

Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Daily Update: 28 April 2020



SOUTH AFRICAN TOURISM



Situational analysis

Source: WHO data 27 April 2020

Region	Confirmed cases		Deaths	
	New	Total	New	Total
Globally	85 530	2 878 196	4 982	198 668
Europe	29 659	1 359 380	2 307	124 525
Americas	45 674	1 140 520	2 453	58 492
Eastern Med	5 347	165 933	104	6 991
Western Pacific	1 482	144 121	15	5 958
SE Asia	2 214	46 060	77	1 824
Africa	1 154	21 470	26	865



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- [Japan acted quickly and contained the outbreak of Covid-19. However, the lockdown measures were lifted too early and the country was hit even harder the second time around 26 days later. Japan has been forced back into lockdown.](#)
- [Australia confirmed that they are talking to New Zealand to create a trans-Tasman bubble. "Travel bubbles" may also prove useful as a model for other nations where tourism represents a large portion of GDP, and for airline and tour operators around the world that have seen their businesses collapse](#)
- [New Zealand has provided guidelines that elimination does not mean zero cases, it means zero tolerance. When a case is identified, test, contact trace and isolate every single time](#)
- [Italy wants to reopen, but businesses are basically asking 'where is the money?'](#)
- [Italy will allow factories and building sites to reopen from May 4 and permit limited family visits](#)
- [German companies are calling for COVID-19 aid to be tied to climate action](#)
- [The number of cases in Russia now surpass China](#)
- [Indonesians look to resume their 'normal life' in July](#)
- [Thailand plans to extend its state of emergency until May 31, while also making preparations to restart businesses](#)



South Africa:

Date	Tests	Negative	Positive	Deaths	% +/-Tests	% test/Pop (58 780 000)	Fatality Rate (Deaths/Pos)	Recoveries
21 April	126 937	123 472	3 465	58	2,73	0,22	1,67	
22 April	133 774	130 139	3 635	65	2,72	0,23	1,79	
23 April	143 570	139 617	3 953	75	2,75	0,24	1,9	1473
24 April	152 390	148 170	4220	79	2,77	0,26	1,87	
25 April	161 004	156 643	4 361	86	2,71	0,27	1,97	
26 April	166 643	162 097	4 546	87	2,73	0,28	1,91	
27 April	178 470	173 677	4 793	90	2,69	0,3	1,88	

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GLOBAL NEWS

- [Forward Keys data for the period until April 19, 2020 was released yesterday:](#)
 1. Air travel fell to exactly half of the volume in 2019
 2. Cancellations peaked in mid-March
 3. Global seat capacity fell from over 40 million seats in operation to less than 10 % of that today.
 4. The good news, despite evaporation of demand, flight search data reveals that consumers are still dreaming about travel.
 5. YTY drop in travel with over 90 % of all flights currently grounded, the YTY data trend is set to continue to deteriorate:
 - Asia Pacific saw the worst drop-off at 56,1 %
 - Europe is down 50,2 %
 - Africa and Middle East is down 42,6 %
 - Americas is down 39,8 %
- Flight bookings are down 86,8 % compared to the first 15 weeks of 2019. (Bookings from Asia Pacific are down by more than 100 % - so new bookings were outweighed by cancellations. It then continues to mention the rest of the areas - Africa and Middle East down by 71,4 %.) March has seen effectively no new bookings with a wave of cancellations and that pattern continued into April.
- Consumers are still researching foreign travel and have a disproportionate interest in long haul travel in the third and the fourth quarters of the years. Countries researched include France, Italy, Japan, Spain and South Korea.
- [EU Nations are looking at a way to revive the crucial tourism industry this summer without causing the virus to spike](#)
- [Airlines are borrowing \\$31 billion to weather the pandemic - with companies from the Americas accounting for almost \\$20 billion -](#)
- [Boeing CEO says it will be years before global aviation returns to pre-pandemic levels \(he is talking 2 - 3 years\)](#)
- [United Airlines because the first major US carrier to require all flight attendants to wear face masks during the crisis as part of their 'proactive and aggressive' measures to keep staff and passengers safe](#)
- [Air Asia unveiled their new cabin crew uniform - complete with mask, visor and what looks like a boiler suit](#)
- [The global coronavirus deaths could be up to 60 % higher than reported. Mortality statistics show 122 000 deaths in excess of normal levels across 14 countries in an analysis done by the Financial Times](#)
- [The IMF MD says that the economic crisis from this pandemic can be worse than the Great Depression - she says a lot will depend on the second part of the year: do we have a secondary shut down and how slow will reopening be. They are projecting a 'cumulative loss' of roughly \\$9 trillion around the world - so a loss of about 6 % of global wealth](#)
- [Nearly 29 million more people in Latin America and the Caribbean face falling into poverty this year because of the pandemic, the UN warns in a new release - 'we stand before another lost decade'](#)
- [Merck, the first company to bring us an Ebola vaccine, has now officially stepped into the COVID-19 race](#)

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