

Destination Updates as on 21 January 2021

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In a welcome development, Nepali government has granted the emergency use of AstraZeneca's Covishield vaccine. While Nepal's land borders remain closed, regular tourism for international visitors arriving by air continues softly.

All the travellers (except children below 5 years) must have negative RT-PCR/Gene Xpert/True NAAT or equivalent report obtained within 72 hours prior to their departure to Nepal. There has been no change in hotel quarantine period, which was 7 days on arrival for guests. Travellers from across the globe must give a commitment regarding 7-day home/hotel quarantine before applying for visa.

On the 5th day of hotel quarantine period a tourist has to test for RT-PCR on their own expenses (\$30 - \$50 per person approx.) and if the report is negative a tourist can continue his/her trip as per their itinerary.

If the report is positive, the guest has to continue hotel quarantine until the report shows negative.

Insurance with cover of at least \$5000 against COVID-19 per person is mandatory to obtain Visa, either from Nepali diplomatic missions abroad or on arrival with pre-approval or recommendation letter from concerned ministries. Please <u>click here</u> for the latest statistics.



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