

Honduras Gets “Safe Travel” Stamp from World Travel & Tourism Council



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The Honduras Institute of Tourism announced that the country has been awarded the Safe Travels Stamp by the World Travel & Tourism Council (WTTC). This designation recognizes Honduras' adherence to the WTTC's standard hygiene and sanitation protocol designed to keep travelers and people working in the tourism industry safe and healthy. These standards were developed by the WTTC following guidelines from the World Health Organization and the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention, and are endorsed by the World Tourism Organization.

From the Mayan ruins of Copán to the diver-friendly Bay Islands, from the birdwatching mecca of La Ceiba to the business hubs of San Pedro Sula and Tegucigalpa and beyond, international travelers will find the highest level of government monitored biosecurity measures in place at hotels, lodges, convention centers, restaurants and attractions.

"The WTTC Safe Travels Stamp recognizes the hard work of everyone in the Honduran tourism sector," said Honduras Minister of Tourism Nicole Marrder. "All of the businesses and destinations in our country that prioritize the health and safety of our visitors are integral in restoring confidence in the travel industry and welcoming international visitors back to our captivating and diverse destination."

With its tropical climate, focus on nature activities, plentiful wide open spaces, and easy access from major gateways in the United States, Honduras is positioned as an attractive destination for travelers seeking their first international adventure since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Honduras began welcoming international travelers back on Aug. 17, 2020. The country requires a negative COVID-19 test (PCR or antigen) for entry taken no more than 72 hours before departure of travelers' direct flight to Honduras. Tests for re-entry to the United States can be easily arranged with hotels directly or by visiting local express medical centers. Businesses are open at 50 percent capacity, and a curfew remains in place through April 18, 2021, from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. daily.

Located in the heart of Central America, Honduras is a destination rich in biodiversity as home to a diverse array of ecosystems, including rainforests, cloud forests, rivers, and the largest coral reef in the Americas. This country provides a setting for outdoor and adventure activities, including whitewater rafting, waterfall rappelling, birdwatching, SCUBA diving, snorkeling, and more. Honduras was an important center of the ancient Mayan world, and archaeologists and history buffs are drawn to the Copán Ruins, a UNESCO World Heritage site located near the country's western border with Guatemala.

Four major airports serve Honduras in San Pedro Sula, La Ceiba, Roatan and the capital city of Tegucigalpa, where a new airport is slated to open by the end of 2021. Direct air service from the United States is available on major carriers from New York City, Miami, Fort Lauderdale, Houston and Atlanta. For more information, visit www.honduras.travel/en.