

TRAVEL DESTINATIONS ACROSS EUROPE RECORD THE DELTA VARIANT

The delta variant of the coronavirus is spreading rapidly - even in popular travel destinations in Europe.

A moment ago, it looked as if the Corona pandemic was finally under control - but now the delta variant is causing increasing concern among virologists. **In the UK, the mutation now accounts for almost 90% of infections, and due to rising case numbers, the government postponed the openings planned for mid-June until July.** The delta variant is also increasing in other countries. Here is an overview of countries in Europe where the variant has increased.

Portugal: EU Country with the Highest Delta Share

In addition to the United Kingdom, Portugal has been particularly hard hit in Europe: according to GISAID, almost 50% of Corona cases are now attributable to the delta variant. The incidence is currently around 75 new infections per 100,000 inhabitants. Lisbon in particular has been hit hard by the variant and was therefore cordoned off over the weekend. So far, the capital and the Azores are considered risk areas from the RKI's point of view. In the remaining regions, however, travel is theoretically possible without major obstacles. On entry, holidaymakers need a negative PCR test not older than 72 hours or a negative antigen rapid test no more than 48 hours old. There is no exception for vaccinated or recovered persons.

Planning a Vacation in Austria? Delta Variant Also Increases Here

According to media reports, the delta variant now accounts for a quarter of cases in Austria. Overall, the incidence is just under 10 new infections per 100,000 inhabitants, so the risk of infection is currently still very low. Upon entry, Austria requires a negative PCR or antigen rapid test, and travelers must also register online beforehand.

Delta Variant Also on the Rise in Spain

Just over 10% of new infections in Spain are due to the delta variant. Corona incidence has risen again in recent days and is now around a level of 50. However, there are still no stricter rules for the travel destination. Only recently did the government allow rapid antigen testing as a means of detection for those entering the country.

Italy, France, and Greece Hardly Affected So Far

Cases of the delta variant have now also been identified in other European travel destinations. So far, however, these cases have not been numerous. In Italy, infections with the variant recently accounted for only around 5%. The incidence is also still very low, at around 12. In addition, the government now wants to abolish the mask requirement outdoors as of June 28. Entry is possible with a completed entry form and a negative PCR or antigen test.

The situation in France is similar: **The delta variant accounted for only 6.3% here in the last four weeks, according to GISAID.** The incidence, on the other hand, is approximately 25. For entry over the age of eleven, a PCR or antigen rapid test not older than 72 hours is required.

Those who are currently thinking about a vacation in Greece can still be reassured. The delta variant has not yet been detected here. In addition, the 7-day incidence has fallen steadily in recent weeks

and is now around 35. The government has also recently allowed entry with rapid antigen tests.

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