

RESTRICTIONS ON ENTRY TO AUSTRALIA RELATING TO COVID-19 FOR CRUISE SHIPS

30 day suspension on cruise ships

On 15 March 2020, the Australian Government announced a full restriction on arrivals of any cruise ship that has left a foreign port. The restrictions are inclusive of direct arrivals and Round Trip Cruises (RTC). This measure will be reviewed after 30 days.

The health, welfare and safety of Australians, both at home and overseas, is the highest priority of the Australian Government.

From 0001 AEDST 16 March 2020, Australia will deny entry to any cruise ship that has left a foreign port, with the exception of:

- Australian-flagged vessels.
- International cruise ships en route having departed their last overseas port and destined for Australia.
- Australian cruise vessels (domestic cruise ships) operating within the Australian Exclusive Economic Zone can continue to operate without restriction.
- RTC's that are already in progress and currently returning to Australia.

Cruise ships that do not meet the above exemptions, may be approved through the Maritime Traveller Processing Committee (MTPC). These approved cruise ships will be required to go to Brisbane or Sydney.

Crew

- Cruise ship crew must self-isolate for 14 days* or for the duration of their stay whichever is shorter.

Cruise Passengers entering Australia

On 15 March 2020, the Australian Government announced that all travellers entering Australia from 0001 AEDST 16 March 2020 must undertake a precautionary self-isolation period for up to 14 days* upon entry to Australia. This applies to any traveller entering Australia, inclusive of Australian citizens and permanent residents. For any travellers who are entering Australia for less than 14 days*, they must self-isolate for the entire duration of their stay.

These measures apply to all travellers entering Australia via aircraft and cruise ships.

Travellers with existing domestic transfer bookings or arrangements may complete their domestic transfer and commence their precautionary self-isolation period (of up to 14 days*) at the final destination.

The travel restrictions for mainland China, Iran, the Republic of Korea and Italy remain in place.

All travellers will be notified of the precautionary self-isolation requirement through updated a health fact sheet. Travellers may be required to complete a form confirming that they understand they are required to complete the self-isolation period for up to 14 days*.

Additional messages for travellers

- On 15 March 2020, the Australian Government restricted all cruise ships from entering Australia for 30 days, inclusive of direct arrivals and Round Trip Cruises.
- Cruise ship crew must self-isolate for 14 days* or for the duration of their stay whichever is shorter.
- Australian citizens and residents may complete a domestic transfer and commence their precautionary 14 day* self-isolation period in the final destination.
 - While in transit, they must remain in the airport or if they have a layover, they must self-isolate in their accommodation for that transit period.
- Foreign nationals must complete the 14 day* isolation period or they may disembark the cruise ship and return to their home country.
 - While in transit, they must remain in the airport or if they have a layover, they must self-isolate in their accommodation for that transit period.

* Please note that the 14 day period commences from the day of departure from the last port of embarkation. As an example, if a ship has travelled for 10 days prior to arrival in Australia, the self-isolation period will only be the remaining four days. This is only applicable provided no crew member falls ill or displays symptoms of illness.

These arrangements are kept under constant review and will be updated as necessary.

The ABF appreciates your ongoing support and cooperation during this time. For additional support, please contact the Border Operations Centre at **+61 1300 368 126**.