

Travel to Belgium: COVID-19 safety measures

When planning your trip to Belgium, a few Covid safety measures are to be taken into account. An **overview of all regulations** can be found at <https://www.info-coronavirus.be/en/travels/> . Please check this page regularly for updates, as the situation can change, and as a result also the rules.

A valid vaccination certificate greatly facilitates easy travel. Information about the **recognition of foreign vaccination certificates** can be found at <https://www.info-coronavirus.be/en/recognised-vaccins-and-certificates/>

Additionally, Belgium requires all travellers, even vaccinated ones, to fill out a digital **Passenger Location Form (PLF)** within 48h before travelling. The form is to be completed online at <https://travel.info-coronavirus.be/nl/public-health-passenger-locator-form>

Safety measures for travellers to Belgium will be dependent on the **colour code of the country or region you are travelling from**. The colour code is regularly updated and can be verified at <https://www.info-coronavirus.be/en/colour-codes-by-country/>

The **procedure for travellers from green, orange and red zones** respectively, as well as the different requirements for **travellers from within and outside the EU/Schengen zone** is detailed at <https://www.info-coronavirus.be/en/travels/>

The **USA, the UK and Egypt**, amongst several other countries outside the EU/Schengen zone, are currently (21/09/2021) considered **red zones**. Vaccinated travellers from these countries will be **required to take a COVID-19 test upon arrival in Belgium**. Until receipt of their test result, which should take no longer than 24h, travellers will need to quarantine. Vaccinated travellers from red zones within the EU/Schengen zone do not need to get tested or quarantine.

Tests can be taken at official test centres at **Brussels airport** (Zaventem) and **Brussels Midi railway station** (Thalys and Eurostar arrivals). Both centres are open 7/7. The cost is appx. 40 EUR for a normal test (result in 24-36h) and appx. 120 EUR for a rapid test (result in a 4-6 hours).

Brussels Airport (Zaventem) test centre:

<https://www.brusselsairport.be/en/passengers/the-impact-of-the-coronavirus/covid-19-test-centre-at-brussels-airport>

Brussels Midi railway station (Thalys/Eurostar arrivals) test centre:

<https://brussels.testcovid.be/en/>

Additionally, it is possible to **get tested at independent pharmacies and certain medical centres in Brussels or Leuven**. However, it should be noted that not all pharmacies offer official tests. Also, most pharmacies are closed on Sundays and only take tests by appointment, so depending on your planned arrival date this may or may not be convenient. We strongly suggest you use the test centres at your port of arrival (airport or train station).

All **travellers without a valid vaccination certificate**, regardless of their country of departure, are required to take a PCR test within 72 hours prior to departure. Additionally, unvaccinated travellers from red zones outside the EU/Schengen zone will need to quarantine in Belgium for 10 days. More information at <https://www.info-coronavirus.be/en/travels/>

Do not hesitate to reach out to us at pyramidsandprogress@gmail.com should you like advice or assistance regarding the planning of your trip. We will be happy to help and look forward to welcoming you in Brussels and Leuven soon.

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