

## **Destination Updates** as on 29 October 2021

## **NEPAL**

Nepal re-opened their international borders for fully vaccinated travellers in end Sep (without quarantine for all nationalities) and our colleague Karan Varma recently had the good fortune of welcoming our first guest to the country in over one and a half years. He has reported that Nepal has made excellent strides and optimally utilised the time during the lockdown to give themselves an overhaul and prepare for international tourism with new vigour.

Here are some of the first-hand observations made by Karan on the field during his trip to help you get an idea of the efforts that Nepal has put in.

- 1. Tribhuvan International Airport, Kathmandu has seen a face lift from the entrance into the terminal on arrival, the immigration area and the exit to the arrival hall through a newly built tunnel to a swanky new airport lounge in the departure section- a large part of the airport has been completely renovated that gives it a very fresh look!
- 2. Important roads connecting the Kathmandu Valley with the surrounding hill destinations have been re-done and improved upon.
- 3. Hotels and restaurants have reopened and ready to welcome the slow but steady trickle of tourists arriving into the country.
- 4. The overall condition of the country with regards to Covid cases has also greatly improved case are down to approximately 500-600 a day, vaccinations are going at a good pace and life is moving on well in the new normal.
- 5. Even though masks are not mandatory in Nepal, people are still cautious enough to wear them on their own accord in public places.

We also happily announce that all our staff in the Nepal office, drivers, and guides are fully vaccinated and ready to welcome you with warm smiles and open arms. With these latest on-field reports from Karan, we are excited to plan your guests' vacations to Nepal now!

For latest figures and detailed statistics, please <u>click here</u>.

