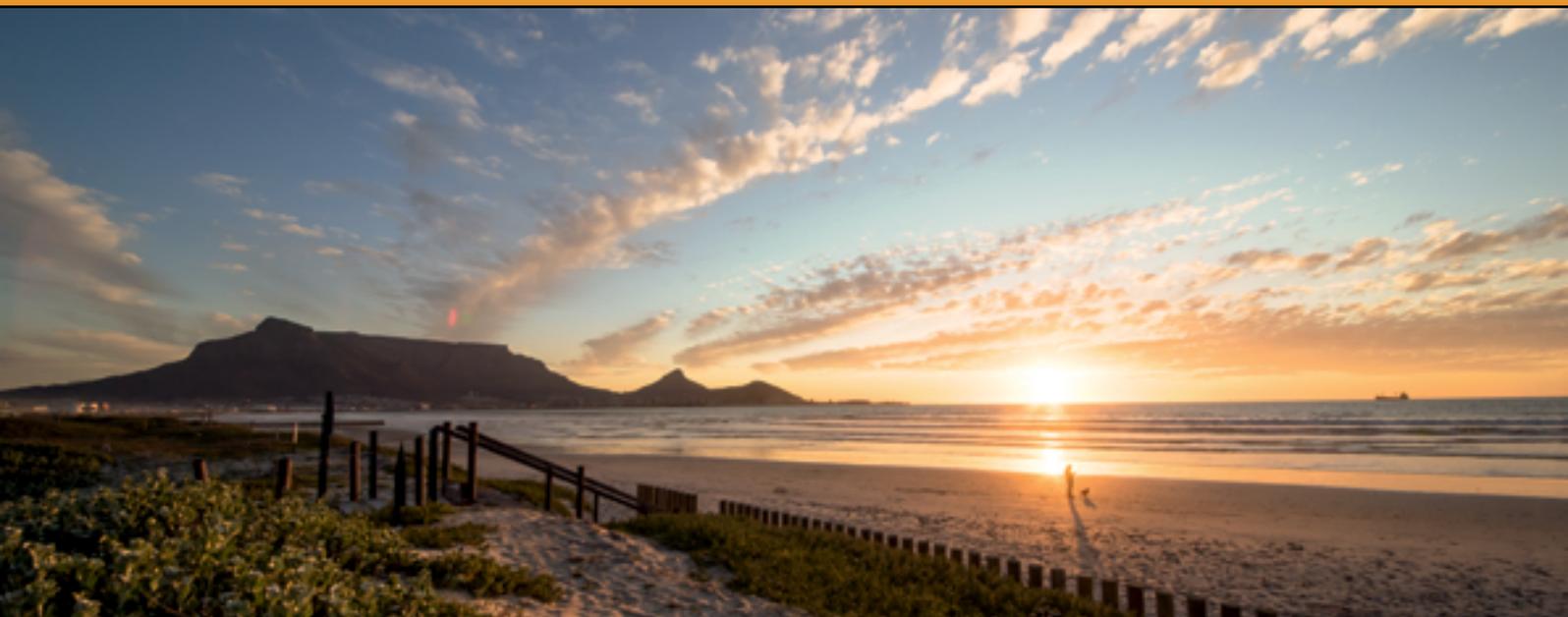


Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Daily Update: 19 May 2020



SOUTH AFRICAN TOURISM



Situational analysis

Source: WHO data 18 May 2020

Region	Confirmed cases		Deaths	
	New	Total	New	Total
Globally	93 324	4 618 821	4 452	311 847
Africa	2 500	61 163	38	1 748
Americas	50 879	2 017 811	2 810	121 609
Eastern Med	11 992	338 560	138	9 979
Europe	19 922	1 890 467	1 222	167 173
Sout East Asia	7 062	141 593	231	4 582
Western Pacific	969	168 515	13	6 743



