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UK — Very low
Illegal to travel abroad for holidays and other leisure purposes. If travel has occurred in or through high-risk countries (including South Africa) in previous 10 days, travellers will be refused entry to the UK. British Nationals, Irish National, travellers with residence rights in the UK can enter but must quarantine in a government approved hotel for 10 days.

☀ 83 (-33) 💉 31.1 (+16.2) 🧳 8 567 (-84%)

FRANCE — Very low
No travel to and from countries outside the European space unless for an imperative reason. A travel certificate attesting to imperative reason for entering the country must be submitted. A negative COVID-19 PCR test less than 72h old is required on entry.

☀ 231 (+16) 💉 6.7 (+4.2) 🧳 2 443 (-80%)

NETHERLANDS — Very low
Travel advisory not to travel abroad until after 31 March 2021. If travel can not be avoided travellers must provide a negative rapid antigen test one hour before boarding and a negative COVID-19 PCR test no more than 72 hours before departure. Travellers must also quarantine for 10 days upon arrival.

☀ 186 (+16) 💉 5.7 (+4.1) 🧳 2 031 (-85%)

RUSSIA — Low
All arriving passengers must obtain and present a negative COVID-19 test certificate dated less than 72 hours before travel.

☀ 54 (-8) 💉 3.6 (+2.9) 🧳 758 (-62%)

GERMANY — Very low
Travellers from countries with wide-spread occurrence of high-risk virus variants (including South Africa) are banned. German citizens and other specified exceptions are however allowed to return to Germany but must fill in an entry application, present a negative COVID-19 test prior to departure and upon entry and be subject to a 10-day quarantine.

☀ 67 (+4) 💉 7.6 (+4.4) 🧳 4 909 (-86%)

SPAIN — Low
Travellers arriving from 'risk' countries, based ECDC guidelines for essential reasons must provide proof of a negative PCR test within 72 hours of departure a. As of 22 February 2021, persons coming from South Africa must remain in quarantine up to 10 days after their arrival in Spain. This period may end earlier, if tested negative for acute infection on the seventh day.

☀ 108 (-37) 💉 8.2 (+4.6) 🧳 415 (-84%)

ITALY — Very low
Travel to List E countries (South Africa) is only allowed for specific reasons including work, health, study, urgency or return to Italy. Travel for tourism is not permitted. Upon return a self declaration form stating reason for entry/return must be completed, 14-day fiduciary isolation and health surveillance is required and travel to desired destination can only be by private transport.

☀ 198 (+50) 💉 7.2 (+3.7) 🧳 727 (-89%)

CHINA — Low
Only national citizens, foreign nationals with valid residence permits and visa exceptions can enter. All arrivals must agree to a 28-day quarantine called (14+7+7) and 4 COVID-19 PCR tests. Travellers arriving from countries where new strains of the virus have been discovered (including South Africa), must take 4 nucleic acid tests. Their household members will be also required to take said tests.

☀ 0 (0) 💉 2.8 (+1.1) 🧳 475 (-92%)

CANADA — Very low
Advisory against non-essential travel. As of 21 Feb 2021, all travellers must register on ArriveCan, provide proof of a negative COVID-19 molecular test up to 72 hours before departure, take a COVID-19 test on arrival, mandatory 3-night quarantine at a government authorised hotel (own cost) await test results. Followed by a 14-day quarantine with a COVID-19 test on day 10.

☀ 56 (-2) 💉 5.2 (+2.6) 🧳 794 (-88%)

JAPAN — Low
All foreign nationals who have been in countries with variants of concern (including South Africa) within 14 days prior to the application of landing will be denied entry. All nationals arriving from these areas within 14 days prior to their application for landing will undergo PCR tests, ill be requested to undergo 14 days of quarantine at a designated location and may not use public transport.

☀ 6 (-1) 💉 < 0.1 🧳 114 (-95%)

