

# **The Macao Special Administrative Region Travel Alert System officially in effect**

Source: Tourism Crisis Management Office

The “Macao Special Administrative Region Travel Alert System”, approved and published via Chief Executive Order n.º26/2017, takes effect today, the 7th of March, 2017. It is the responsibility of the Tourism Crisis Management Office (GGCT) to manage the said Alert System.

The objective of establishing a Travel Alert System is to allow an easy and timely dissemination of information about crisis situations, emergencies or catastrophes affecting different parts of the world, in order to raise the awareness of the population and to facilitate their decision when travelling abroad.

The Travel Alert System covers 77 countries or travel destinations which are the preferred travel destinations of Macao residents, categorized in three different levels and identified by the numbers 1, 2, and 3.

Level 1 represents an imminent threat to personal safety. Macao residents planning to travel or already in the destination should be alert and vigilant towards their own safety. It is suggested to exercise caution and monitor developments that might affect their personal safety.

Level 2 represents that the threat to personal safety is elevated. Macao residents planning to travel to or already in the destination should reconsider travelling at this time. It is suggested to avoid non-essential travel to the destination.

Level 3 represents the presence of an extreme threat to personal safety. Macao residents planning to travel or already in the destination should be aware of the severity of the situation and limits that any official assistance can be provided there. It is advised to avoid travelling to the destination and in certain situations, follow the advice issued by the Tourism Crisis Management Office (GGCT) to leave the destination.

Based on situations including but not limited to new type of terrorism, adverse weather conditions, security issues, political conflicts or issues related to public health, the GGCT issues Travel Alert – Level 1 to five countries and Level 2 to two countries:

Level	Countries/Destinations	Protective Measures
③	--	<b><u>Avoid travel:</u></b> Presence of an extreme threat to personal safety. Macao residents planning to travel to or in that destination should be aware of the severe situation and limits on official assistance that can be provided there. It is advised to avoid travelling to and, in some cases, leave the destination.
②	Egypt Turkey	<b><u>Reconsider non-essential travel:</u></b> The threat to personal safety is elevated. Macao residents planning to travel to or in that destination should reconsider the need to travel at this time. It is suggested to avoid non-essential travel to the destination.
①	Belgium France Israel Nepal Tunisia	<b><u>Exercise caution:</u></b> There is an imminent threat to personal safety. Macao residents planning to travel to or in that destination should be alert and vigilant towards own safety. It is suggested to exercise caution and monitor development that might affect personal safety.

In order to carefully plan their itineraries, Macao residents can consult the effective Travel Alert System and other relevant information on the GGCT website [www.ggct.gov.mo](http://www.ggct.gov.mo) .

Tourism Crisis Management Office reminds that the Travel Alert System merely serves as an indicator of the emergency status in order to raise the awareness of each individual on the subject of self-protection, and it does not constitute as any form of guarantee for safety. The Travel Alert System does not have a prohibitive nature and it is up to each individual to decide or adjust their travel plan according to the information provided.

With the implementation of the Travel Alert System, the GGCT advises Macao residents before travelling to purchase comprehensive travel insurance, with coverage option for the Macao SAR Travel Alert System, international emergency medical evacuation coverage, and to also verify with their insurers in case of any doubts regarding the terms and conditions of their insurance coverage.

If necessary, Macao residents can call:

24-hour Tourism Hotline +853 2833 3000;

The Chinese Embassy and consulates or the Global Emergency Call Center for Consular Protection and Services of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs 24-hour hotline: +86 10 12308 for assistance.

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