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Tourism Update: Nepal is set to open its borders to international tourists from 17 October when commercial flights will resume in international sector. Foreign travellers visiting Nepal with a Covid-19 negative report will not be required to undergo the 7-day quarantine as per the Tourism Ministry of Nepal.

Trekking and mountaineering groups will also be allowed to operate post 17 October. Explicit directives for these excursions will be provided by the Department of Tourism.

Statistics: The Corona virus case count in Nepal stands at 94,253 cases with 68,668 cases of recovery. 578 deaths reported as on 08 October.

Please <u>click here</u> for the latest updates.

BEING POSITIVE CAN BE A GOOD THING

"Happiness can be found in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light." – Albus Dumbledore

While the world is terrified of being positive in today's pandemic riddled times, in the tourism industry we think positivity is our elixir.

In the midst of so much uncertainty and despair, hope still floats when we see initiatives within the travel community to survive. Hotels are reopening with updated security, health and safety measures, and incentivised travel plans.

The Leela Palaces, Hotels and Resorts is all set to make its debut in the Pink City with its elegant and luxurious new property, The Leela Palace Jaipur.

We applaud the Taj Group for their #TravelforIndia initiative designed to inspire responsible travel and convey solidarity for the Indian tourism and hospitality industry that touches millions of lives.

In a heartening online survey conducted by the BOTT (Business of Travel Trade) Travel Sentiment Tracker, it was revealed that 71% millenials are willing to travel within the country in the next 6 months. This result comes as an extremely positive sign for the industry.

A total tiger count of 252 has been reported in Uttarakhand's Corbett Tiger Reserve as per the annual tiger population estimation exercise jointly conducted by the state forest department and the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF). This figure makes Corbett a region with the highest tiger density in the world!

So, all is not gloomy. There is definitely light at the end of this seemingly endless tunnel!

For details on our proposed post-Covid preparations, please click here.

