

Earthwatch No Go List

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Please note:

Circumstances that could affect the safety or feasibility of Earthwatch programs (such as natural or human-made hazards, the impacts of COVID-19, or countless other risks) are subject to change at any time and at any location, including locations not listed here. As such, Earthwatch reserves the right to edit this list at any time.

Country	Regional Restrictions
Afghanistan	No Go: all
Algeria	No Go: all
Angola	No Go: Provinces of Cabinda, Lunda Norte and Lunda Sul
Armenia	No Go: within 5km of either border (east or west) with Azerbaijan; M4 and M16 highways between Ijevan and Noyemberyan and all areas eastward (Tavush region); areas east of Lake Sevan, the M10 highway, and the city of Yeghegnadzor (Gegharkunik and Vayots Dzor regions); Syunik region; Yeraskh village in Ararat region
Azerbaijan	No Go: border regions with Armenia; Nagorno-Karabakh region (includes districts of Khojavend, Shusha, Khojaly, Kelbajar and Tartar); districts of Zengilan, Jabrayil, Qubadli, Lachin, Fuzuli and Aghdam
Bangladesh	No Go: Southeast Bangladesh, including the Chittagong Hill Tracts (Khagrachari, Rangamati, and Bandarban Hill Tracts); city of Dhaka
Belarus	No Go: all
Benin	No Go: within 50 km of the borders with Burkina Faso, Niger and Nigeria in the departments of Atacora, Alibori and Borgou including W National Park and adjacent hunting zones (Djona), Pendjari National Park and adjacent hunting zones (Pendjari and Latakora), Meêkrou hunting zone, areas north of National Highway 7 (including the highway), and areas east of National Highway 2 (north of Tchaourou and including the highway)
Brazil	No Go: areas within 150 km/100 miles of Brazil's land borders with Venezuela, Colombia, Peru, Bolivia, Guyana, Suriname, French Guiana, and Paraguay (with exception of the Foz do Iguacu or Pantanal National Parks), informal housing developments ('favelas'), and Brasilia's administrative regions of Ceilandia, Santa Maria, Sao Sebastiao, and Paranoa
Burkina Faso	No Go: all
Burundi	No Go: all
Cameroon	No Go: All of Far North, North, Northwest, Southwest (including Bakassi Peninsula) and Adamaoua (Adamawa) regions; within 40km of borders with Central African Republic, Chad, and Nigeria; Gulf of Guinea
Central African Republic	No Go: all

Chad	No Go: all
China includes Hong Kong	No Go: all due to the current COVID-19 situation
Colombia	No Go: all
Republic of Congo (Brazzaville)	No Go: within 50 km of border with Central African Republic; Pool Department; Mouyondzi district of Bouenza department
Democratic Republic of the Congo	No Go: all
Djibouti	No Go: border areas with Eritrea, Somalia and Ethiopia
Ecuador	No Go: within 20km of the border with Colombia, including El Angel Ecological Reserve (except the official border crossing at Tulcan); Carchi, Sucumbíos, and Esmeraldas provinces, including Esmeraldas city; south of Portete de Tarquí Avenue in Guayaquil
Egypt	No Go: all
El Salvador	No Go: all
Eritrea	No Go: all
Ethiopia	No Go: all
Gambia, The	No Go: Southern border area with Senegal's Casamance region
Georgia	No Go: Border areas with Russia; Abkhazia and South Ossetia regions, including areas surrounding their Administrative Boundary Lines
Guatemala	No Go: Zones 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 11, 14, 15 and 18, 19, 21 and the city of Villa Nueva in Guatemala City; Jutiapa, Chiquimula, Petén, Zacapa and Izabal departments; San Marcos Department (except the city of San Marcos); Huehuetenango Department (except the city of Huehuetenango)
Guinea	No Go: border areas with Mali, Côte d'Ivoire, Liberia and Sierra Leone
Guinea-Bissau	No Go: all
Guyana	No Go: East Bank and the Timheri-Linden highway; Buxton, Agricola, Victoria, Friendship, Lusigan and Paradise areas of Georgetown; border area with Venezuela
Haiti	No Go: all
Honduras	No Go: all
India	No Go: within 10 km of the India-Pakistan border; Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir (except the eastern Ladakh region and its capital, Leh); states of Assam, Nagaland, Manipur, Chhattisgarh, Bihar, Jharkhand, and Odisha states; some districts of eastern Maharashtra (including Gadchiroli district), northeastern Telangana (Bhadradi Kothagudem), northeastern Andhra Pradesh (including Visakhapatnam district) states

