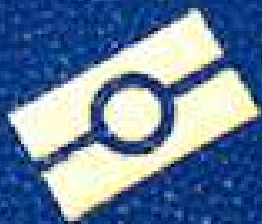COVID-19

TRAVEL INDEX

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GLOBAL PANDEMIC

On March 12, 2020, the World Health Organization announced Covid-19 a Global pandemic. The Global Pandemic (COVID-19) has caused global crisis in travel and tourism on an unprecedented scale,and has destroyed the passport power and freedom of movement. Health restrictions takes precedence above visa restrictions amidst the pandemic..

We did a quick study on the travel restrictions during the pandemic, in the worst case scenario. As coronavirus spread its tentacles, travel bans imposed by chain of countries.

We named our study as **Covid-19 Travel Index**. It is a very simple ranking model to understand what is going on with travel restrictions.

To score the rankings, we looked into travel bans in 197 countries. we used the dataset compiled by nccr-on-the-move and flight travel restrictions compiled by IATA Timatic

What we found in the result was totally surprising. All of a sudden passport power tilted upside down and all passports are equal, it also revealed countries with epicenter of coronavirus suddenly tumbled in rankings.

For example, Chinese passport is the worst in the world with most entry bans. The Afghan passport for years remained the worst passport in the world, suddenly far better passport than United States or Italy.

Despite all the pandemic, European passports continue to dominate at the top of the table. The passport power of Asian countries and some european countries (eg. Italy, Spain) have collapsed.

CORONAVIRUS

TRAVEL

RESTRICTIONS

RANKINGS

Rank	Country	Access
1	Cyprus	96
	Romania	
	Ireland	
	Croatia	
	Iceland	
2	Finland	94
	Luxembourg	
	Malta	
	Greece	
	Hungary	
	Poland	
	Slovenia	
	Czechia	
	Lithuania	
	Slovakia	
	Latvia	
3	Sweden	93
	Netherlands	
	Belgium	
	Portugal	
	Liechtenstein	
4	Denmark	92
	Austria	
	Norway	
5	Switzerland	90

Rank	Country	Access
6	Brazil	87
	Venezuela	
	Cape Verde	
	Mozambique	
	Guinea-Bissau	
	Angola	
	Sao Tome	
7	Barbados	86
	Canada	
	New Zealand	
	Argentina	
	Seychelles	
	Chile	
	Monaco	
	Bahamas	
	Antigua and Barbuda	
	Saint Kitts and Nevis	
	San Marino	
	Brunei	
	St Vincent and the Grenadines	
	Trinidad and Tobago	
	Andorra	
	Uruguay	
	Costa Rica	
	Mexico	
	Mauritania	
	Mauritius	
	Vatican City	
	Grenada	

7	Cyprus	86	Gambia		Togo
	Israel		Guyana		Gabon
	Saint Lucia		Lesotho		Nigeria
	Dominica		Nauru		Tajikistan
	Panama		Belarus		Chad
	Paraguay		Tanzania		Madagascar
	Peru		Sierra Leone		Burundi
	Ukraine		Zambia		Central African Republic
	Serbia		Ghana		Cambodia
	Solomon Islands		Kenya		Cameroon
	Honduras		Swaziland		Equatorial Guinea
	Tuvalu		Namibia		Laos
	Vanuatu		Zimbabwe		R Congo
	El Salvador		Malawi		Jordan
	Tonga		Saudi Arabia		Comoros
	Colombia		Uganda		Myanmar
	Guatemala		Indonesia		Bhutan
	Samoa		Oman		Haiti
	Russia		Suriname		South Sudan
	Montenegro		Kazakhstan		Lebanon
	Nicaragua		Papua New Guinea		Turkmenistan
	Moldova		Bolivia		DR Congo
	North Macedonia		Azerbaijan		Djibouti
	Georgia		Philippines		Nepal
	Bosnia Herzegovina		Senegal		Libya
	Albania		Benin		Eritrea
	Palau		Armenia		Ethiopia
	Micronesia		Mali		Pakistan
	South Africa		Mongolia		Palestine
	Belize		Burkina Faso		Sudan
	Jamaica		Cote de Ivoire		North Korea
	Timor-Leste		Niger		Somalia
	Qatar		Cuba		Yemen
	Botswana		Dominican Republic		Afghanistan
	Fiji		Guinea		Syria
	Ecuador		Kyrgyzstan		Kosovo
	Maldives		Rwanda		
			Liberia		

8	Malaysia	84
9	United Arab Emirates Egypt	83
10	United States Thailand	82
11	France Macau	81
12	Singapore Spain Hong Kong Taiwan	80

13	United Kingdom	76
14	Japan	75
15	Italy	74
16	South Korea	65
17	Iran	64
18	China	59

Source: nccr on the move database, IATA timatic

Note: We considered the travel restrictions in 197 countries. The index does not cover visa restrictions, only entry bans on flights for health reasons considered

"Access" means allowed access to passengers but subjected to quarantine, requirement of covid-19 certificate etc. Entry is banned in all other countries.

BEST CITIZENSHIPS

Social distance

STAY HOME

SELF CARE

#StopCovid19