

INDIA

November is a month of gratitude and hope. Hundreds of thousands of people travelled around India last week as the country celebrated Diwali, the festival of lights and one of the country's major holidays. The surge in traffic was an apparent sign of confidence in the country's inoculation campaign, which has now successfully administered more than 1.10 billion doses of covid-19 vaccines, with +54 percent of the population having received at least one shot and +25.5 percent fully inoculated.

Another bit of good news is that we are proud recipients of the WTM Responsible Tourism Gold Award in 2021 in recognition of the organisation's efforts to weather the pandemic and support its employees and communities. It means the world to us to be recognized by our peers across the globe for our humble efforts during the pandemic, in keeping our staff and community thriving, not just economically but also emotionally. The award motivates us further to continue our endeavours with greater determination on the path to achieve sustainability.

This week, we are happy to announce the reopening of our office after a long hiatus of 20 months. We're all vaccinated and ready to welcome our international guests.

The World Health Organization's (WHO) approval to Covaxin vaccine earlier this month would bring about a significant improvement in the ease of travel for vaccinated Indians and India is also taking up with countries that are issuing separate orders for individual vaccines to recognise the Bharat Biotech-manufactured vaccine to their approved list. As of now, ninety-six countries have agreed to mutual recognition of Covid-19 vaccination certificates with India to facilitate hassle-free international travel across countries.

As a precautionary measure to combat potential surge in covid-19 cases, India has extended ban on scheduled international flights till November 30. This was announced by the Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) recently. However, the special flights will continue to operate under bilateral air bubble arrangements.

[Click here](#) to view the algorithm based on our updated [guidelines](#) for International arrivals released by the MoHFW.

As part of the air bubble agreement between India and Europe, Vistara will fly twice a week between Delhi and Paris on Wednesdays and Sundays. The recent launch of Kushinagar International Airport will connect tourists from South Asian countries with this popular Buddhist pilgrimage destination and give them a chance to explore Uttar Pradesh beyond Taj. Furthermore, Guwahati will soon be connected with six Southeast Asian countries.

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

NEPAL

On 09th November, Sita Nepal welcomed its first leisure group from France since March 2020. The group would be travelling for ten days to various destinations in the country. We are following all precautionary measures to ensure their journey is safe, secure, and memorable.

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

SRI LANKA

Tourism guidelines and protocols for travelling to Sri Lanka remain the same with more relaxed travel guidelines. 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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