



Some countries have said they'll allow international travellers to enter without negative coronavirus tests or having to quarantine — once they've had the Covid vaccination. Here's what you need to know. This article is being constantly updated with the latest developments

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he UK is cautiously easing its way out of <u>lockdown</u>, meaning international travel isn't currently allowed. However, following the announcement from Prime Minister Boris Johnson on Monday 5 April, <u>UK</u>

<u>staycations</u> will be allowed to go ahead from Monday 12 April. And although the Prime Minister cautiously stated that he still cannot confirm the timeline until the Global Travel Taskforce report is completed on Monday 12 April, overseas breaks may still be permitted from Monday 17 May at the earliest. Read '<u>When will we travel?</u>' for all the latest information. And in more good news, some more countries have said they'll allow travellers to enter once they've been <u>vaccinated</u> – something the UK is hoping to achieve for the entire adult population by July 2021 (in terms of the first dose) and then autumn 2021 (for both doses).

Although <u>vaccine passports</u>, or 'Covid status certification', is still being discussed by the UK government, on Monday 5 April Boris Johnson confirmed this is likely to be used for overseas travel. Fortunately, many countries have already said they will welcome travellers, potentially without a negative Covid-19 test or having to quarantine upon arrival if they have official proof of having had a coronavirus vaccine, or, in some places, if passengers have evidence that they have recently had and recovered from the virus, and therefore still have the necessary antibodies in their system. Here's that list of countries so far.

## **ROMANIA**



Transylvania, Romania
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Arrivals into Romania will not need to quarantine, provided they can show proof of two Covid vaccinations, the second dose having been given more than 10 days before travel.

Where to stay: <u>Transylvania</u> is a glorious throwback to go-slow, rural living, filled with 12th-century buildings and Gothic castles, horse-drawn carts, brown bears roaming the mountains and farmers busily ploughing fields. There's also some excitingly fresh places to stay there too, thanks to Bethlen Estates.

What to do: Take a trip to the Carpathian Mountains to see Bran Castle – also known as Dracula's Castle, due to its similarity to the fortress described in Bram Stoker's novel. Or choose to explore one of the many, many other <u>beautiful</u> places in Romania.