

RESTRICTIONS ON CANARIAN TRANSPORT

The Ministry of Transport, Mobility and Urban Agenda has now passed Order TMA/246/2020, dated 17th March, laying down the measures for transport links permitted between the Spanish mainland and the Autonomous Region of the Canary Islands, due to the rapid evolution of the public health crisis caused by COVID-19, on a national and global scale, following the Government's declaration of a State of Emergency throughout the country.

The following are now forbidden:

1. From 00:00 hours on March 19th 2020, all commercial or private flights from any airport located within the Spanish national territory and with the destination of any airport located within the Canary Islands are forbidden.
2. From 00:00 on 18th March 2020, passengers arriving on transport-carrying vessels and passenger ferries that provide regular crossings from the mainland to ports located in the Canary Islands will not be allowed to disembark, with the exception of lorry head drivers of the transported goods.
3. From 00:00 on March 19th 2020, entry is forbidden into all ports within the Canary Islands for all boats and vessels used for recreational or sporting purposes or on nautical lease (charter), regardless of where it has travelled from.
4. From 00:00 on 18th March 2020, landing is forbidden in all airports within the Canary Islands of private planes, air taxis or similar operations, regardless of their origin.

Exceptions:

1. In order to allow the mobility needed by passengers for some of the authorised activities laid out in Article 7.1 of Royal Decree 463/2020 from March 14th, the following connections in relation to **return** flights to Canary Island airports are permitted:

- 2 flights a day between Madrid and Gran Canaria.
- 2 flights a day between Barcelona and Gran Canaria.
- 1 flight per day between Bilbao and Gran Canaria.
- 1 flight per day between Seville and Gran Canaria.
- 2 flights a day between Madrid and Tenerife North Airport.
- 2 flights a day between Barcelona and Tenerife North Airport.
- 1 flight per day between Bilbao and Tenerife North Airport.
- 1 flight per day between Seville and Tenerife North Airport.
- 1 flight per day between Madrid and Tenerife South Airport.
- 1 flight per day between Madrid and Fuerteventura.

- 1 flight per day between Madrid and La Palma.
- 1 flight per day between Madrid and Lanzarote.
- 1 flight per day between Barcelona and Lanzarote.

3. On air transport routes between islands that are subject to public service obligations, the maximum number of **daily flights per direction** between airports in the Canary Islands will be as follows:

- Gran Canaria-Tenerife North. 4
- Gran Canaria-Lanzarote. 3
- Gran Canaria-Fuerteventura. 3
- Gran Canaria-El Hierro. 1
- Gran Canaria-La Palma. 1
- Tenerife North-La Palma. 2
- Tenerife North-La Gomera. 1
- Tenerife North-El Hierro. 1
- Tenerife North-Fuerteventura. 1
- Tenerife North-Lanzarote. 1

4. The prohibitions established in Article 1 above will not apply to State aircraft, cargo-only flights, flights of a positional, humanitarian, medical or emergency nature, ships that exclusively transport cargo or vessels sailing for humanitarian, medical or emergency purposes.

5. Passengers using the transport services authorised by this Article must be able to justify the urgent need to make the trip for one of the activities set out in Article 7.1 of the Royal Decree 463/2020 of 14th March.

6. The Canary Islands' Government may, in the case of exceptional humanitarian or medical circumstances or in public interest, authorise the ports located within the Autonomous region of the Canary Islands, to allow passengers to disembark from passenger ships and ro-ro transport-carrying vessels providing regular services as well as the disembarking of passengers from ships and pleasure craft used for recreational or sporting purposes or for nautical lease.

7. Passengers from ro-ro transport-carrying vessels and passenger ships who are currently on a journey to a port located in the Canary Islands at the time this Order is Published will be allowed to disembark.

These measures shall remain in force until the end of the State of Emergency or until there are circumstances to justify a new Order, altering the terms set out in this current one.

**Article 7.1 of Royal Decree 463/2020:*

Article 7. Limitation of the people's freedom of movement.

1. During the declared State of Emergency, people are only allowed to move around public roads and spaces to carry out the following activities. These activities must be carried out individually, unless they are accompanied by a person with disabilities, a minor, an elderly person or for other justifiable causes:

- a) Acquisition of food, pharmaceutical products and basic necessities.*
- b) To attend health centres, services and facilities.*
- c) Journey to the workplace for professional or corporate services.*
- d) Return to usual place of residence.*
- e) Assistance and care of the elderly, children, dependents, people with disabilities or anyone who is especially vulnerable.*
- f) Journey to financial or insurance institutions*
- g) Due to force majeure or an urgent situation.*

- (h) Any other activity of a similar nature.*

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