

Next step in the reopening of travel takes effect on 26 June

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Phase 4 of the reopening of travel to and from Denmark commences on Saturday 26 June 2021.

The fourth and final phase of the agreement on a gradual reopening of travel will enter into force on 26 June 2021, when Denmark will transition to a corona passport-based approach for travel within the EU and Schengen area. From then on, it will be possible for holders of an EU corona passport to travel to Denmark if the holder has been tested, is fully vaccinated or has been previously infected. At the same time, the travel restriction colours are being changed and the status of green is being reintroduced to the travel guidelines.

The political agreement means that the following, among other things, will enter into force on 26 June 2021:

- The 'green' status will be reintroduced in the travel guidelines in phase 4 for EU and Schengen countries. The 'green' status is also introduced for travel restrictions. This means that EU and Schengen countries and regions which are currently 'yellow' will become 'green'; at the same time, the 'orange' status of countries and regions will change to 'yellow'.
- The travel restrictions will transition to an EU corona passport-based approach. It will be possible for all residents of EU and Schengen countries (including Danes) to be issued with an EU corona passport that can be used for transnational travel.
- Travellers arriving from the new yellow (previously orange) EU and Schengen countries and regions will no longer need to self-isolate. As the status of all EU and Schengen countries is either green or yellow, this means that tourists travelling from EU and Schengen countries can enter Denmark without having to self-isolate upon arrival. At the same time, Danish travellers will be able to return from holiday in EU and Schengen countries without having to self-isolate after returning home.
- Travellers from the new green EU and Schengen countries will no longer have to be tested after entry, nor will these travellers have to be tested before boarding flights from green, yellow, and orange countries and regions. Danish travellers will not have to be tested before travelling home to Denmark unless they are flying from a red-status country.
- The requirement of being tested before entry is being relaxed so that foreigners who permanently reside abroad can present a negative PCR test taken no more than 72 hours before the time of entry. An antigen test is only valid if taken no more than 48 hours before the time of entry.
- The agreement harmonises the rules for accompanying children of up to and including 17 years of age of previously infected parents with rules for accompanying children of vaccinated parents, so that these children will not be required to be tested or to self-isolate after entering Denmark.
- Danish business travellers returning to Denmark from a business trip to an orange country are not required to self-isolate after entering. And they don't need to self-isolate outside working hours, either. Similarly, foreign business travellers from orange countries

attending a business meeting in Denmark are exempt from the self-isolation requirement after entry. The persons concerned are still required to be tested in accordance with the rules otherwise in force.

- Fully vaccinated tourists from EU and Schengen countries, OECD countries or yellow-status third countries are allowed to disembark from cruise ships. An evaluation of the cruise ship scheme will be launched in mid-August.
- All travellers who have stayed in a red-status country or region (excluding transit, however) 10 days before entry must be tested and self-isolate after entry. At the same time, testing requirements for red-status countries and regions have been tightened so that passengers must present a PCR test taken no more than 72 hours before boarding the aircraft, and foreigners permanently residing in red-status countries must present a PCR test taken before entering Denmark. The PCR test must not have been taken more than 72 hours before boarding the aircraft or before the time of entry.

[Read about the implementation of phase 4 here.](#)

Jeppe Kofod, Minister for Foreign Affairs:

“From 26 June, Danes can go on holiday again throughout the EU without having to present a negative test result before their return journey or without having to self-isolate at the end of the holiday. We therefore deliver on our promise that Danes will be able to travel on summer holidays in Europe. Many have had to cancel holiday plans over the past year, and the world map has been coloured orange and red. As the summer holidays approach, the green status is returning to travel guidelines for EU and Schengen countries with low infection rates. The last time we used the status of green was more than 468 days ago. It has been a long, difficult and necessary process to take care of Denmark and the Danes. The safety and security of the Danish population are still the government’s top priority. This is why I’m pleased that we can now reopen even more in a controlled, responsible and safe manner.”

