



## **REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS SUSPENDS COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS**

*Suspension of commercial flights from South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Lesotho, Namibia and Eswatini as from Monday 29th November till Friday 31st December 2021*

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Following the emergence of the B.1.1.529 Covid variant and following the decisions announced by many Governments worldwide, the Republic of Mauritius will suspend all flights from the listed countries with effect from Monday 29th November till Friday 31st December 2021. All passengers landing in Mauritius from these countries over the coming weekend will be subject to a mandatory PCR test which will be performed at the airport. In addition, they will have to undergo PCR tests on day 7 and day 14 which will be conducted by MOHW. This decision is deemed necessary to protect the safety and security of our citizens, residents and visitors.

Mauritius' Covid response has been widely recognised as one of the most effective globally, and a key part of its strategy has been to exercise caution when setting travel policy.

Arvind Bundhun, Director of the Mauritius Tourism Promotion Authority, said: "It is with regret that the Government of Mauritius has today taken the decision that all flights from these countries will be suspended from next Monday, 29th November till Friday 31st December 2021.

"Since the onset of the pandemic, Mauritius has imposed one of the most efficient pandemic responses. Maintaining this approach necessitates that we continue to follow a strict, public health-first approach in our Covid policies, including caution on inbound travel.

"The Government of Mauritius looks forward to welcoming visitors from these countries as soon as the public health situation improves."

Mauritius remains accessible from all other markets around the world. Since reopening its borders to international travellers on 1st October, after 18 months of closure, the nation has welcomed over 100,000 visitors.

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