

Destination Updates as on 8 April 2022

INDIA

After a coronavirus pandemic-induced hiatus of approximately two years, Indian skies have reopened. With over 3,000 weekly flights to and from India operating on the summer schedule and a considerable relaxation of travel restrictions, the resumption of international flight operations has sparked optimism about revival of business, brightening the tourism industry's outlook.

Enquiries from overseas have picked up and travelers are choosing for slow travel leading to longer stay at each destination. We have been working hard to get ready for this day and are now fully prepared to welcome guests into the country. In the recent month, we have held a few familiarisation trips for our international partners and are operating some customised tours for our guests. We anticipate a rise in the numbers in the coming months. With a host of new properties, exciting places, and exclusive itineraries and experiences, we promise to show you India like never before.

With 85% adults in the country fully vaccinated, India's COVID-19 vaccination coverage has exceeded 1.85 billion and over 1.68 million people inoculated in the last 24 hours.

For detailed and latest updates on vaccination and number of cases, please click here.

BHUTAN

After a gap of over two years, Bhutan is one step closer to fully reopening its doors. The government has announced a reduction in the number of days of quarantine to 5 days for fully vaccinated travellers and 10 days for unvaccinated travelers from April 4th onwards.

Bhutan welcomed its first overseas group on April 2nd since the outbreak of pandemic. The group is undergoing a quarantine of 14 days before commencing their trip to Bhutan.

Please click here for the detailed updates.

NEPAL

Nepal has lifted the majority of COVID-19 restrictions and is maintaining the status quo update. However, wearing face masks, and maintaining social distancing are still in practice.

For latest figures and detailed statistics, please click here.

SRI LANKA

Sri Lanka has always been a popular tourist destination due to its tropical environment, stunning beaches, and delectable cuisine. This island nation is experiencing its worst financial crisis in the face of a crippling foreign exchange crunch, which has resulted in a shortage of essential products and an increase in the cost of basic goods. India, as a caring neighbour, has stepped in to provide a credit line to assist the island nation and enable it to procure essential items.

Being a responsible organisation, we would like to present a comprehensive picture of the tourism operations in this island country. As tourism is an important source of income for the country, tourist movement to Sri Lanka has continued despite the economic crisis. Although we may need to adjust itineraries in real time to avoid public turmoil or protests, we operate tours with modest alterations for our guests. Our team is monitoring the situation closely in order to keep our guests abreast of the latest development including travel guidelines and standard travel protocols.

On a brighter note, Ella Odyssey Special, a remarkable new addition to the Sri Lanka Railway system, debuted in early March this year. This luxury train connects Kandy and Ella, as well as nine other popular destinations, making the journey an excellent way to experience the rustic attractions of local communities and discover the true essence of Sri Lanka!

For latest statistics on new reported cases and vaccination status, Please click here.



