would be a significant boon for Japan, which had been struggling to bring back tourists in light of those rules, post-COVID. The country had been one of the darlings of international travel prior to the pandemic, with its high point coming in June 2019, a month when the country had close to 1 million international visitors.