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- [Low cost airline, Viva Air, based outside of Medellin, Colombia, remains in growth mode](#)
- A week after reopening schools, France sees a flare-up of cases (70 cases) related to children - <https://t.co/qoa3EbaqWI?amp=1> and <https://t.co/7lJRBaAZw?amp=1>
- Italy reports 99 new deaths, this is the lowest figure and below 100 for the first time in ten weeks
- [Jacinda Ardern became New Zealand's most popular prime minister in a century - in the first public poll since the outbreak, Adhern was at 59,5% - up 20.8 points on the last poll and the highest score for any leader in the Reid Research poll's history](#)
- [The Thai government is poised to push Thai Airways International into bankruptcy protection - it will make them the first national flag carrier to fail since the pandemic started.](#)
- [Ryanair gets a \\$726 million loan backed by the United Kingdom government to shore up its finances](#)
- The United Kingdom government has stated that they may exclude countries with low infection rates from the 14-day quarantine.



South Africa:

Date	Tests	Negative	Positive	Deaths	% +/-Tests	% test/Pop (58 780 000)	Fatality Rate (Deaths/Pos)	Recoveries	Recovery Rate % (Rec/Pos)
12 May	369 697	358 347	11 350	206	3,07	0,63	1,81		
13 May	386 352	374 278	12 074	219	3,13	0,66	1,81	4745	39
14 May	403 018	390 279	12 739	238	3,16	0,69	1,87	5 676	45
15 May	421 555	408 031	13 524	247	3,21	0,72	1,83	6 083	45
16 May	439 559	425 204	14 355	261	3,27	0,75	1,82	6 478	45
17 May	460 873	445 358	15 515	264	3,37	0,78	1,70	7 006	45

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- [Opening the skies in Europe](#). There is an expectation of 400 % more flights in June compared to May. Here is a summary of the airlines and their plans:
 - Lufthansa: They are planning 3600 flights (1800 return trips) weekly – compared to December 2019 (20 000 flights a week) this is approximately 15 to 20% return to normal schedule. Lufthansa, with group partners SWISS and Eurowings, will operate 70 overseas flights by mid-June - almost 400% increase from May. The long-haul routes mentioned in the article: Hong Kong, Los Angeles, Dubai, Mumbai, Mexico City, Tel Aviv and Johannesburg.
 - Brussels Airlines: flights resuming on June 15 starting with Germany, Switzerland, Spain, Portugal and Greece. Disinfection of aircraft and mandatory masks will be in place.
 - Eurowings: They are already flying to Prague and adding Cologne, Stuttgart and Munich to Palma de Mallorca - the Spanish travel ban still in place, but some hotels on the island are open. Dusseldorf to Rome - this is happening as Italians now have the green light to travel. Upcoming destinations include Nice-Majorca and five times a week to Lisbon.
 - Ryanair: they are planning to have 40 % of their flights running from July 1 and 90% of the schedules restored later in the summer - so about 1000 flights a day. They are already operating Stansted to Porto and Lisbon.
 - SWISS: 180 flights from Zurich and Geneva to 45 destinations in Europe on the cards for June. Long-haul flights will include three weekly flights to Newark, four flights weekly from Zurich to New York, two to Chicago, one to Singapore, Bangkok and Johannesburg, two to Tokyo and Hong Kong and three to Mumbai.
 - Wizz Air: They service mostly central and eastern Europe and want to return to 30% of their schedules in May and 70 % in peak summer.
 - Emirates: From May 21, Emirates are resuming flights to nine international destinations - five of them in Europe (London, Milan, Madrid, Frankfurt and Paris).
 - There is also mention of Qatar and Delta.
- [The Economist in their Espresso section compares low cost airlines in Europe](#)
- [Cruise companies are all advertising new cruises and departures, but the CDC said that they have not consulted with any of the cruise lines on timelines for resuming cruise travel for passengers. Doctors agree that there is not enough information yet to make a decision as to when it will be safe to go onboard](#)
- [More than 90 000 cruise workers have been stranded on ships in US waters two months after the pandemic began forcing cruise lines to halt operations and repatriate crew.](#)
- Uber has announced that it will cut another 3000 more jobs and close or consolidate 45 global offices - this is in addition to the 3700 job losses announced earlier this month.
- [Softbank CEO admitted that he was 'foolish' with his investment in WeWork - they value them at \\$2,9 billion, down from \\$47 billion a year ago](#)

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