

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; border areas with the Democratic Republic of the Congo
Armenia	No Go: within 5 km of either border (east or west) with Azerbaijan; all of Syunik region; the M16/H26 road between Ijevan and Noyemberyan; east of Varagavan (H37 roadway) and Navur (H36 roadway) in the Tavush region; east of Vardenis in the Gegharkunik region; Jermuk via H42 and H43 roads in Vayots Dzor region; Yeraskh village in Ararat region; Nagorno-Karabakh region in Azerbaijan
Azerbaijan	No Go: all border regions with Armenia; Nagorno-Karabakh region and surrounding areas, including the East Zangezur Economic Region and the Karabakh Economic Region
Bangladesh	No Go: Southeast Bangladesh, including the Chittagong Hill Tracts (Khagrachari, Rangamati, and Bandarban Hill Tracts)
Belarus	No Go: all
Belize	No Go: Southside of Belize City (south of Haulover Creek Canal)
Benin	No Go: within 50 km of the borders with Burkina Faso, Niger and Nigeria in the departments of Atacora, Alibori and Borgou including the cities of Kandi and Tangueta, 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 of 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 the Bakassi Peninsula) and Adamaoua (Adamawa) regions; within 40 km 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 & Macau	No Go: Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region; border area with Myanmar
Colombia	No Go: all
Republic of Congo (Brazzaville)	No Go: within 50 km of the border with Central African Republic; Pool Department (except Brazzaville); Mouyondzi district of Bouenza department
Democratic Republic of the Congo	No Go: all
Djibouti	No Go: areas within 10 km of the borders with Eritrea and Somalia (Somaliland), and roads north of Tadjoura
Ecuador	No Go: within 20 km of the border with Colombia; within 2 km of the border with Peru; Esmeraldas, Sucumbíos, Manabí, Santa Elena, El Oro, Los Rios, and Santo Domingo provinces; city of Guayaquil (with the exception of transiting through the airport) and canton of Duran in the Guayas province
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
Guatemala	No Go: all
Guinea	No Go: all
Guinea-Bissau	No Go: all
Guyana	No Go: border areas with Venezuela and Suriname
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 (excluding Ladakh); northeastern states of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Tripura, and Manipur; eastern-central states of Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand and the border areas of the surrounding states (including the borders of Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal, and Odisha states)
Indonesia	No Go: all provinces of Indonesian Papua, includes Papua, Papua Barat (West Papua), Papua Pegunungan (Highland Papua), Papua Tengah (Central Papua), and Papua Selatan (South Papua); Aceh, Central Sulawesi and Maluku Provinces; volcanic exclusion zones as designated by Indonesian authorities, currently: within 5 km of Mount Sinabung (North Sumatra), within 3 km of Mount Marapi (West Sumatra), or Mount Semeru (East Java) within 5 km of the crater or on the southeast side within 500 m from any Besuk Kobokan riverbank
Iran	No Go: all
Iraq	No Go: all
Israel includes Gaza Strip, West Bank & Occupied Territories	No Go: all
Ivory Coast (Côte d'Ivoire)	No Go: all of Savanes province (Bagoué, Poro, and Tchologo regions), Northern Zanzan province (Boukano region including Comoé National Park), and Folon region and elsewhere within 50 km of the borders with Mali and Burkina Faso; within 50 km of the border with Liberia, including all of Montagnes province (Cavally, Guemon, and Tonkpi regions) and San Pedro region in Bas Sassandra province
Jamaica	No Go: St. Ann Parish (Steer Town and the Buckfield neighborhood near Ocho Rios); St. Catherine Parish (Spanish Town, Central Village, Portmore); Clarendon Parish (all except for passing through using T1 and A2 highways); St. Elizabeth's Parish (Vineyard District Community, between the communities of Salt Spring and Burnt Savanna); Hanover Parish (Logwood and Orange Bay); St. James Parish (All of Montego Bay on the inland side of the A1 highway and The Queen's Drive from San San to Harmony Beach Park); Kingston and St. Andrew Parishes (Cassava Piece; Downtown Kingston including Arnett Gardens, Cockburn Gardens, Denham Town, Olympic Gardens, Seaview Gardens, Trench Town, and Tivoli Gardens; Duhaney Park; Grants Pen; Standpipe; Swallowfield; Elleston Flats; and August Town); Manchester Parish (Green Vale, Gray Ground, Red Ground, and Vineyard neighborhoods of Mandeville); St. Thomas Parish (Black Lane neighborhood in Seaforth; Grands Penn; Church Corner neighborhood near Yallahs; Town of Yallahs, except when driving through on the main highway); Trelawny Parish (Clarks Town); Westmoreland Parish (Southeastern quadrant of Savannah la Mar, Morgan Bay, Kings Valley and the Whitehall, Bethel Town and Red Ground neighborhoods of Negril)
Japan	No Go: restricted areas near the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant, Fukushima Prefecture

