

# TRAVELBIZ NEWS

## Volcano ash new developments - Latest travel updates

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### Austria

- Austrian airspace, including all Austrian airports, reopened at 5 a.m. Monday (11 p.m. ET Sunday) and situation be monitored has not ruled out another closure in the coming hours.

### Belgium

- The Brussels airport has confirmed arrivals will begin at 8 a.m. Tuesday (2 a.m. ET). Departures will begin at 2 p.m. (8 a.m. ET) if the air quality remains clear, officials said.

### Canada

- Flights into and out of St. John's, Gander and Deer Lake, Newfoundland, may be affected by volcanic activity, AirCanada said.

### Denmark

- The Danish Aviation Authority said its upper airspace -- above 35,500 feet -- was open as of 2:30 p.m. Monday (8:30 a.m. ET). Denmark's airspace below 35,500 feet remained closed, and will be closed until at least 8 a.m. Tuesday (2 a.m. ET), it said.

### Finland

- Finland, which had opened airspace over two airports briefly, closed airspace at one of them. As of 8 p.m. Monday (1 p.m. ET), flight restrictions were in place at Helsinki and Turku airports, the Finland Aviation Authority said. Tampere-Pirkkala airport is open until midnight (5 p.m. ET). Earlier, the aviation authority had opened airspace to Tampere-Pirkkala and Turku airports, citing "a break" in the ash cloud.

### France

- Airports north of a line from Nantes to Nice will undergo "a partial reopening
- France reopened airports in Toulouse, Montpellier, Pau, Tarbes, Biarritz, Bordeaux, Nice, and Marseilles until 3 p.m. Monday (9 a.m. ET), when they will reassess the situation.
- Air France is busing passengers from de Gaulle down to these airports in the south of the country. The airline plans to have seven flights leave France on Monday: six from Toulouse airport and one from Pau.
- It also hopes to have nine flights fly into France on Monday: into airports in Toulouse, Bordeaux, Nice and Marseilles.

### Germany

- German airspace will remain closed until 2 p.m. Tuesday (8 a.m. ET). This does not affect an earlier announcement from Lufthansa that it will fly 50 airplanes currently in 15 intercontinental destinations back to Germany beginning late Monday.
- Germany's Lufthansa airline will fly 50 airplanes currently stopped in 15 intercontinental destinations back to Germany and will bring back 15,000 people. The flights will begin late Monday, and the first -- a flight from the Middle East -- is due to land at 3 a.m. Tuesday (9 p.m. ET Monday). Some domestic flights will also begin Monday night, the airline said.

### Ireland

- Ireland extended its airspace closure through 6 p.m. (1 p.m. ET) Monday.

### Italy

- The airspace in northern Italy is closed until 8 a.m. Tuesday (2 a.m. ET), the country's civil aviation authority said. Airspace throughout the rest of the country opened at 7 a.m. Monday (1 a.m. ET), but the situation remains fluid with officials checking how long it can remain open, the civil aviation authority said.

### **Netherlands**

- Three KLM flights will leave Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport at 8 p.m. (2 p.m. ET), according to the airline. The flights are bound for Shanghai, China; Dubai, United Arab Emirates; and New York's JFK airport. Priority was given to transit passengers, KLM said, but it could not confirm the exact number of passengers aboard.
- Intercontinental flights scheduled to arrive in Amsterdam on Monday "will be decided on a case-by-case basis, at the latest four hours before departure," KLM said.

### **Norway**

- The airspace over Oslo airport (Gardermoen), and Kjevik, Torp and Rygge airports opened Monday.

### **Poland**

- About half the airspace in Poland is open, but that over Krakow remains closed, an airport official in the historic city said Monday.

### **Russia**

- Moscow's Sheremetyevo Airport will resume some flights to Europe, Israel, Egypt and Turkey.

### **Scotland**

- Scotland will reopen its airspace at 7 a.m. Tuesday (2 a.m. ET), the United Kingdom's air traffic control service said. "The volcanic eruption has reduced and the volcano is not currently emitting ash to altitudes that will affect the UK," it said. Airspace above England and Wales, including London, may be opened later Tuesday.

### **Spain**

- All 16 airports in Spain were scheduled to reopen at 3:30 p.m. Sunday (9:30 a.m. ET) -- several hours earlier than previously expected, the government announced.

### **Sweden**

- The airspace north and west of the flight corridor from Stockholm to Gothenburg opened Monday morning. The airspace around Bromma Airport has also opened.

### **Switzerland**

- Switzerland is not permitting flights before 8 a.m. (2 a.m. ET) Tuesday, the government said.

### **United Kingdom**

- UK airspace will "progressively open" Tuesday, the United Kingdom's air traffic control service said.  
Britain's Manchester Airport will reopen at 9 a.m. Tuesday (4 a.m. ET) unless there is deterioration in conditions, the agency said.
- British Airways will aim to resume some flights into and out of London's airports beginning at 7 p.m. Tuesday (2 p.m. ET) "following the proposed reopening of UK and European airspace by the aviation authorities."

### **Other countries**

- There are restrictions on civil flights across most of northern and central Europe. This swath includes Austria, Belgium, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Slovakia and Ukraine.

Please visit respective airlines website for further flight review.

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