Indonesia	No Go: Poso Regency in Central Sulawesi, Papua, South Papua, Central Papua, Highland Papua and West Papua Provinces; volcanic exclusion zones as designated by Indonesian authorities, currently: within 5 km of Mount Sinabung (North Sumatra), within 3 km of Mount Marapi (Sumatra) or Mount Semeru (East Java) within 5km of the crater or on the southeast side within 500m from any Besuk Kobokan riverbank
Iran	No Go: all
Iraq	No Go: all
Israel includes Gaza Strip, West Bank & Palestinian Occupied Territories	No Go: Gaza Strip, including the Israeli-side border region; West Bank (including Bethlehem, Jericho, Ramallah, Jenin and Nablus); Golan Heights (including Sheba'a Farms and Ghajjar) border area with Syria and within 500m of the border with Lebanon; within 5 km of the border with Egypt (including the town of Eilat)
Ivory Coast (Côte d'Ivoire)	No Go: within 50km of the borders with Mali and Burkina Faso, including the Zanzan and Savenes districts and all of Comoé National Park; within 25km of the border with Liberia
Jamaica	No Go: Hanover Parish (Logwood and Orange Bay), Westmoreland Parish (Southeastern quadrant of Savannah la Mar, Whitehall neighborhood of east Negril), St. James Parish (Cambridge, Springmount, Johns Hall, Montego Bay neighborhoods of Canterbury, Flankers, Glendevon, Mount Salem, Norwood, Paradise Heights and Rose Heights areas, Clarendon Parish (all except for passing through using T1 and A2 highways), St. Ann Parish (Steer Town), Kingston and St. Andrew Parish (West Kingston, Cassava Piece, Downtown Kingston including Trench Town, Arnett Gardens, Cockburn Gardens, Denham Town, Olympic Gardens, Seaview Gardens, and Tivoli Gardens, Duhaney Park, Grants Pen, Standpipe, Swallowfield, Elleston Flats, August Town) and St. Catherine Parish (Spanish Town, Central Village, Portmore)
Japan	No Go: restricted areas near the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant, Fukushima Prefecture
Jordan	No Go: within 5km of the Syrian and Iraqi border regions; refugee camps; northeastern Jordan (east of the city of Ruwaished)
Kenya	No Go: Northern Kenya including Turkana, West Pokot, Samburu, Marasabit, Isiolo; counties bordering Somalia including Mandera, Wajir, Garissa and Lamu counties; coastal areas of Tana River and Kilifi counties north of Malindi extending 50km inland; Eastleigh, Kibera and Pangani neighborhoods of Nairobi; Nyahururu, Laikipia West, and Laikipia North Sub-counties of Laikipia County
Kosovo	No Go: Leposavić, North Mitrovica, Zubin Potok and Zvečan municipalities
Kuwait	No Go: desert region near the border with Iraq; Jaleeb Al-Shuyoukh area in Kuwait City
Kyrgyz Republic (Kyrgyzstan)	No Go: border areas with Uzbekistan and Tajikistan, including Jalal-Abad, Batken, Osh oblasts and the Fergana Valley
Laos	No Go: Xaisomboun, Luang Prabang, Vientiane, Xiengkhuang provinces; remote areas along the border with Burma and Thailand; Golden Triangle Special Economic Zone
Latvia	No Go: areas near the border with Belarus

Lebanon	No Go: all
Liberia	No Go: border region with Côte d'Ivoire (Grand Gedeh and River Gee counties)
Libya	No Go: all
Madagascar	No Go: Anosy (except its capital Fort Dauphin (Tôlanaro)) and Atsimo-Atsinanana regions (south-east); Batterie Beach (north of Toliara); the area in and around the city of Tsaratanana, Betsiboka Region; the area along the unnamed road connecting the city of Tsiroanomandidy, Bongolava Region with the coastal city of Maintirano, Melaky Region
Malaysia	No Go: coastal areas and island groups of eastern Sabah state from Kudat to Tawau, including (but not limited to) Lankayan, Mabul, Pom Pom, Kapalai, Litigan, Sipadan and Matakang, including dive sites and tourist facilities in these areas
Mali	No Go: all
Mauritania	No Go: all
Mexico	No Go: the states of Baja California, Chihuahua, Coahuila, Colima, Durango, Guanajuato, Guerrero, Jalisco, Estado de Mexico (Mexico State), Michoacán, Morelos, Nayarit, Nuevo Leon, Sinaloa, Sonora, Tamaulipas, Veracruz, or Zacatecas
Moldova	No Go: Transnistria region
Morocco	No Go: all of Western Sahara, as well as within 30km of the Western Sahara Berm/Wall within Morocco near the Algeria border
Mozambique	No Go: Cabo Delgado Province, including Pemba City and the islands off the coast; Erati and Memba districts of Nampula province; the EN1 road between the Save River and Caia and the EN6 road between Chimoio and Beira (Sofala and Manica provinces)
Myanmar (Burma)	No Go: all
Nicaragua	No Go: all
Niger	No Go: all
Nigeria	No Go: all
North Korea (Democratic People's Republic of Korea)	No Go: all
Oman	No Go: border with Yemen
Pakistan	No Go: all
Panama	No Go: Darien province; Mosquito Gulf coast, including 16km inland between the Chiriqui and Cocolé del Norte rivers
Papua New Guinea	No Go: all

