

# How Travelers to the U.S. Can Get COVID Tests Abroad

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Now that a federally mandated testing requirement has gone into effect for U.S.-bound international arrivals, a growing number of hotels, resorts, airlines, and travel planners are offering coronavirus testing options to travelers.

If you will be heading or returning to the U.S. from abroad anytime soon, you'll want to make sure you have a strategy in place for getting a COVID-19 test prior to your departure to the states. As of January 26th, it's [required in order to board a U.S.-bound international flight](#).

The good news? Testing has ramped up the world over, and is becoming more widely available, including at airports and now increasingly at hotels. Travel companies, including airlines and travel planners, are also stepping in to help international travelers either actually get tested or find testing sites in their destination.

Making sure you have access to relative quick and reliable testing abroad is just one piece of the international travel puzzle, however. Another piece is making sure you are aware of the [latest COVID-19-related travel rules and restrictions](#) for any international destination you are flying to. And U.S. officials have cautioned that in addition to having a plan for getting tested to meet the new requirement, international travelers should also have a contingency plan in case their test comes back positive.

## **International hotels and resorts offering COVID testing**

As the U.S. testing requirement went into effect, hotels throughout the world rolled out programs to assist guests with accessing tests. (We've compiled some of them here, but know that the list continues to expand.) Travelers should check with any hotel or resort they book abroad to see if testing is available for guests, or if the hotel can assist in making testing arrangements. There is a stronger focus on destinations such as [Mexico](#), Costa Rica, and the [Caribbean](#) that are [easier for Americans to travel to at the moment](#). (Travel to numerous countries in Europe and Asia, for instance, still remains off limits to the majority of U.S. citizens.)

One of the biggest hotel groups to announce such a program is [Hyatt Hotels Corporation](#), which is now offering complimentary on-site COVID-19 testing through May 31, 2021, for guests traveling to the United States and staying at any of its 19 resorts in Mexico, Costa Rica, the Caribbean, and South America. Participating resorts include [Park Hyatt St. Kitts Christophe Harbour](#); [Andaz Costa Rica Resort at Peninsula Papagayo](#); [Thompson Playa del Carmen Beach House, Mexico](#); [the Cape, a Thompson Hotel, Cabo San Lucas, Mexico](#); [Andaz Mayakoba Resort Riviera Maya, Mexico](#); and [Thompson Zihuatanejo, a Beach Resort, Mexico](#).

If you test positive and must delay your travel to the U.S., Hyatt will also let you extend your stay at the majority of the participating properties for up to 14 additional nights at a rate of up to half off the standard price.

Turks and Caicos has at least a dozen testing facilities throughout the Caribbean islands that travelers have access to, including several locations at resorts. Properties that offer testing include [Amanyara](#), [Grace Bay Club](#), [Sailrock Resort](#), [the Palms Turks and Caicos](#), and [the Shore Club](#). More information on testing locations is available through the [tourist board website](#).

On St. Lucia, hotels including [Cap Maison Resort & Spa](#), [Jade Mountain](#), [Marigot Bay Resort and Marina](#), and [Sugar Beach—A Viceroy Resort](#) are offering testing. Additional testing options are available on the [St. Lucia COVID-19 travel advisory page](#).

When the [Rosewood Baha Mar](#) in Nassau, the Bahamas, reopens on March 4, 2021, it will have a dedicated testing center on the property where guests can receive complimentary COVID-19 antigen and PCR tests; results will be ready within 30 minutes.

Numerous hotels in Mexico's Riviera Nayarit can help guests either get tested on-site or at nearby hospitals, clinics, and laboratories. Properties offering testing include the [W Punta de Mita](#), [Four Seasons Resort Punta Mita](#), [the St. Regis Punta Mita Resort](#), and the [Conrad Punta de Mita](#), among numerous others. [Banyan Tree Mayakoba](#) in Riviera Maya, Mexico, has partnered with local healthcare providers to offer onsite COVID-19 testing to all guests.

Many hotels in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, are also offering on-site testing, either for free or for a fee. Properties in Puerto Vallarta have reported that they are prepared to host guests who test positive for COVID-19 on a designated floor or room and will provide three meals a day, laundry service, Wi-Fi access, and medical support as needed either for free or at a reduced rate. Participating properties include the [Hilton Puerto Vallarta Resort](#) and [Costa Sur Resort & Spa](#), among others.