Nick Hækkerup, Minister for Justice:

“I’m pleased that we can now look forward to reopening travel even more for the benefit of the Danish people, tourists and the business community up to the summer holidays. Denmark is in a good place with declining infection rates and more than one in four Danes fully vaccinated, and this new easing of restrictions will make it easier for Danes to travel. However, it is still crucial for us to keep the variants out of Denmark, which is why the remaining restrictions are still important.”

Michael Aastrup Jensen, foreign affairs spokesperson (Liberal Party) and Anni Matthiesen, tourism affairs spokesperson (Liberal Party):

“The Liberal Party is pleased that we have reached a broad agreement that removes many obstacles to outward and homeward travel within the EU. At the same time, we are clearing the way for more business travellers to enter Denmark, as they no longer have to self-isolate if they are arriving from an orange country. This is good for tourism and its related industries, the travel industry, the business community and for Danes travelling to

other European destinations this summer. The agreement removes the self-isolation and testing requirements and makes several countries available to a large number of travellers. These are initiatives that the Liberal Party has fought hard to achieve through multiple negotiations, and we're pleased to note the broad political support of these initiatives."

Lise-Lotte Blixt, health affairs spokesperson (Danish People's Party):

"Our priority has been to communicate to our neighbouring countries that their residents can now travel to Denmark for their holiday easily and safely. At the same time, we're pleased that the agreement continues the strict monitoring of entry from countries with new variants."

Karina Lorentzen, legal affairs spokesperson (Socialist People's Party):

"Every summer, many EU residents travel on holiday to Denmark, and Danes travel abroad to other EU countries. Today's agreement spreads reassurance that crossing the border into Denmark can be done more easily. At the same time, we are upholding tighter rules for third countries experiencing possible COVID-19 variants which mustn't be allowed to spread to Denmark. This is a balanced, sensible solution!"

Kristian Hegaard, legal affairs spokesman (Social Liberal Party):

"Businesses and tourists need clear rules about entering Denmark. Restrictions mustn't be kept in place longer than necessary. It's crucial that more people can travel to Denmark without difficulty. This is important for business travellers and the tourism sector. Denmark does not make money from self-isolation tourism, and it's difficult to do business in Denmark if you're self-isolating. Therefore, it was crucial for the Social Liberal Party to do away with the self-isolation requirements for travellers from the EU and Schengen area and for business travellers who are not travelling from an area affected by a variant."

Søren Søndergaard (Red-Green Alliance):

"The world is bigger than Denmark, and it's good we can get out and experience more and more of it – and that travellers from outside Denmark can visit us. But COVID-19 is still ravaging various hotspots and threatening to beat us back to square one. This makes it essential for us to help ensure that everyone is ensured access to vaccines all over the world. No one's safe until everyone's safe."

Birgitte Bergman, tourism spokesperson (Conservative People's Party):

"Denmark is open to tourists once again. It's been important for us to establish rules that are as simple as possible for tourists coming from EU, Schengen and OECD countries. Now we're finally sending a clear message to tourists from abroad that they can visit Denmark again, so we can keep the wheels turning for important Danish companies and jobs. We've also helped make it easier for Danes who want to travel abroad on their holiday and fought hard for both issues in the Conservative People's Party. Also, we

removed the self-isolation requirement for business trips to orange countries. An important point for Denmark's business community."

Ole Birk Olesen (Liberal Alliance):

"Denmark is emerging from a state of emergency where a parliamentary majority has deemed even tiny risks of further transmission of infection as justification for sizeable infringements of Danes' freedom. The agreement also normalises the possibility of travelling to Denmark and restores a more balanced sense of proportionality in the policy pursued."

Franciska Rosenkilde (the Alternative):

"We of the Alternative are pleased that Europe is now getting COVID-19 under control, which means that Europeans can visit one another again without having to think about nation states and national borders. Needless to say, we hope they will choose to visit us by rail."

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