Peru	No Go: within 20km of the border with Colombia in the Loreto region; areas bordering Ecuador (within the Loreto, Amazonas and Cajamarca regions); Valley of the Rivers Apurimac, Ene, and Mantaro (VRAEM) including areas within the Ayacucho, Cusco, Huancavelica, and Junin regions; Arequipa, Cuzco (including the Sacred alley and Machu Picchu), Ica, and Puno
Philippines	No Go: Mindanao (including the Zamboanga Peninsula), Sulu Archipelago, and the southern Sulu Sea area
Russia	No Go: all
Rwanda	No Go: within 10 km of the border with Burundi; within 10 km of the border the Democratic Republic of the Congo, including towns of Gisenyi, Kibuye and Cyangugu along Lake Kivu
Saudi Arabia	No Go: all
Senegal	No Go: Casamance region; border areas with Mali and Mauritania
Somalia	No Go: all
South Sudan	No Go: all
Sri Lanka	No Go: High Military Zones in north and east, including: Jaffna Peninsula, Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu, Mannar and Vavuniya
Sudan	No Go: all
Syria	No Go: all
Tajikistan	No Go: within 30 km of the borders with Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan; Gorno-Badakhshan Autonomous Oblast (province); Vorukh municipality
Tanzania	No Go: Within 20km of the borders with Mozambique, Burundi and the Democratic Republic of Congo (Kinshasa), with the exceptions of the cities of Kigoma and Gombe, and Katavi and Mahale national parks
Thailand	No Go: Yala, Pattani, Narathiwat and Songkhla provinces
Togo	No Go: northern areas within 30km of the Burkina Faso border
Trinidad	No Go: on Trinidad: the Laventille, Beetham, Sea Lots, Cocorite, and the interior of Queen's Park Savannah in Port of Spain, and the Maracas and Las Cuevas beaches, Fort George and the La Brea Pitch Lake; on Tobago: Englishman's Bay and King Peter's Bay beaches
Tunisia	No Go: within 30km of the border with Algeria; within 75km of the Libyan border; governorates of Kasserine, Sidi Bou Zid, Le Kef, Jendouba, Tataouine; Mount Orbata in the governorate of Gafsa; the towns of Nefta, Douz, Medenine, and Zaris
Turkey	No Go: within 16km of the border with Syria and Iraq; provinces of Batman, Bingöl, Bitlis, Diyarbakir (including Diyarbakir city), Gaziantep, Hakkari, Hatay, Kilis (including Kilis city), Mardin, Mus, Sanliurfa, Siirt, Şirnak, Tunceli and Van
Turkmenistan	No Go: border regions with Afghanistan
Uganda	No Go: within 50km of the borders with South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of the

	Congo; Karamoja province in the Northern Region
Ukraine	No Go: all
Uzbekistan	No Go: areas bordering Afghanistan, including the city of Termiz; areas bordering Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, including the Andijan, Ferghana, Namangan and Tashkent regions
Venezuela	No Go: all
Yemen	No Go: all
Zambia	No Go: areas bordering Angola, Mozambique and Democratic Republic of Congo
Zimbabwe	No Go: Marange mining fields in Chiadzwa, Mutare district

Publicly Available Resources

Australian Government Smartraveller:
<https://www.smartraveller.gov.au/destinations>

UK Foreign Commonwealth Office:
<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice>

US State Department:
<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/map-and-travel-notice.html>

Government of Canada Travel Advice:
<https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories>