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Update - Yellow Fever Vaccination Requirement for Passengers Traveling to Costa Rica



Update:

- On **August 14, 2025**, the Ministry of Health of Costa Rica announced that, due to high demand and the shortage of the yellow fever vaccine, the enforcement of the mandatory vaccination requirement for countries at risk has been postponed until **February 28, 2026**.
- However, this **extension does not apply to passengers traveling to Colombia**. Anyone traveling from Costa Rica to Colombia must present a yellow fever vaccination certificate, administered at least 10 days prior to the travel date.
- The Ministry of Health emphasizes the importance of travelers verifying in advance the health requirements of their destination country, in order to avoid inconveniences and ensure their safety during the trip.

Dear Travel Agencies,

The Ministry of Health of Costa Rica has issued Resolution DM-RC-2214-2024, which establishes the yellow fever vaccination requirement for passengers entering Costa Rica.

As of **February 28, 2026**, all passengers traveling to Costa Rica from the following countries will be required to present proof of yellow fever vaccination:

AFRICAN CONTINENT			AMERICAN CONTINENT
Angola	Equatorial Guinea	Mauritania	Bolivia
Benin	Ethiopia	Niger	Brazil
Burkina Faso	Gabon	Nigeria	Colombia
Burundi	Gambia	Senegal	Ecuador
Cameroon	Win	Sierra Leone	Guyana
Central African Republic	Guinea	Republic of South Sudan	French Guiana
Chad	Guinea Bissau	Rwanda	Paraguay
Republic of the Congo	Kenya	Sudan	Peru
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Liberia	South Sudan	Suriname
Ivory Coast	Mali	Tanzania	Trinidad and Tobago
Togo	Uganda	Zambia	Venezuela

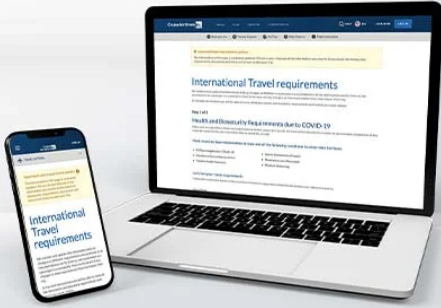
This resolution also applies to passengers of Costa Rican nationality traveling from Costa Rica to any of the listed countries. These passengers must present the yellow fever vaccination certificate at the airport of origin in Costa Rica to board their flight to those countries.

However, an exception is made for passengers bound for Colombia. As of **May 21, 2025**, all passengers traveling from Costa Rica to Colombia must present the yellow fever vaccination certificate, applied at least 10 days before the travel date.

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