Jordan	No Go: east of the city of Ruwaished, approximately 50 km from the Iraqi border; within 5 km of the Syrian border; any refugee camps; the cities of Zarqa, Rusayfah, and Ma'an; all areas of Ma'an Governorate east of Highway 15 and within 2 km west of Highway 15; the Baqa'a neighborhood of the city of Ayn Basha
Kenya	No Go: Nairobi neighborhoods of Eastleigh, Kibera, Pangani, and old airport road (Airport South Road) and Jogoo Road; within 60 km of the Somalia border including all of Mandera, Wajir, and Garissa counties and the northeastern area of Marsabit county (including the cities of El Wak, Wajir, Garissa, Mandera, Moyale, and Liboi), and Tana River County areas north of the Tana River; within 110 km of the borders with South Sudan and Ethiopia in Turkana and Marsabit counties; coastal areas extending 65km inland in Tana River County, and 50 km inland in Kilifi County north of the Galana-Sabaki River, and all of Lamu County; the road from Kainuk to Lodwar in Turkana County; areas of Laikipia County including Nyahururu, Laikipia West, and Laikipia North Sub-counties; the Likoni ferry in Mombasa
Kosovo	No Go: northern areas including Leposavić, North Mitrovica, Zubin Potok and Zvečan municipalities
Kuwait	No Go: desert region north of the Mutla'a Ridge and near the border with Iraq; Jaleeb Al-Shuyoukh area in Kuwait City
Kyrgyz Republic (Kyrgyzstan)	No Go: within 30 km of the border areas with Uzbekistan and Tajikistan, including all of the Jalal-Abad, Batken and Osh oblasts and the Ferghana Valley
Laos	No Go: Xaisomboun province; Bokeo province along the border with Burma and Thailand, including around the Golden Triangle Special Economic Zone
Latvia	No Go: areas near the border with Belarus
Lebanon	No Go: all
Liberia	No Go: Grand Gedeh and River Gee counties in the border region with Côte d'Ivoire
Libya	No Go: all
Madagascar	No Go: 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); and in and around the city of Betroka (Anosy Region)
Malaysia	No Go: coastal areas and island groups of eastern Sabah state from Kudat to Tawau, including dive sites and tourist facilities in these areas such as Lankayan Island
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, and Zacatecas; in Oaxaca state: the Isthmus region (bounded by Federal Highways 185D to the west and 190 to the north, and the

	Oaxaca-Chiapas border to the east) and Federal Highway 200 between the city of Pinotepa and the Oaxaca-Guerrero border; in Puebla state: the 'Huachicol Triangle' corridor stretching from Amozoc municipality to the Puebla-Veracruz border
Moldova	No Go: Transnistria region
Morocco	No Go: all of Western Sahara, as well as within 30 km of the Western Sahara Berm/Wall within Morocco near the Algerian border
Mozambique	No Go: Cabo Delgado Province; 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 16 km inland between the Chiriqui and Cocle del Norte rivers
Papua New Guinea	No Go: all
Peru	No Go: within 20 km of the borders with Colombia and Ecuador; Valley of the Rivers Apurímac, Ene, and Mantaro (VRAEM) including Abancay, Andahuaylas and Chincheros provinces (Apurímac department), Huanta and La Mar provinces (Ayacucho department), Tayacaja province (Huancavelica department), Concepción and Satipo provinces (Junín department); department of Puno; Huallaga province (San Martín department); areas around the Upper Huallaga river valley including Huacaybamba, Humalíes, Leoncio Prado and Marañón provinces (Huánuco department), Tocache province (San Martín department), Padre Abad province (Ucayali department)
Philippines	No Go: Mindanao (including the Zamboanga Peninsula, but excluding Camiguin, Dinagat and Siargao Islands), Sulu Archipelago, and the southern Sulu Sea area
Russia	No Go: all
Rwanda	No Go: within 10 km of the borders with the Democratic Republic of the Congo (including Gisenyi) and Burundi

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
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)
Tanzania	No Go: Within 30 km of the border with Mozambique in the Mtwara Region, including areas south of the A19 highway; within 20 km of the border with Burundi; and within 20 km from the shoreline of Lake Tanganyika along the border with the Democratic Republic of Congo (Kinshasa), excluding the city of Kigoma and the Gombe, and Katavi and Mahale National Parks
Thailand	No Go: all of Yala, Pattani, Narathiwat and Songkhla provinces
Togo	No Go: northern areas within 30 km of the Burkina Faso border including the city and area north of Dapaong, travel on the N28 and N16 highways, and the cities of Cinkassé, Korbongou, Kong, Mandouri, and Nadioum
Trinidad and Tobago	No Go: within Port-of-Spain: the Laventille, Beetham, Sea Lots, and Cocorite areas and inside Queen's Park Savannah
Tunisia	No Go: within 30 km of the border with Algeria as well as the entire governorates of Jendouba, Le Kef, Kasserine, Sidi Bou Zid including the mountainous areas in the country's west; the country's Greater South in all areas south of, and including, the towns of Nefta, Douz, Medenine, and Zaris and within 75 km of the Libyan border; Mount Orbata and surrounding areas between El Ksar and Sened in the governorate of Gafsa
Turkey	No Go: within 10 km of the border with Syria; the entirety of Hakkari and Şırnak provinces on the border with Iraq; the entirety of the provinces of Adıyaman, Batman, Bingöl, Bitlis, Diyarbakir, Hatay, Kahramanmaraş, Kilis, Malatya, Siirt, Tunceli Osmaniye, and Elazig
Turkmenistan	No Go: border regions with Afghanistan, Iran, and Uzbekistan
Uganda	No Go: within 50 km of the borders with South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (excluding the Eastern shores of Lake Albert); Karamoja province in the Northern Region
Ukraine	No Go: all
Uzbekistan	No Go: areas bordering Afghanistan, including the city of Termiz; areas bordering the Kyrgyz Republic and Tajikistan, including the entirety of the Andijan, Ferghana and Namangan regions

Venezuela	No Go: all
Yemen	No Go: all
Zambia	No Go: areas bordering Angola, Mozambique and Democratic Republic of Congo; Lusaka neighborhoods of Chibolya, Bauleni, Chainda, and Chalala
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>

New Zealand Government Safetravel:
<https://www.safetravel.govt.nz/travel-advisories-destination>