

The plan of the restart of Greek Tourism was presented by the Minister of Tourism, Mr. Haris Theocharis.

Mr. Theocharis announced that the restart of tourism will take place:

- With safety for employees
- With respect to the visitors
- By strengthening the Health structures in the tourist destinations
- With the support of companies in tourism
- In consultation and cooperation with society, institutions and the global community

The opening schedule announced by the Minister is as follows:

- On **May 25** opens yachting.
- On **June 1** open campsites, camps and City hotels.
- On **June 15** start all other tourist services like Sun & Beach Hotels and flights from abroad only towards El Venizelos Airport of Athens.
- On **July 1** start all flights from abroad to all Greek airports.

According to the Prime Minister, there will be no preconditions for any kind of test, there will be no quarantine, and there will be sampling tests for epidemiological monitoring.

Mr. Theocharis also announced the strengthening of the health structures in all destinations. There will be a collaborating doctor for each hotel and special quarantine areas in case of covid - 19 incidents per destination, region, island.

At the same time, the Minister announced for small islands:

- 20 test analysts,
- 600 covid - 19 beds in all major destinations and
- a direkt transfer possibility of covid patients from small islands to covid hospitals in max. 2 hours.

### **Flights:**

Regarding the release of the flights, the Greek Minister said that from June 15, there will be a connection from abroad only with El. Venizelos Airport of Athens and only from countries with low covid cases.

For northern Europe, he said, Germany would be one of the first regions to be open and would be in the forefront. He named also Bulgaria, Cyprus and Israel.

From July 1, flights will be allowed at all airports in most countries, with a few exceptions, based on epidemiological features.

## **Greece Ready to Welcome Tourists from 29 Countries From June 15**

Greece's ministry of Tourism announced on Friday a list of 29 countries which it claims are relatively safe from the coronavirus and can send tourists to Greece starting on June 15.

The list is as follows:

- Albania
- Australia
- Austria
- Bulgaria
- China
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- Germany
- Hungary
- Israel
- Japan
- Latvia
- Lebanon
- Lithuania
- Malta
- Montenegro
- New Zealand
- North Macedonia
- Norway
- Romania
- Serbia
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- South Korea
- Switzerland

The Greek government will consider lifting the ban on citizens of other countries based on what it considers the success of pandemic control in each nation. Authorities say that the list of 29 countries will be expanded on or after July 1.

Currently, flights from the USA, UK, Russia, Italy, Spain, France and Brazil into Greece are banned.

**Random coronavirus tests will be administered to arriving air passengers upon landing in Greece.**