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Canada Lifting Restrictions For Fully Vaccinated Travellers In Early July:

Canada will be lifting most international travel restrictions for Canadians, permanent residents, and certain foreign nationals who are fully vaccinated, allowing those eligible to travel to do so with more ease, starting in early July. Effective July 5 at 11:59 p.m. EDT travellers who are currently able to enter Canada under the existing rules will be able to do so without having to self-isolate for 14 days, taking a test on day eight, or having to stay in a quarantine hotel upon arrival, if they are fully immunized against COVID-19.



U.S. Extends Travel Restrictions At Canada, Mexico Land Borders Through July 21:

U.S. land borders with Canada and Mexico will remain closed to non-essential travel until at least July 21, the U.S. Homeland Security Department said on Sunday. The 30-day extension came after Canada announced its own extension on Friday of the requirements that were set to expire on Monday and have been in place since March 2020 because of the coronavirus pandemic.



Porter Airlines Extends Flight Suspension Until 03AUG:

Porter Airlines is extending its flight suspension until 03AUG due to ongoing COVID-19 travel restrictions, according to the airline's website. In the same statement, Porter says it is preparing to introduce more health and safety measures which will be announced, "closer to when flights restart."



PAL Airlines Steps In To Fill Flight Gap In N.L. After Air Canada's Departure:

A Newfoundland and Labrador regional airline is stepping up to fill the void left by Air Canada's departure from the majority of its routes in the province. PAL Airlines, which flies small aircraft out of airports across the province, is on the brink of the largest expansion in the company's history, adding 12 new routes to its schedule. The airline will unveil service to Halifax, Fredericton, Saint John, Charlottetown, Ottawa and several Quebec destinations. They'll be rolling out the new routes over the course of the summer as pandemic restrictions lift, says Janine Browne, the airline's sales director.

What's behind those high rental car rates in the U.S. – and why Canadians should reserve vehicles as early as possible:

When travel started to reopen in the U.S. earlier this spring, all eyes were on airfares and hotel rates, and whether or not they would dip to stimulate demand, or skyrocket as airlines and hotel companies worked to recoup even a small percentage of their COVID losses. Car rental rates were below the radar, for the most part. But not anymore. The sudden surge in domestic travel in the U.S. has come with supply and demand issues that have sent rental car rates through the (sun) roof. Anecdotal reports of rental car rates as high as \$700 per day in some parts of the U.S. have been making the rounds for several weeks.



Maritime Travel – TravelSmart: COVID-19 Health and Safety Resource Center:

Maritime Travel has compiled a one-stop resource for travel managers and travellers, offering accurate and up-to-date information on policies pertaining to all forms of travel. This online portal will consist of categories such as:

- [General Information \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [Government Regulations](#)
- [Air Travel Regulations](#)
- [Hotel Updates](#)
- [Car & Ground Transportation](#)