USA — Low
Prior to boarding a flight to the United States, all passengers (> 2yrs old) must provide a negative COVID-19 viral test taken within three calendar days of travel or documentation from a licensed health care provider confirming recovery from COVID-19 in the 90 days preceding travel.
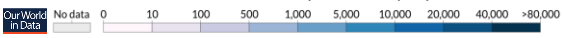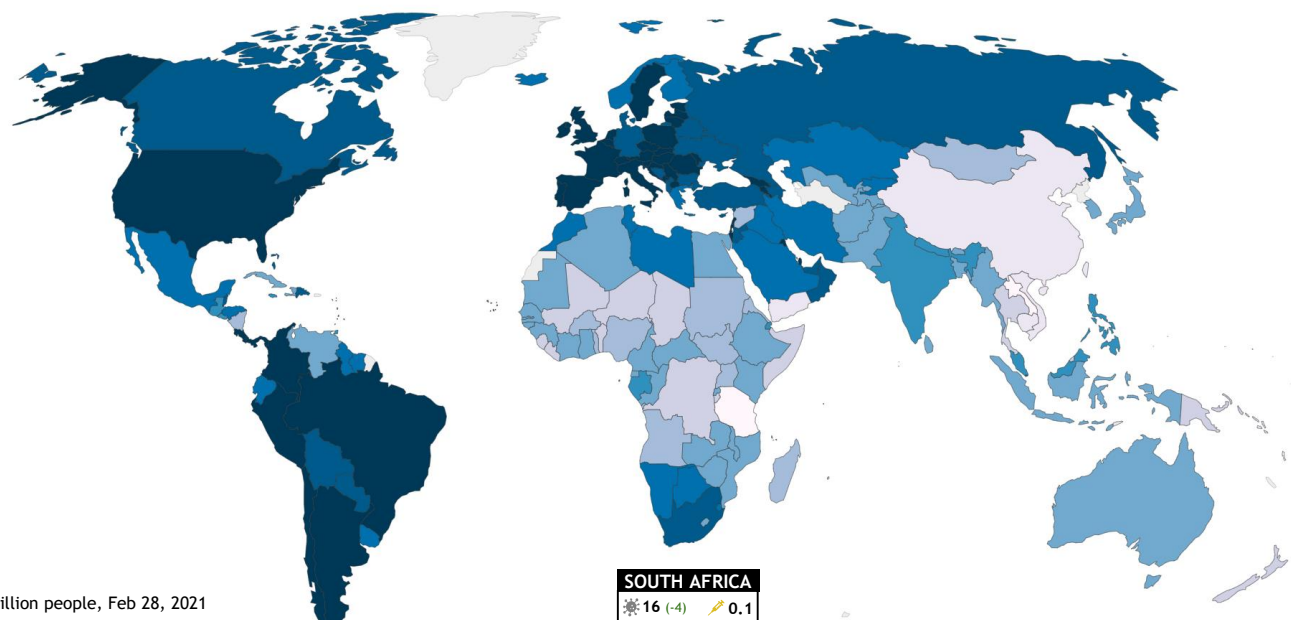
☀ 143 (-6) 💉 23 (+13) 🧳 3 871 (-88%)

INDIA — Low
All persons must submit an online health declaration form and proof of a negative RT-PCR result for COVID-19 issued no more than 72 hours prior to departure using the "Air Suvidha" system. All persons on flights originating from South Africa, must self-isolate for 7 days, undergo an additional test for COVID-19 following the self-isolation period, and monitor their health status for a further 7 days.

☀ 8 (+1) 💉 1.0 (+0.7) 🧳 939 (-87%)

BRAZIL — Low
Ban on entry for nonresident travellers who in the last 14 days have been in South Africa or the UK as of 18 Feb 2021. Citizens and legal residents of Brazil who have traveled through those two countries within the past 14 days will be permitted to return but must complete a two-week quarantine upon arrival.

☀ 184 (+29) 💉 4 (+3) 🧳 319 (-97%)

AUSTRALIA — Very low
There's a ban on overseas travel from Australia. You can't leave Australia unless you get an exemption from the Department of Home Affairs.

☀ 0 (0) 💉 0.1 (+0.1) 🧳 486 (-96%)

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☀ 16 (-4) 💉 0.1

Cumulative confirmed COVID-19 cases per million people, Feb 28, 2021

Our World in Data · No data 0 10 100 500 1,000 5,000 10,000 20,000 40,000 >80,000

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KENYA — Low
All passengers are required to present a negative COVID-19 PCR certificate taken no more than 96 hours before departure. Diplomatic passport holders' negative PCR test must be done within 7 days before arrival. All travellers will have to complete an online registration form before departure.

☀ 3 (+1)   ✎ 0   🧳 609 (-80%)

NIGERIA — Medium
Passengers departing from South Africa must present a negative COVID-19 PCR test taken within 96 hours of departure and a permit to Travel Certificate or QR Code showing evidence of payment for the repeat day-7 COVID-19 PCR in-country test. On arrival, all passengers must self-isolate for 7 days at their chosen place of abode until a negative COVID-19 PCR test result is provided.

