



## Travel Bubble

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## Why in News

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**Baltic countries of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania travel bubble** **Covid-19** lockdowns Recently, the started a to help put their economies back on track after .

- **fairly successful at managing the Covid-19 outbreak** All three have been and remaining comparatively safe.
- **travel freely by rail, air and sea without quarantine measures.** In the Estonia-Latvia-Lithuania travel bubble, residents would be able to



## Baltic Countries

- **northeastern region of Europe, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, eastern shores of the Baltic Sea.** Baltic countries, the include the countries of on the
- **west and northBaltic Sea, east Russia, southeastBelarussouthwestPolandexclave of Russia.** The Baltic states are bounded on the by the which gives the region its name, on the by on the by and on the by and an
- **1991, independence from the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics** In their then popularly elected governments declared (USSR) with overwhelming support.
- **membersEuropean Union** All three of them are of the (EU) and are sparsely populated (Lithuania-28 lakh, Latvia-19.2 lakh, Estonia-13.3 lakh people).
- **India and Baltic countries historical connect and common linguistic roots.technology and innovation ecosystems** have The cutting edge of the Baltic countries complement India's huge market and appetite for these technologies.

## Key Points

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- **Travel Bubble:**
  - **reconnecting countries or states****pandemic good level of success in containing the Covid-19 domestically.** Creating a travel bubble involves which have shown a
  - **restart trade ties****open travel and tourism.** Such a bubble would allow the members of the group to with each other and
  - **Gross Domestic Product****account for around 35% of the global** According to a report, potential travel bubbles among better-performing countries around the world would (GDP).
  - **favoured by smaller countries**Travel bubbles are because they are likely to benefit after being able to trade again with larger partners.
- **Criteria for Entering the Travel Bubble:**
  - People from the outside countries, willing to join the bubble corridor, will have to go into isolation for 14 days.
  - One should not have travelled outside the member countries of the travel bubble, in the past 14 days.
  - One should not be infected with coronavirus and should not have come in contact with anyone who has been coronavirus infected.
- **Other Countries to Start:**
  - AustraliaNew Zealandtrans-Tasman zoneTasman Sea**  
**Trans-Tasman Zone:arrangement between Australia and New Zealand free movement of citizenscame into effect in 1973 to reside and workwith some restrictions.** Trans-Tasman Travel Arrangement is an which allows for the of one of these countries to the other. The arrangement and allows citizens of each country in the other country,  
and reached an agreement to form a travel bubble, once it becomes safe to operate flights between them. Once it opens, the (around ) will allow travel without a quarantine period.



- **China South Korea** and have launched a fast track channel for business travellers.
- **USA** In the , travel bubbles are being suggested to group states who are doing well against the pandemic.

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