



## WoAG Travel Advice 2017/18

**Subject: Flights Involving Middle East Countries**

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Dear Entity Travel Manager

On 5 June 2017, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Egypt and Bahrain announced that diplomatic ties with Qatar had been severed, and from 6 June 2017, their airspace and seaports would be closed to Qatari vessels and planes.

Airlines including Emirates, Etihad Airways, Saudi Arabian Airlines, and Egypt Air have suspended flights in and out of Qatar. Qatar Airways has suspended flights to Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Egypt.

### What do I need to do?

If you are travelling on a Gulf carrier to Qatar or on Qatar Airways in or out of the affected countries, please contact QBT for assistance.

QBT will be providing further updates to entity travel managers as these become available.

We advise all travellers to check the [Smartraveller](#) website for more information.

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