



SAILINGS FROM JAPAN

General Current Health Protocols for Japan (all nationalities):

Guidelines for Preventing the Spread of Infection for International Cruise Operations

To board an international cruise at the port in Japan, guests must follow both vaccination and testing as stated below.

Vaccination Requirements

Guests 12 years and older must have received their final dose of an authorized COVID-19 vaccine at least 14 days before the beginning of the cruise and provide proof of vaccination at terminal check-in.

A booster dose is required for guests 18 years and older, when eligible.

Pre-embarkation testing

All guests 5 years and older are required to provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test prior to embarkation. All tests, including nucleic acid amplification test (PCR) and rapid antigen qualitative test (RAT), must be performed within 3 days of embarkation.

Azamara can provide antigen testing for guests arriving without proof of a negative COVID-19 test, in the terminal, prior to embarkation, for a fee of \$59.

Masks

Mask wearing is recommended in public areas indoors for guests 5 years and older.

* These requirements of guidelines for boarding ships are different from quarantine measures to entry into Japan. Please refer below.

Information about entry into Japan (Quarantine measures)

All entrants are required to provide either a valid COVID-19 vaccination certificate (3 doses) or a certificate of negative result of pre-departure COVID-19 test conducted within 72 hours prior to departing from the original country/region.

Those who are unable to present a valid vaccination certificate, or a valid certificate of inspection will not be allowed to enter Japan.

<https://www.japan.travel/en/practical-coronavirus-information/government-measures/>

App/Website for Entry into Japan ‘Visit Japan Web’

[Visit Japan Web](#) is a web service for smooth arrival procedure at airport. FAST TRACK makes your immigration procedures easier. By registering required certificates online before arrival, Quarantine procedure at airports can be smoothly done by just showing QR code on screen.

U.S Citizens Traveling to Japan:

Guests traveling to Japan may pre-register for airport Immigration, Customs, and Vaccination review, and use “Fast Track” at major airports across Japan using [Visit Japan Web](#).

Passport validity required for traveling to Japan: Duration of intended period of stay. Note that although you are not required to have 6 months validity on your passports to enter Japan, but you may need 6 months validity if you transit Japan to travel to other countries. Check passport requirements of your destination before travelling: You can visit the [Governments Website](#) for more information.

Visa Free Travel for U.S Citizens Tourists

Individual tourists may visit Japan. At that time, tourists with U.S. passports will no longer need visas for short-term visits (up to three months).

Covid Travel Requirements for U.S Citizens

Adults (18 and over)

	Pre-Travel Test (72 Hours)	Test on Arrival	Quarantine	Proof of Vaccination
Fully Vaccinated*	NO	NO	NO	REQUIRED

Unvaccinated	REQUIRED	NO	NO	N/A
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*Fully vaccinated is defined as having received three doses of vaccines prescribed on the Emergency Use List of World Organization (WHO). Contact the Ministry of Health, Labor, and Welfare (MHLW) for additional information.

Children Traveling with Parent(s)

	Parent/Guardian Vaccination Status	Pre-Travel Test (72 Hours)	Test on Arrival	Quarantine	Proof of Vaccination
6 to 18 years	VACCINATED	NO	NO	NO	NO
6 to 18 years	UNVACCINATED	REQUIRED	NO	NO	NO
Under 6 years old	VACCINATED	NO	NO	NO	NO
Under 6 years old	UNVACCINATED	NO	NO	NO	NO

British (UK) Citizens Traveling to Japan:

The Japanese Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare, and Ministry of Foreign Affairs websites have details of the entry requirements for all travelers to Japan, including the ‘fast track’ entry system. Rules may be subject to change at short notice.

As part of travelling to Japan, you must submit information to the Japanese authorities before you fly. For arrivals on or after 14 November, MySOS will no longer be used, and you must use the Visit Japan Web site for pre-flight procedures. A written pledge to abide by Japanese rules on quarantine will no longer be required.

For arrivals who are triple-vaccinated, there is no longer a requirement to have a COVID-19 test before you fly. You will need to show a valid certificate confirming at least three vaccinations with any of the COVID-19 vaccines on the Emergency Use List of the World Health Organization (WHO). Some airlines may require these documents to be shown before boarding as part of their internal rules.

Further details can be found in the section on vaccination status below, on the [Ministry of Foreign Affairs website](#) and [Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare website](#) including the [Q&A](#)

The visa waiver system was reactivated from 11 October, which means that short-term visitors with British citizen passports no longer need to obtain a visa prior to travelling. This includes those coming for business, tourism, and to visit family and friends. Visas are still required for long-term stays and other purposes; please consult your nearest Japanese Consulate for guidance and how to apply. The online EFRS visa system used earlier this year is no longer required.

Vaccination requirements

If you are triple vaccinated

If you are triple vaccinated with two doses of AstraZeneca, Pfizer or Moderna vaccines (or one of Johnson & Johnson) and an additional booster shot from Pfizer or Moderna then you do not require a negative PCR test before flying. Note that AstraZeneca is not accepted as a valid booster. Valid certificates must be shown to prove vaccination with three doses of any of the COVID-19 vaccines on the Emergency Use List of the World Health Organization (WHO) Emergency Use List of the World Health Organization (WHO).

If you are not triple vaccinated

There is no requirement to be vaccinated in order to enter Japan, however if you cannot prove you are triple vaccinated with two doses of AstraZeneca, Pfizer or Moderna vaccines (or one of Johnson & Johnson) and an additional booster shot from Pfizer or Moderna, then you must take a PCR test within 72 hours before your flight and show a negative certificate in the approved format. You will be unable to use the 'fast track' system in this case. Note that AstraZeneca is not accepted as a valid booster.

Proof of Vaccination Status

You can use the UK COVID Pass to demonstrate your vaccination record to the Japanese authorities. Your NHS appointment card from vaccination centres is not designed to be used as proof of vaccination and should not be used to demonstrate your vaccination status. Residents in Japan should obtain a letter from the city or ward office before travelling.

If you've had COVID-19 in the past year

Proof of prior infection does not afford exemptions. You must follow the rules and regulations outlined above.

Children and young people

Children under 18, provided they are accompanied by a triple-vaccinated parent or guardian who supervises their activities, may follow the same rules as their parent even if the child is not triple-vaccinated. For unaccompanied minors, they must be triple-vaccinated or show a negative pre-flight PCR test in the same way as adults.

Australians traveling to Japan:

Japan has resumed its visa exemption scheme for short-stay tourism and business travel. You'll no longer need to apply for a visa prior to arrival or arrange your holiday through an authorized tour operator. If you have a valid vaccination certificate (3+ doses of an approved COVID-19 vaccine), you no longer need to do a pre-departure COVID-19 test for entry to Japan. Check your airline's testing requirements, as they may be different. Prior to departure, you'll need to register with [Visit Japan Web](#) to upload your vaccination certificate (or pre-departure PCR test result), answer a health survey and complete immigration and customs questionnaires. This will generate a QR code which you'll need to show on arrival in Japan.