☀ 2 (-1)   ✎ 0   🧳 1 025 (-56%)

MALAWI — Low
All passengers are required to submit a health traveller declaration form and a negative COVID-19 certificate obtained no more than 10 days prior to arrival. Passengers without a certificate are required to have samples collected for COVID-19 testing and thereafter will self-quarantine for 14 days. Results will be communicated in 3 days and will be followed up by health authorities during the quarantine.

☀ 6 (-3)   ✎ 0   🧳 4 986 (-74%)

ZAMBIA — Medium
All incoming travellers must present a negative COVID-19 test taken no more than seven days before arrival in the country. It is recommended that travellers self-isolate for 14 days upon arrival but are to monitor and report any symptoms.

☀ 22 (-4)   ✎ 0   🧳 5 708 (-62%)

NAMIBIA — Medium
All non-Namibian travellers must present a negative COVID-19 PCR test result that is not older than 7 days (168) hours old at Port of Entry. Namibian citizens may enter Namibia with or without any result. In the absence of any result, they will be subjected to a 7-day quarantine and testing at own cost.

☀ 51 (-9)   ✎ 0   🧳 7 769 (-65%)

BOTSWANA — Low
All travellers must present a negative COVID-19 PCR test no more than 72 hours old before arrival and must also take another COVID-19 test at the port of entry. If no negative test result is provided, if the test at the border is positive, or if any COVID-19 symptoms are present, travellers may be refused entry or be required to undergo 14 days isolation or quarantine at own expense.

☀ 128 (+46)   ✎ 0   🧳 7 493 (-91%)

ZIMBABWE — Low
All passengers must present a negative COVID-19 test result, issued no more than 48 hours before their arrival at the border, and must self-isolate for a period of 14-days at a designated address after arrival.

☀ 2 (-2)   ✎ 0.1   🧳 59 951 (-73%)

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☀ 16 (-4)   ✎ 0.1

LESOTHO — Low
Travellers into Lesotho are required to provide a negative PCR COVID-19 test certificate issued within 72 hours before travelling and upon arrival at the port of entry. Citizens who fail to produce a negative PCR COVID-19 certificate will be subject to a rapid antigen test,

☀ 1 (-9)   ✎ 0   🧳 18 592 (-86%)

ESWATINI — Low
Travellers into the Kingdom of Eswatini are required to provide a negative PCR COVID-19 test certificate not older than 72 hours. Returning residents who fail to produce a negative PCR COVID-19 certificate will be subject to the test at the point of entry. Travellers may be required to undergo quarantine not exceeding 14 days or isolation.

☀ 19 (-1)   ✎ 0   🧳 13 260 (-85%)

MOZAMBIQUE — Low
All passengers will need proof of a negative COVID-19 test issued in their country of departure in the 96 hours prior to travel to enter Mozambique. Children under 11 years old are exempt from the requirement to present a COVID-19 PCR test.

☀ 11 (-6)   ✎ 0   🧳 35 856 (-68%)

Cumulative confirmed COVID-19 cases per million people, Feb 28, 2021

Our World in Data | No data | 0 | 10 | 100 | 500 | 1,000 | 5,000 | 10,000 | 20,000 | 40,000 | >80,000

Weekly change in COVID-19 cases per 10 000 of the population at 28 February 2020 (Change in weekly rate compared to previous week) .Rates > 50 are considered high risk

Cumulative COVID-19 vaccination doses administered per 100 of the population at 28 Feb 2021 (Change in vaccination doses from previous month). *Counted as a single does - may not equal the total number of people vaccinated depending on the vaccine regime.

