

FCO advises against all but essential travel to mainland China

In light of the ongoing coronavirus outbreak, the Foreign & Commonwealth now advises against 'all but essential' travel to mainland China.

British people currently in China should make decisions based on their own personal circumstances, bearing in mind that travel may become more difficult in the coming days.

Commercial options for departing China remain available except in Hubei Province. The Foreign Office is working to finalise arrangements for evacuating British nationals from Hubei.

Any British nationals with questions or concerns should contact the FCO helpline.

Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab said:

Due to the increasing travel restrictions and the public health situation, we now advise against all but essential travel to China.

We are also working urgently to finalise arrangements for an assisted departure from Hubei Province for British nationals this week, and are in contact with people in Hubei to ensure they register their interest and that we can keep them updated.

The UK continues to be guided by the latest medical advice about the coronavirus outbreak. The safety and security of British people will always be our top priority.

British people should consider whether they judge that travelling to or staying in China is essential.

British nationals who require assistance can contact the FCO to speak to a member of staff.

This advice refers to mainland China. It excludes Hong Kong and Macau.

Full FCO Travel Advice for China can be found [here](#).