



## Destination Updates as on 6 August 2021

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The Government of Nepal has decided to extend the lockdown with restrictions on public gatherings, movie theatres, dine-in restaurants, and other sectors with possibility of human congregation till 11 August 2021. The country is also preparing itself to combat a possible third wave with increase in healthcare infrastructure and procurement of vaccines. Nepal has initiated the procurement of 4 million doses of Moderna vaccine for children, 5 million Johnson & Johnson vaccines, 4 million Pfizer vaccines and two million AstraZeneca vaccines. Nepal's vaccination drive is progressing with over 7.3 per cent of the total adult population being fully immunized.

Foreigners travelling in to Nepal are required to have a medical certificate with a negative RT-PCR or equivalent report with photo identification bar/QR code issued by registered Covid-19 labs tested 72 hours before the date of departure with exemption of children below 5 years. They must possess the printed barcode obtained after filling ARMS (Abroad Returnee Management System) forms available at website of CCMC, Nepal and have to show minimum 7 days hotel booking for quarantine even if they are fully vaccinated and have to go for a RT-PCR test on 7th day of quarantine.

The two districts of Mustang and Manang were recently declared as fully vaccinated districts against Covid-19 above age 18, which is a great sign for tourism in the region. Gautam Buddha International Airport in Bhairahawa, in south central Nepal is at the final stages of completion, and is slated to be ready for commercial operation by early 2022. It will be Nepal's second air gateway after Tribhuvan International Airport in Kathmandu.

With a recovery rate of over 94 per cent, Nepal hopes to be able to have a better chance at combating the third wave and to return to normalcy soon.

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