



Destination Updates as on 17 December 2021

INDIA

The Government of India is taking all necessary steps to prevent the spread of the Omicron variant of the coronavirus. The Director General of Civil Aviation has extended the suspension of commercial international flights till 31st January 2022. Furthermore, the Government of India has made contactless self-declaration at [Air Suvidha](#) portal mandatory for the purpose of contact tracing. All international passengers arriving in India must fill in all the details including travel details from the last 14 days before boarding the flight. Exemption forms from the portal have been discontinued.

All travellers need to upload a negative Covid-19 RT-PCR test report conducted within 72 hours prior to journey. For immigration, the copy received by e-mail is essential on arrival in India and must be verified at the Airport Health Organization counter.

For detailed travel advisory and steps to follow please download the [Guidelines for International Arrivals](#) issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India on 30 November.

India has established an air bubble agreement with Australia. Following the plan to start the Delhi-Sydney commercial flight by Qantas, the first flight landed in India on 6th December, singling hope for an increase in tourism between India and Australia.

India has successfully administered over 135 million doses of vaccines and is well on the way to inoculate more and more citizens. With over 6,000,000 doses doled out in the last 24 hours, India is doing everything in its power to counteract the virus and return to normalcy.

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

NEPAL

With the upsurge of a new variant of the Covid-19 virus found in African countries and to control the transmission of that virus Government of Nepal has revised the travel advisory. As per the new guidelines, international travellers from [sixty-eight countries](#) need to hotel quarantine themselves for 14 days on arrival in Nepal. A PCR test would be conducted on the seventh and the fourteenth day during the quarantine period. If the report is negative on day fourteen, traveller/s would be allowed to travel. Travellers with a positive report would be sent to the government designated isolation centre or hospital. The list of countries would be reviewed and revised by the government every fifteen days.

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

SRI LANKA

The Health Ministry, Government of Sri Lanka, has set up a PCR testing facility at the Bandaranaike International Airport premises to facilitate travellers who require testing on arrival. Visitors need to exit the airport and take short 5-minutes' drive to the facility. The fee for the test is US\$40 per person and needs to be borne by the travellers. Reports will be issued in three hours, and officials are hopeful that this will eliminate the need for hotel quarantine.

According to the Director-General of Health Services, children between the ages of 12-18 who have received at least one dose of Pfizer vaccine two weeks before departure from their home countries will be considered fully vaccinated upon arrival in Sri Lanka. The announcement aims to attract more tourists, including families with children, to visit the island.

Sri Lanka has also received a coveted spot on the list of best countries to travel to in 2021 by the readers of Conde Nast Traveller magazine. With its beautiful and remote locations, Sri Lanka is definitely high on the list of places that people want to travel to.

Travel restrictions for persons arriving from specific South African countries remain in place to mitigate the risk of spreading the Omicron variant of the coronavirus.

Tourism guidelines and protocols for travelling to Sri Lanka remain the same. To know the detailed requirements, you can [click here](#).

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

BHUTAN

Bhutanese borders remain closed for international tourism until further notice.

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