



Destination Updates as on 3 September 2021

INDIA

On 31 August, India administered a record number of 12.5 million doses of Covid-19 vaccines in a single day. This number has taken the country's cumulative count of total doses administered to 650 million. The government aims to vaccinate all adult Indians by the end of this year.

India took 19 days to administer the last 100 million doses, compared to 85 days to give the first 100 million jabs, the government said. About 16 per cent of eligible adults have been fully vaccinated since the beginning of the drive in January.

While Indians can now travel for tourism to countries such as UAE, international arrivals into India remains closed until the end of September. Domestic tourism has been seeing a steady rise with people opting to spend time away from home during the weekends. Bookings are also in process for the festive period with operators and hotels offering discounts and deals to sweeten the pot.

As on date, India has recorded a recovery rate of 97.48 per cent and 8.1 million vaccine doses have been administered in the past 24 hours.

For detailed and latest updates on vaccination and number of cases, please [click here](#).

NEPAL

With the lockdown measures being lifted in the Kathmandu Valley, Nepal has been witnessing a surge in domestic tourism in the regions of Chitwan, Bnadipur, Pokhara, and Nagarkot. Hotels are seeing high occupancy in these places, especially during the weekends giving hope to the tourism industry. Hotels and visitors are following all government guidelines and protocols.

In another happy development, Sri Lankan Airlines has begun operating direct flights between Kathmandu and Colombo starting from 31 August 2021. These will operate twice a week on Tuesdays and Saturdays. This gives a boost to the tourism between the two nations and it can allow people to connect to other places where the airline operates.

The Everest Region is also open for domestic and international tourists who can visit with the basic requirements for entry into Nepal. Fully vaccinated guests need to produce their vaccination certificate and others need to provide a negative RT-PCR test. The Everest region is one of the highest vaccinated regions in the country with 99 per cent of the citizens being fully inoculated.

A variety of new hotels catering to different budgets is also coming up in different tourist areas of Nepal. Shinee Norchhok a premier boutique hotel with 16 rooms has opened its doors for tourists visiting Kathmandu city. Other hotels and resorts to look forward to include Villa Karma by Anadu Luxury Villas in Pokhara, Chitwan Midtown Resort in Chitwan, and R Shinee in Butwal all of which are poised to begin operations in late 2021. Patihani Resort a new 5 star luxury resort in Chitwan and Hotel Ashwatth a 5 star category hotel in Jhapa are hopeful of opening for tourists by early 2022.

Quarantine and protocols for foreign visitors remain unchanged. Nepal's vaccination drive is also in progress and as of now, about 4.4 million citizens have been fully immunised.

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

SRI LANKA

International travel is back in Sri Lanka and the emerald isle has taken all necessary precautions to ensure a safe and secure stay for the visitors. The government is working hard to revive tourism with by relaxing the travel requirements for both fully vaccinated and partially or non-vaccinated travellers. Should you like to know the detailed requirements, you can [click here](#).

Cultural sites and attractions such as National Parks are now open to tourists. The government has temporarily banned any travel/ flights from Vietnam/ African Region, South American Region and those who have a travel history to these regions within the 14 days.

As on 30 August, 53.5 per cent of the total adult population (Aged 18 years and above) have been fully vaccinated and over 86.3 per cent have received at least a single dose. Over 20.1 million doses of Covid-19 vaccines have been administered to the citizens of the island and the government aims to provide all adults over 18 years with the first dose by end of October 2021. The Sri Lankan authorities are ensuring that all citizens receive the vaccines on priority and make the island a haven for safe and secure travel.

For latest statistics on vaccination and cases, Please [click here](#).

BHUTAN

Following its unprecedented success in immunising the adult population in record time, Bhutan is now embarking on a plan to inoculate the children between the ages of 12 and 19 years. The immunisation of children began with camps at the high-risk areas especially its southern border with India.

So far, 58,000 children in 13 districts have received at least one dose of vaccine. Children in lower risk areas are expected to receive their first doses in September, according to health officials. According to a National Housing and Population Survey conducted in 2017, about 30 per cent of Bhutan's population is below 18 years of age.

Children are being administered the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines both of which were released for emergency use. There have been no new reported cases as on date and no deaths.

Bhutanese borders remain closed for international tourism until further notice.

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