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Your guide to the most popular travel destinations for 2022 as UK travel rules are lifted.

The news that travel rules in the UK have been lifted entirely means a hard-hit travel industry may begin to recover in 2022 – but where can you actually go on holiday this year? While testing, quarantine and even the passenger locator form have been dropped in the UK, this isn't the case for the majority of destinations in the world, some of which are yet to reopen for tourism since the start of the pandemic in 2022.

While travel to most European countries is now accessible, there are still testing requirements for some – and some

important admin to be done before you can board the plane. Some countries will allow visitors to enter without a vaccine, but it's certainly easier to travel if you've had at least both jabs. In some cases you'll need a booster, too.

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CAN I GO TO SPAIN?

ENTRY RULES FOR SPAIN: TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS EXPLAINED

Travel in 2022 is set to be easier than ever as Covid restrictions ease, but what does this mean for holidays to Spain, and are British travellers allowed to enter? Here's what you need to know about the entry rules and Covid tests required if you're planning a trip to Spain now.

Can I go to Spain on holiday?

Yes, as long as you're fully vaccinated within the last 270 days. As of Monday 14 February, all travellers over the age of 18 who enter the country must be able to prove they have had at least two vaccines, receiving their second jab at least 14 days before. As it currently stands, you do not need proof of a booster jab to enter Spain, unless your second vaccination was more than 270 days ago. Those aged 12-18 do not need to be vaccinated to enter the country, but must be able to show proof of a negative PCR test.

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What are the entry requirements for Spain?

Most travellers must be fully vaccinated to enter Spain, although exceptions will be made for those who can show proof of having recovered from a Covid Infection in the past six months. EU citizens and accompanying family members of an EU citizen (including those travelling for tourism purposes), residents of Spain, or those covered by one of the other exemptions listed may present alternative documentation to the vaccine certificate. For more information, check the government's requirements.

All passengers arriving in Spain by air or sea, including those in transit, must complete a health control form before their departure, regardless of country of origin. Travellers aged 12-18 can show a negative PCR test if they are not double-jabbed. Passengers may also be contacted and required to undertake a Covid test at any point up to 48 hours after their arrival in Spain.

Can you travel to Spain unvaccinated?

Some travellers will be allowed to enter Spain without a vaccine if they meet the country's requirements. Without a vaccine, travellers must have proof of having recovered from Covid in the past six months. Previously, only fully vaccinated travellers aged 12 and over could enter Spain from the UK, but the destination has relaxed rules slightly, meaning it is now accepting certificates of recovery from Covid in lieu of full vaccination in adults. However, those who cannot meet either criteria will not be able to enter.





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Since 1 February 2022, travellers will need to have received their second jab between 14 and 270 days before travel to Spain and the Canary Islands to be classed as fully vaccinated. Children aged 12-17 no longer need to show proof of a vaccine, but will need a negative PCR test to enter.

Is it safe to travel to Spain now? The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office considers Spain safe to visit right now, although notes that it's important to get travel insurance before your trip. It's always best to check local government advice before travelling, as rules can change quickly and without notice.

WHERE TO STAY:

Are you looking for time to decompress post-lockdown, or for a busy city break? After perhaps more than a year at home, it can be hard to choose, but Spain has both. Start in Barcelona at the smart Nobu Hotel for the sights and history, before hopping to the Balearic Island of Mallorca and checking into the El Llorenç Parc de la Mar for rooftop views and gin-clear waters.

WHAT TO DO:

As well as switching to a tapas-only diet, we recommend hiring a car to drive the coastal paths of Mallorca. Make a stop at Es Pontàs, a natural arch in the south-eastern part of the island, in time for sunset.

