



## Destination Updates as on 17 December 2021

### INDIA

The Government of India is taking all necessary steps to prevent the spread of the Omicron variant of the coronavirus. The Director General of Civil Aviation has extended the suspension of commercial international flights till 31st January 2022. Furthermore, the Government of India has made contactless self-declaration at [Air Suvidha](#) portal mandatory for the purpose of contact tracing. All international passengers arriving in India must fill in all the details including travel details from the last 14 days before boarding the flight. Exemption forms from the portal have been discontinued.

All travellers need to upload a negative Covid-19 RT-PCR test report conducted within 72 hours prior to journey. For immigration, the copy received by e-mail is essential on arrival in India and must be verified at the Airport Health Organization counter.

For detailed travel advisory and steps to follow please download the [Guidelines for International Arrivals](#) issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India on 30 November.

India has established an air bubble agreement with Australia. Following the plan to start the Delhi-Sydney commercial flight by Qantas, the first flight landed in India on 6th December, singling hope for an increase in tourism between India and Australia.

India has successfully administered over 135 million doses of vaccines and is well on the way to inoculate more and more citizens. With over 6,000,000 doses doled out in the last 24 hours, India is doing everything in its power to counteract the virus and return to normalcy.

For detailed and latest updates on vaccination and cases, please [click here](#).