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ICC Men's T20 Cricket World Cup 2024

Tournament in June 2024 will be co-hosted in the West Indies and the USA

The 2024 International Cricket Council (ICC) Men's T20 World Cup will take place 1 - 29 June 2024. This year it is scheduled to be co-hosted by the West Indies (venues in Antigua & Barbuda, Barbados, Guyana, Saint Lucia, St Vincent & the Grenadines, Trinidad & Tobago) and the USA (venues in Florida, New York and Texas). Large numbers of British fans are expected to travel to support their teams.

Country-specific information can be found on our <u>Country Information pages</u> and <u>Outbreak</u> <u>Surveillance section</u>. See our new <u>Men's T20 Cricket World Cup infographic</u> for quick tips and links to resources on TravelHealthPro.

Advice for travellers

Before you travel

Check the <u>Foreign</u>, <u>Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO)</u> advice on safety and security issues, entry requirements and travel warnings for your destination. You should take precautions to maintain your <u>personal safety</u>.

Get comprehensive <u>travel health insurance</u>, including cover for any pre-existing conditions. Check out <u>FCDO insurance advice</u> and remember to pack your insurance documents. If you have any medical conditions, get advice from your GP or hospital specialist before you go, to help you manage your condition during your trip.

If you take regular medicines, see our advice about <u>travelling with medication</u>. For certain medicines, such as controlled drugs, you may need to apply for a special permit. If you are unsure about your medicine, contact the nearest <u>embassy or consulate</u> for your destination.

Pack and carry a basic first aid kit.

See our <u>Country Information</u> pages for current health information for your destination(s) during the tournament. Discuss your travel plans with your GP, practice nurse, pharmacist or travel clinic. Ideally this should be done at least six weeks prior to departure, but even a later appointment is still worthwhile.

You should be up to date with routine vaccination courses and boosters as <u>recommended in the UK</u>. These vaccinations include for example <u>measles-mumps-rubella (MMR)</u> vaccine and diphtheriatetanus-polio vaccine. Recommendations for other vaccines will depend on your itinerary.

<u>Mosquito spread</u> illnesses like <u>chikungunya</u>, <u>dengue</u>, and <u>Zika</u> are a risk in many of the host countries. <u>Yellow fever</u> may be a risk in Trinidad and Guyana (you should seek advice from a health professional as you plan your itinerary).

Malaria is not usually a risk in most of the countries hosting the ICC World Cup 2024. Although overnight stays in Guyana may pose a <u>malaria</u> risk, coastal areas including Georgetown, the



location of the stadium, are not normally a risk.

While you are away

You are advised to practice food and water hygiene precautions and be prepared to manage travellers' diarrhoea.

You should take insect bite avoidance measures during your stay.

Temperature and humidity can be very high. Remember to drink plenty of fluids and protect yourself from the sun by wearing appropriate clothing, a hat and sunglasses. Regularly apply highfactor sunscreen.

Take great care at all times when swimming. Currents can be deceptively strong, even on popular beaches. Always follow local warnings.

It is illegal to possess drugs in many countries and there may be severe penalties for drug offences. Pack all luggage yourself and do not carry anything through customs for anyone else.

Moderate your alcohol intake, avoid alcohol sold in unlicensed places and never accept drinks from strangers or leave your drink unattended. Remember, alcohol reduces inhibitions and can increase your chance of having an accident or doing something risky; you may be refused entry into the stadium if you drink too much.

Carry your own condoms and practice safer sex. If you think you may have been exposed to a sexually transmitted infection (STI) get medical advice and STI screening as soon as you can.

Transport routes around stadiums are likely to be busy, make sure you are prepared to manage crowded conditions. Advice on personal safety and security in countries hosting this event is available from the FCDO.

LGBTQ+ travellers should be aware that same sex relationships are a criminal offence in some countries in the Caribbean and carry harsh punishments. Individuals may also be subjected to discrimination and violence.

When you return

If you are ill within weeks or even months of your trip, particularly if you have fever or flu-like symptoms and/or diarrhoea and/or a skin rash, get urgent medical help. Remember to tell a health professional which countries you visited during your trip.

Advice for health professionals

Health professionals should contact the local microbiology, virology or infectious diseases consultant for advice about returning travellers with fever/acute illness. Further advice is available for health professionals from the Imported Fever Service.

Resources

- <u>Country Information</u>
- Outbreak Surveillance
- Men's T20 Cricket World Cup infographic
- <u>Centers for Disease Control</u>



- <u>ICC Cricket</u><u>ICC World Cup 2024</u>
- Barmy Army