



Destination Updates as on 2 March 2022

INDIA

India has prolonged the ban on scheduled international flights to and from India till further notice. The restriction, however, will not affect international flights operated under the Air Bubble agreement.

Given a considerable drop in COVID-19 cases and a successful vaccination programme, we were expecting open skies by mid-March, after being suspended for nearly two years. Guess we will have to wait a little longer!!

Earlier this month, the government relaxed travel restrictions by issuing [revised guidelines](#) effective 14th February, removing the category of "at-risk" countries and eliminating the seven-day mandatory quarantine on arrival for all international travellers.

[Click here](#) for the updated list of countries in respect of which primary vaccination schedule completion certification is allowed to be uploaded.

After a seven-week hiatus, we are back in full strength at our office, with all safety protocols in place.

India and Thailand have [finalized](#) an air bubble arrangement, bringing the total number of such bilateral flight agreements to 37. Rising domestic air traffic has prompted airlines to introduce regional flights. Spice Jet recently launched new flights on the Delhi-Khajuraho-Delhi route operating twice in a week. We look forward to more flights as part of the government's regional connectivity initiative. With travel likely to resume soon, the tourism industry is focusing on promoting month-long workcations staying at select homestays that provide visitors with personalised services and local experiences.

The total number of COVID-19 vaccine doses administered in the country has surpassed 1.77 billion, with over 0.8 million people inoculated in the last 24 hours.

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

BHUTAN

Bhutanese borders remain closed for international tourism until further notice.

Please [click here](#) for the detailed updates.

NEPAL

Nepal is open for international travel under certain restrictions, while some domestic restrictions are being lifted. Vaccinated travellers are exempted from quarantine and eligible for visas on arrival.

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

SRI LANKA

Travelling to Sri Lanka just got easier. As per the [new guideline](#) by the Ministry of Health, fully vaccinated travellers are exempted from pre-departure COVID-19 PCR/Rapid Antigen tests from 01st March 2022. Additionally, children of 18 years and below will be considered 'fully vaccinated' if they have received at least one dose of a recognised vaccination two weeks before to departure.

All tourist visa requires a "Mandatory" local Health Insurance coverage to be purchased [online](#) or on arrival (costs US\$ 12 per person and has a cover of US\$ 50,000).

Tourists who have difficulty obtaining an online Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) will be issued an on-arrival ETA at the port of entry into Sri Lanka as an alternative channel.

To know the detailed requirements, you can [click here](#).

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