

Mobility: Immigration alert

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Argentina

Authorized travelers may now enter Argentina via the province of Mendoza

Executive summary

The Argentine Government recently reopened two ports of entry located in the province of Mendoza, which have been closed to international inbound travel since March 2020. Entry via Mendoza is restricted to Argentine citizens and residents, and other travelers who receive advance approval from the Argentine immigration authorities.

Key issues

On 7 September 2021, Argentina opened two new “safe corridors” which permit Argentine citizens, foreigners who hold permanent or temporary resident status in Argentina, and other authorized individuals to enter the country via the province of Mendoza. Authorized travelers may now enter the country via the Gobernador Francisco Gabrielli (El Plumerillo) International Airport and the Los Libertadores (Cristo Redentor) land entry crossing. International business travelers must obtain advance approval from the Argentine immigration authorities to enter via the new safe corridors.

Travelers who enter Argentina via the El Plumerillo Airport or the Cristo Redentor land crossing are still required to take a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) COVID-19 test no more than 72 hours prior to travel, and test negative, to be admitted. In general, these travelers are also required to take a PCR test upon arrival in Argentina, quarantine for seven days at a government-designated hotel, and test negative for a third PCR test on their seventh day in the country before being released from quarantine. The following categories of travelers are exempt from the

requirement to quarantine and take a third PCR test on their seventh day in Argentina: (1) international carriers and crew members, (2) foreign travelers who are expressly authorized by the Argentine immigration authorities to bypass the quarantine and day seven test requirement, and (3) passengers transiting through Argentina, provided they remain in the country for less than 24 hours. As of the time of this publication, the testing and quarantine requirements are the same for vaccinated and unvaccinated travelers.

Previously, authorized travelers were only permitted to enter Argentina via the capital city of Buenos Aires, specifically via the Ezeiza, San Fernando and Jorge Newbery International Airports, and the Dársena Norte (Buenos Aires) Terminal. The decision to restrict inbound travel to ports of entry in Buenos Aires was implemented in March 2020 following the declaration of a public health emergency, with the goal of limiting the spread of COVID-19 in Argentina.

The decision to allow travelers to enter Argentina via the El Plumerillo Airport and the Cristo Redentor land crossing is expected to benefit companies in the energy and oil and gas sectors, whose operations are based in the province of Mendoza and neighboring provinces, as well as travelers from neighboring countries such as Chile. These travelers are no longer required to incur the time and costs associated with entering Argentina via Buenos Aires and traveling across the country to Mendoza and neighboring provinces.

Key steps

EY will continue to monitor these developments. Should you have any questions, we encourage you to contact one of our immigration professionals.

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