

WE WOULD LIKE TO INFORM OUR DEAR RETIREES THAT TRAVEL ADVISORIES WERE ISSUED FROM THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES TO THEIR CITIZENS:

1. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

As per the travel advisory level of the US government dated April 2019, the Philippines is at Level 2: Exercised Increased Caution due to crime, terrorism, civil unrest, measles outbreak, and kidnapping.

Do not travel to: The Sulu Archipelago, including the southern Sulu Sea, and Marawi City in Mindanao

Reconsider travel to: other areas in Mindanao

Link: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories/philippines-travel-advisory.html>

2. UNITED KINGDOM

Updated last 25 September 2019, The Government of United Kingdom's Foreign and Commonwealth Office (CFO) advised not to travel to (due to clashes between military and insurgent groups and terrorist activity):

- Western and Central Mindanao and the Sulu archipelago.

Link: <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/philippines>

3. CANADA

The government of Canada advised their citizens to exercise a high degree of caution in the Philippines due to threat of terrorism and high level of crime, updated as of October 25, 2019.

Western and Central Mindanao and southern Sulu Sea – Avoid all travel

Eastern Mindanao – Avoid non-essential travel

Link: <https://travel.gc.ca/destinations/philippines>

4. AUSTRALIA

Updated last September 24, the official advice of the Australian Government to their citizens is a high degree of caution with the following advice levels:

- High Degree of Caution: Philippines overall
- Reconsider Need to Travel: Eastern Mindanao
- Do Not Travel: Central and western Mindanao, including the Zamboanga Peninsula and the Sulu Archipelago and southern Sulu Sea area

Link: <https://smartraveller.gov.au/Countries/asia/south-east/Pages/philippines.aspx>

5. NEW ZEALAND

Reviewed last 15 August 2018, travel advisory to the Philippines (due to very high threat of terrorist activity, kidnapping, and violent clashes) was posted on the Safe Travel website of the New Zealand Government. They are as follows:

Do not travel: Central and western Mindanao (including the Sulu Archipelago).

Avoid non-essential travel: remaining provinces of Mindanao

Exercise increased caution: elsewhere in the Philippines including in Manila

Link: <https://www.safetravel.govt.nz/philippines>