



## Destination Updates as on 10 June 2021

### INDIA

As on date, India has successfully administered over 242 million vaccination doses to its citizens across the nation with the number of fully vaccinated persons standing at over 45 million. In a welcome move, the Government of India has announced that vaccination will be available for all adults over the age of 18 years free of cost starting the 21st of this month. A new directive by Government stipulates that people who need to undertake international travel till 31st August 2021 can take the second dose of AstraZeneca vaccine after 28 days of the first dose.

The vaccination drive initiated by our organisation is also proceeding in full force with many of our colleagues getting themselves and their family members inoculated. We have also been keeping our staff engaged with a variety of exciting knowledge sharing sessions on topics ranging from managing one's personal and emotional energy to understanding cross-cultural currents that have shaped the world, as we know it today.

From culture to environment, keeping the theme of this year's World Environment Day 'Ecosystem Restoration' in mind, Responsible Tourism Mission Kerala had organised a 'Plant a tree in your home' challenge that resulted in the planting of over 25000 saplings across the state. With an aim to become a complete responsible tourism destination in the next five years, Kerala has been a model of sustainable tourism for India for the world.

On the same occasion, the Indian Railways announced that they are on a mission to become the largest Green Railways in the world and they are moving towards the goal of becoming 'net zero carbon emitter' by 2030. Electrification of the railway network, using bio-toilets, and LED lights will make the railways environmentally friendly without compromising on passenger comfort.

With both vaccine manufacturing and inoculation drives firing on all cylinders, India is slowly but steadily coming out of the deadly second wave. The number of new cases reported daily has also gone down considerably giving hope of things getting better soon.

For detailed and latest updates, please [click here](#).

### BHUTAN

The Bhutanese borders remain closed for international tourism.

More than 0.4 million doses have been given which is nearly 63% of country's population. There are community outbreaks in the border areas and the government has been swift in contact tracing and ring-fencing the cases. Lockdowns were implemented in the red zones to curb further transmission and the spread is still well under control.

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### NEPAL

The on-going lockdown, imposed in the Kathmandu valley has been extended till 14 June.

The Government of Nepal has announced Special Flight Schedule effective from 1 to 30 June 2021 and updated Protocol for visitors arriving in Nepal. Key points of the protocol that all airlines and travellers must comply with are as below:

- Mandatory Hotel Quarantine in one of the Government approved hotels
- Medical certificate with a negative RT-PCR or equivalent testing (Gene Xpert/True NAAT) report with photo identification and Barcode/QR code issued within 72 hours from the swab collection time to the departure of the flight
- Evidence of hotel bookings of 10 days' quarantine
- 2 RT-PCR tests on the 4th and 11th day of their arrival

The grant of one million doses of Covid-19 vaccines from China, may provide some respite from the on-going second wave of the pandemic as people between 60 and 64 years of age will be inoculated with them. About seven percent of Nepal's total population or just over 2.1 million people have been immunized. Of these, only less than seven hundred thousand have received their second dose, according to the Health Ministry.

For latest figures and detailed statistics, please [click here](#).

### SRI LANKA

Sri Lanka has opened its doors to the world once again with effect from 01 of June 2021 under Safe & Secure Guidelines. Passengers arriving via the Sri Lanka Tourism Bio Bubble Route holding Electronic Travel Authorization do not need further approval from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka, or the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority. However, they must stay at one or more certified 'Safe & Secure' Level 1 hotel for up to 13 nights/14 days of their stay.

Although the country is under lockdown, guests can visit approved tourist sites under the safety of a bio-bubble. There is a restriction of 75 passengers per arriving aircraft for passengers not arriving via the Sri Lanka Tourism Bio Bubble Route. Passengers with a travel history (including transit) in the past 14 days from India, Vietnam, South Africa, and countries in South America cannot disembark in Sri Lanka.

Sri Lanka has administered over 2.3 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines so far and more than 0.35 million are fully vaccinated. Sri Lanka averaged about 52,646 doses administered each day.

For latest statistics, please [click here](#).