

## **COUNTRY: Belgium**

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### Restrictions

As of 15 June, Belgium has lifted border restrictions on all movements within the European Union, the Schengen Area and the United Kingdom, subject to a favourable epidemiological situation in Belgium and the countries concerned. Any person with Belgian nationality, with or without their main residence in Belgium, long-term residents in Belgium and persons with legal residence in Belgium, may always return to Belgium.

The EU Member States and associated Schengen countries still temporarily ban all non-essential travel to and from so-called “third countries” in the EU+ area until 30 June 2020. These measures may be extended.

The temporary travel restrictions do not apply to persons doing essential work or for compelling reasons, such as:

- Health professionals, health researchers and professionals providing care for the elderly.
- Frontier workers
- Seasonal agricultural workers.
- Transport staff responsible for the transport of goods and other transport personnel, as necessary
- Diplomats, staff of international organisations, military personnel and humanitarian workers in the performance of their duties
- Passengers in transit
- Passengers travelling for compelling family reasons
- Persons in need of international protection or for other humanitarian reasons; travel in accordance with the principle of ‘non-refoulement’

Phase 4 of the lockdown easing plan will start on 1 July, with no impact on transport operations.

FEBETRA has created a comprehensive webpage on measures taken in Belgium. The page can be consulted in [Dutch](#) and [French](#).

On 13 July, the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs updated its travel advice list and included Sweden in the red list.

Countries and areas included in the red list are subject to a formal travel ban and mandatory test and quarantine upon return in Belgium.

Full details can be read [here](#).

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