

Destination Updates as on 20 August 2021

BHUTAN

The Tourism Council of Bhutan has issued a clarification regarding the opening up of Bhutanese borders for international tourism. As of now, Bhutan is yet to open formally and the government will make an official announcement once the same is confirmed.

Until then, the Tourism Council will be facilitating entry of tourists on a case to case basis after fulfilling the stipulated COVID 19 requirements including mandatory 21-day quarantine.

In addition, persons wanting to visit Bhutan must also meet the following conditions:

- A negative RT PCR test 72 hours before starting the journey from country of origin
- · Mandatory Covid-19 Insurance
- Bear all test costs (approx. USD 50 per test) and quarantine stay costs
- Entry only via air
- · Guests must apply through a licensed tour operator
- · Minimum package rates and associated exemptions applicable after the 21-day quarantine period
- Sustainable Development Fee during the quarantine period will be applicable as follows: USD 65/night/person for the first 8 nights, thereafter USD 32.50/night/person for 9th- 14th night. There will be NO FEE after the 15th night onwards
- Follow national Covid-19 protocols and tourism guidelines

Bhutan has recorded a 98 per cent recovery rate and 3 deaths as on date.

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