



**A NARROW WATERWAY
THE WORLDWIDE IMPACT**

**HOW THE STRAIT OF HORMUZ IS
RESHAPING OUR ECONOMY, OUR
CHOICES AND OUR DAILY LIVES.**

WHAT IS THE STRAIT OF HORMUZ?

A narrow channel between Iran and Oman that connects the Persian Gulf to the Arabian Sea.



~20%

of the world's
oil passes
through it daily



~20%

of global LNG
shipments use
this corridor



85-90%

of crude through
Hormuz goes to
Asian economies

Source: IEA, EIA, UNCTAD

WHY IT MATTERS SO MUCH?

Any disruption in Hormuz sets off a chain reaction across the world.



FUEL PRICES RISE



AIRLINES SUFFER



INFLATION SPREADS



FERTILIZER COSTS INCREASE



SHIPPING COSTS JUMP



GOVERNMENTS PUSH
AUSTERITY

A narrow passage.
A massive ripple.

INDIA'S AUSTERITY ACTION PLAN (2026)



FUEL & ENERGY CONSERVATION

Use less fuel, prefer public transport, adopt EVs, avoid unnecessary travel, work from home when possible.



PROTECT FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Avoid non-essential foreign travel, overseas weddings and luxury spending abroad.



REDUCE GOLD PURCHASES

Gold imports put pressure on India's trade balance during global volatility.



AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY

Farmers advised to reduce fertilizer use where possible.

**"Austerity, say critics, must begin at the top,
not just trickle down to the public.**

ASIA FEELS THE SHARPEST SHOCK

Countries across Asia and the Middle East have introduced emergency measures.



PAKISTAN

50% cut in fuel allowances, 60% govt vehicles grounded, travel restrictions, energy limits.



SRI LANKA

4-day work week for public employees, QR-code based fuel rationing.



BANGLADESH

Minimum AC temperature settings in govt buildings, banks and mosques.



SOUTHEAST ASIA

Encouraging remote work, public transport, reduced commuting and controlled cooling.



CHINA

Restrictions on non-essential power usage, strategic reserves & energy diversification.

EUROPE'S HIDDEN ENERGY ANXIETY



RISING NATURAL GAS PRICES



REDUCED JET FUEL AVAILABILITY



HIGHER INDUSTRIAL COSTS



GOVERNMENT INTERVENTIONS

Energy saving campaigns are back across Europe.

WHY THE US LOOKS MORE INSULATED



THE SHALE REVOLUTION

US is now one of the largest oil & gas producers, reducing dependence on Gulf crude.



GREATER ENERGY SECURITY

Stronger domestic supply gives the US a price buffer.



NOT UNTOUCHED

Higher oil prices still fuel inflation, political pressure and global market volatility.



FROM ANCIENT TRADE ROUTE TO TODAY'S ENERGY LIFELINE



ANCIENT TIMES

Part of the maritime Silk Route.

1515

Captured by the Portuguese.

17TH-19TH CENTURY

British influence secures Gulf trade routes.

1908

Oil discovered in Persia.

TODAY

World economy runs through a 21-mile wide corridor.

THE BIGGER LESSON

A narrow waterway
between Iran and Oman
can change:



grocery bills in India



airline schedules in Japan



heating costs in Germany



factory output in China



inflation debates in the US

The ideal response is not just "consume less".
It is to build a world that is less fragile,
less wasteful and more resilient.

