



November 2020 lockdown travel and holiday rules for England, UK and abroad

New restrictions effectively ban holidays and tourism for people living in the UK for at least a month

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New lockdown rules will effectively ban people from going on holiday.

The second coronavirus lockdown of 2020 begins on Thursday November 5. It will override the Three Tier system in England, which allowed for travel within England, the UK and abroad.

From 12.01am on Thursday November 5, people in England will be required to 'stay at home' other than for specific reasons, which include childcare, work, outdoor exercise, essential shopping and medical needs. The Government says it will confirm later if there are any other exceptions which allow people to leave their home.

The [new lockdown](#) effectively bans Brits from non-essential travel, which includes holidays. People are allowed to travel for work, care and education reasons if it is absolutely necessary.

When does the lockdown start and when will it end?

The lockdown regulations will be implemented from 12.01 am on Thursday November 5. They are expected to be in place until at least Wednesday December 2, but they could go on for longer.

Can I go on holiday in the UK or abroad?

No, from Thursday November 5, tourism travel "will not be allowed", the [UK Government says](#).

Overnight stays and holidays away from your primary residence, which means your home, will not be allowed, that includes both travel within the UK and going abroad.

The Government states: "Overnight stays and holidays away from primary residences will not be allowed. This includes holidays abroad and in the UK. It also means you cannot stay in a second home, if you own one, or stay with anyone you do not live with or are in a support bubble with.

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Can I travel around the North East, England or UK to visit people?

Unless your journey is for essential care, work or educational reasons, you should avoid travelling both within your immediate area and outside it.

You will be allowed to meet up to ONE person from another household outdoors in a public space, as part of the exercise exemption, but you should avoid leaving your local area to do so.

The Government says: "You should avoid travelling in or out of your local area, and you should look to reduce the number of journeys you make. However you can and should still travel for a number of reasons, including:

- travelling to work where this cannot be done from home
- travelling to education and for caring responsibilities
- hospital GP and other medical appointments or visits where you have had an accident or are concerned about your health
- visiting venues that are open, including essential retail
- exercise, if you need to make a short journey to do so

"If you need to travel we encourage you to walk or cycle where possible, and to plan ahead and avoid busy times and routes on public transport. This will allow you to practise social distancing while you travel."

Passengers are required to wear masks when using public transport like buses, trains and Metros.

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Holidaying in other parts of the UK 'won't be allowed', the Government says. That includes visiting second homes, if you have one, and staying at friends' or relatives houses.

Do you agree with the lockdown measures imposed? Have your say by taking our [short survey](#).



Can I go abroad - is there an international travel ban?

While there is no total ban on international travel, you will not be allowed to travel - within the UK or abroad - for holidays. Only trips for work, educational and care reasons are permitted.

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Package holidays and flights which are cancelled by tour operators will result in refunds. Package holidays which are not cancelled but are subject to FCO warnings against travel should also be refunded, but flights and hotels booked separately won't necessarily qualify for a refund.

Policies and actions taken can differ between operators. Ryanair, for example, has said it [won't issue refunds for flights](#) which are not cancelled, despite advice telling people they can't go on holiday.

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