

## **Destination Updates** as on 17 September 2021

## INDIA

With a downward trend in the number of Covid-19 cases reported in India, the Union home ministry is now considering reviewing its decision to suspend tourist visas to India. After over 18 months' of suspension of scheduled international arrivals, hope is on the horizon with a meeting of the top brass of the Ministry of Home Affairs later in the week.

The tourism industry is hopeful that with the reinstating of the tourist visas and arrival of foreign tourists, the sector is sure to witness further revival. Whether visa will be open for all tourists or only fully vaccinated persons remains unknown. Domestic tourism and weddings have been playing important roles in keeping India's hospitality and tourism industry afloat, however, most industry partners are looking forward to the arrival of foreign guests as well.

New properties are also opening their gates or are getting ready to welcome guests once international travel resumes. The Postcard, Gir, a 15-room luxury boutique hotel is now operational for guests who want to experience the wilderness of Gir, home of the Asiatic lions, in style. Johad, Mandawa, the latest offering from the Mandawa family of Shekhawati is a charming farm-stay choice with seven rooms. The property is an ideal rural getaway for the nature and peace loving soul.

For those looking for a stay within the bustling Pink City, The Johri, Jaipur an intimate 05-suite boutique haveli is the perfect choice. Lovingly restored and serving an array of traditional Indian vegetarian fare cooked with fresh organic produce, the property is ideal for vegetarians and vegans.

As on date, India has administered over 765 million doses of vaccines and has recorded a 97.64 per cent recovery rate. The number of active cases has also gone down by a substantial margin.

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