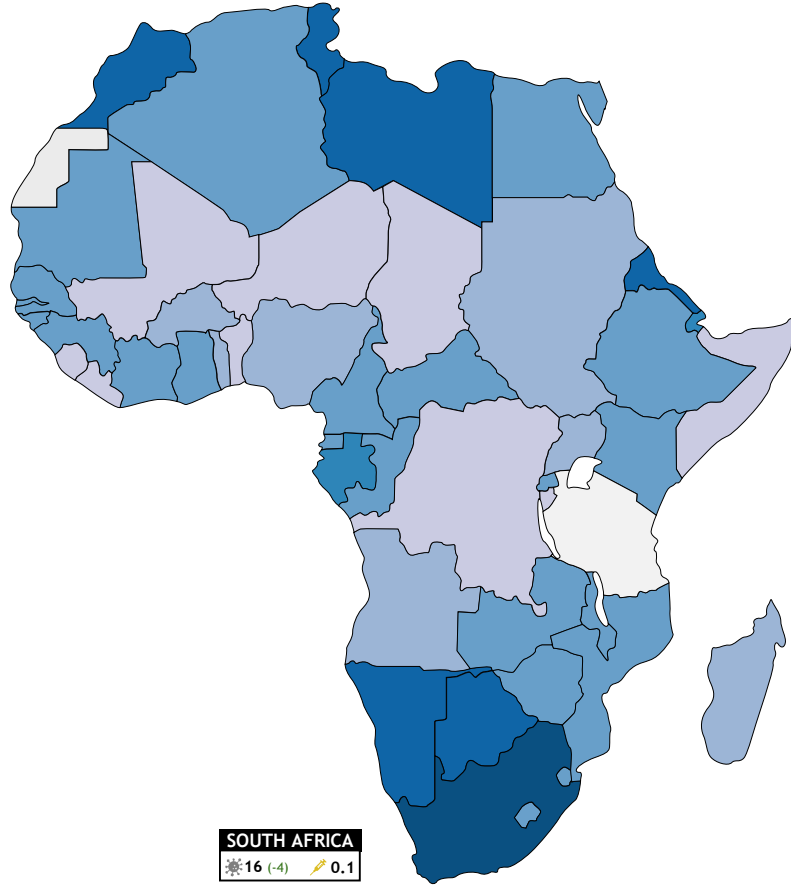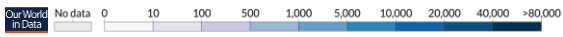Latest number of arrivals at Dec 2020 (Change compared to previous year).

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Disclaimer: Information on travel restrictions has been collated from multiple sources. Every effort has been made to provide information that is factual and up to date. However, with frequently changing regulations we can not guarantee error-free information

Metric	Data source	Source link
Cumulative confirmed COVID-19 cases per million (map)	Our World in Data	https://ourworldindata.org/coronavirus-data-explorer
Weekly change in COVID-19 cases (calculated)	Our World in Data	https://github.com/owid/covid-19-data/tree/master/public/data
Cumulative COVID-19 vaccination doses:	Our World in Data	https://ourworldindata.org/coronavirus-data-explorer
International arrivals (December 2020)	Stats SA	http://www.statssa.gov.za/publications/P0351/P0351December2020.pdf

Fun Fact:
Why do we choose to represent covid with a grey icon? Read here

Country	Source of travel restriction information
Australia:	https://covid19.homeaffairs.gov.au/leaving-australia
Botswana:	https://www.dfa.ie/travel/travel-advice/a-z-list-of-countries/botswana/
Brazil:	https://www.garda.com/crisis24/news-alerts/444706/brazil-international-covid-19-entry-restrictions-unchanged-regional-restrictions-updated-as-of-feb-18-update-28
Canada:	https://travel.gc.ca/destinations/south-africa
China:	https://www.travelinglifestyle.net/china-reopening-borders-for-international-visitors-mid-august/
Eswatini:	https://www.thekingdomofeswatini.com/travel-advice/
France:	https://www.gouvernement.fr/en/coronavirus-covid-19
Germany:	https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/faqs/EN/topics/civil-protection/coronavirus/coronavirus-faqs.html#doc13797140bodyText3
India:	https://www.trip.com/travel-restrictions-covid-19/
Italy:	http://www.salute.gov.it/portale/nuovocoronavirus/dettaglioContenutiNuovoCoronavirus.jsp?lingua=italiano&id=5412&area=nuovoCoronavirus&menu=vuoto&tab=5
Japan:	https://www.japan.travel/en/coronavirus/
Kenya:	https://www.kenyanevisa.com/entry-restrictions/
Lesotho:	https://www.gov.ls/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/gazette1.pdf
Malawi:	https://www.malawitourism.com/travel-advice/
Mozambique:	https://www.dfa.ie/travel/travel-advice/a-z-list-of-countries/mozambique/
Namibia:	https://namibiatourism.com.na/page/covid-19-updates
Netherlands:	https://www.government.nl/topics/coronavirus-covid-19/tackling-new-coronavirus-in-the-netherlands/travel-and-holidays
Nigeria:	https://ncdc.gov.ng/
Russia:	https://travelbans.org/europe/russia/
South Africa:	https://www.gov.za/covid-19/individuals-and-households/travel-coronavirus-covid-19
Spain:	https://edition.cnn.com/travel/article/spain-travel-covid-19/index.html
United Kingdom:	https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus
United States:	https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/ea/covid-19-information.html
Zambia:	https://www.dfa.ie/travel/travel-advice/a-z-list-of-countries/zambia/
Zimbabwe:	https://www.dfa.ie/travel/travel-advice/a-z-list-of-countries/zimbabwe/

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