



UPDATE ON COVID 19 PREVENTION MEASURES IN THE EVENT OF THE FIRST CONFIRMED CASE IN GUATEMALA

Guatemala, March 14, 2020. This afternoon, the President of the Republic, Dr. Alejandro Giammattei, delivered a message to the nation in which he highlighted the following provisions that have an impact on the tourism sector:

As of March 15:

- All sports events must be held behind closed doors or cancelled.
- All religious activities celebrating Holy Week will be suspended.
- Public or private meetings with more than 100 people will be cancelled.
- Fairs celebrating patron saints will be suspended as long as the state of public calamity lasts.
- Shows must adhere to a limit of no more than 100 people.
- The entry prohibition for residents of Spain, Germany, Italy, France, China, Iran, Korea, Japan and the United Kingdom will continue. Furthermore, from midnight Monday March 16, the provision will include residents of the United States and Canada.
- The terms of entry of persons from El Salvador has been agreed upon in conjunction with the authorities of the neighboring country and with certain specified exceptions.
- Residents or persons of those nationalities coming to Guatemalan territory will be taken to an appropriate place for quarantine.
- Guatemalans coming from those countries will have to undergo medical evaluations and obey the protocols of the Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare (MSPAS), depending on their place of entry, in order to protect the Guatemalan population.
- Since yesterday, during the 30-day state of calamity approved by the Congress of the Republic and which started on March 6, 2020, no cruise ships will be allowed to enter the country's ports.
- In addition to telephone number 1517, 1540 is also available to clarify doubts, give or receive information.

These measures seek to protect the lives of Guatemalans as stipulated in the Political Constitution of the Republic of Guatemala. The population is urged to remain calm and is reminded that the national authority for COVID 19 is the Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare (MSPAS), therefore the Guatemalan Tourism Institute (INGUAT) will comply with any instructions issued.

The INGUAT, in line with the recommendations of the World Tourism Organization (WTO), is preparing recovery strategies in conjunction with other actors in the sector. We remain at your service to coordinate any actions and support. Please continue to be informed through the social networks:

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