

## **Destination Updates** as on 14 October 2021

## INDIA

India is now open for tourism!

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) will begin granting fresh tourist visas to foreigners coming to India through chartered flights with effect from 15 October, whereas travellers coming by regular scheduled flights will be allowed entry in India from 15 November on fresh tourist visa.

This is a major decision taken by the government and it is sure to bolster inbound tourism into India in the coming months. We have been preparing hard for this day and are now fully ready to welcome guests into the country. With a host of excellent new properties, exciting destinations, and exclusive itineraries and experiences, we promise to show you India like never before.

We are awaiting detailed directives from the government, and we will keep you updated on the vaccination, quarantine, and testing requirements as soon as they are issued.

In a landmark event, Tata Sons emerged as the winners of the bid to buy Air India. The airline was once before also under the able leadership and vision of JRD Tata and had then gained the reputation of being one of the most premium and prestigious airlines of the time.

With only .61 per cent active cases and over 964 million doses having being administered, India is once more on the way to achieving normalcy soon. In a recent development, the Subject Expert Committee (SEC) has cleared Bharat Biotech's Covid-19 vaccine Covaxin (BBV152) for emergency use authorisation (EUA) for two to eighteen-year-olds. If it is given the o ahead, Covaxin will become the first vaccine globally to be used for vaccinating children as young as two years old.

With the festive season now in full swing, the country is moving forward, but with caution. We are celebrating Navratri and Durga Puja in different parts of India but following all safety guidelines and protocols.

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



