

## Travel Advisory – Middle East (7 March 2026)

**Date:** 7 March 2026

**Areas of Concern:** Middle East

**Overall Risk Level:** HIGH

### Key Developments (last 24 – 48 hours)

- Missile and drone activity reported across multiple areas in the region
  - UAE has intercepted missiles and drones fired from Iran
  - Smoke and debris reported near Dubai International Airport after air defences neutralized multiple drones
- Air defence interceptions near several urban centres
- Some airports operating with delays due to airspace restrictions
- Regional governments monitoring potential escalation

### Tourist Impact

- Flight cancellations and delays possible
- Temporary road closures near security locations
- Increased military and police presence in cities

## Movement Status

### Airspace Restrictions

- Some Middle East airspace corridors remain restricted or subject to sudden closure
- **Oman**
  - Muscat International Airport (MCT) – operating normally
  - Salalah Airport (SLL) – operating normally
  - Sohar International Airport (OHS) - operating normally
- **United Arab Emirates**
  - Dubai International Airport (DXB) – Partial resumption of services following temporary suspension on 7 March
  - Al Maktoum International Airport (DWC) – Partial resumption of services following temporary suspension on 7 March
  - Zayed International Airport (AUH) – Partially operational with limited flights resuming after disruptions
  - Ras Al Khaimah International Airport (RKT) – Operational though limited flights available
- **Israel**
  - Ben Gurion Airport (TLV) – Operating on very limited basis, primarily for incoming repatriation flights
- **Saudi Arabia**
  - King Khalid International Airport (RUH) – Limited flights; flight disruptions, delays and cancellations due to regional airspace closures
  - King Abdulaziz International Airport (JED) – Operational though potential for delays or cancellations due to ongoing regional conflict

- Red Sea International Airport (RSI) – Operational for tourism and private flights
- **Airports Mostly Closed or Heavily Restricted**
  - Hamad International Airport (Qatar) – Commercial operations largely suspended; partially open for specific, authorized flights only
  - Kuwait International Airport – Heavy disruption/limited availability
  - Bahrain International Airport – Operations mostly halted
  - Imam Khomeini International Airport (Iran) – Closed due to severe disruptions
  - Mehrabad International Airport – Not operational following airstrikes that caused significant damage

#### **Local Transport Conditions**

- Most cities remain operational but travellers may encounter
  - Police and military checkpoints
  - Road closures near government buildings or military sites
  - Traffic delays near airports

## Consular Contacts – Five Eye Countries

Travellers are advised to register with their embassy

**Australia** – The Australian Consular Emergency Centre (CEC) provides 24/7 emergency assistance to Australians overseas (+61 2 6261 3305)

**Canada** – The Global Affairs Canada Emergency Watch and Response Centre provides 24/7 emergency consular assistance to Canadians abroad (+1 613 996 8885), WhatsApp/Signal (+1 613 909 8881/8087), email [sos@international.gc.ca](mailto:sos@international.gc.ca)

**New Zealand** – Consular Emergency Line (+64 99 20 20 20)

**United Kingdom** - Provides 24/7 global support to British citizens abroad (+44 20 7008 5000)

**United States** – Provides 24/7 consular assistance to Americans abroad (+1 202 501 4444)

## Government Repatriation/Evacuation Flights

Governments are in the process of organizing evacuation assistance for their nationals across the Middle East however due to ongoing disruptions to flight and airport operations in the region, some flights have been delayed.

## Guidance for Travellers Currently in Middle East

#### **Best advice is to:**

- Shelter in place
- Register with your embassy or consulate as soon as possible
- Follow official instructions of local authorities and your embassy
- Report any security or safety concerns through appropriate official channels
- Rely on trusted news sources for accurate and timely updates
- Conduct regular communication checks with your group and key contacts
- Keep all communication devices fully charged, including spare batteries and power banks
- Stay away from windows and keep curtains or drapes closed as a precaution

#### **In the event of a missile or drone alert:**

- Immediately
  - Go indoors
  - Move away from windows

- Use reinforced structures or basements
- Recommended shelter locations
  - Underground parking
  - Basement levels
  - Interior stairwells
  - Designated shelters
- Remain sheltered – Stay inside 10 – 15 minutes after final explosion or alert

**In the event of immediate evacuation**

- Ensure that you are able to move at short notice with minimal baggage
- Keep important documents and essential medications accessible
- Follow official instructions with authorities promptly

**Accountability & Documentation**

Prepare and maintain a nominal roll of all individuals in your party, including

- Full name (as per passport)
- Passport details
- Date of birth (DOB)
- Medical conditions and required medications
- Any special considerations

Also record next-of-kin details to ensure timely updates can be provided if required

Remain flexible and prepared to adapt to conditions as they evolve.