

Destination Updates

as on 2 March 2022

INDIA

India has prolonged the ban on scheduled international flights to and from India till further notice. The restriction, however, will not affect international flights operated under the Air Bubble agreement.

Given a considerable drop in COVID-19 cases and a successful vaccination programme, we were expecting open skies by mid-March, after being suspended for nearly two years. Guess we will have to wait a little longer!!

Earlier this month, the government relaxed travel restrictions by issuing <u>revised guidelines</u> effective 14th February, removing the category of "at-risk" countries and eliminating the seven-day mandatory quarantine on arrival for all international travellers.

<u>Click here</u> for the updated list of countries in respect of which primary vaccination schedule completion certification is allowed to be uploaded.

After a seven-week hiatus, we are back in full strength at our office, with all safety protocols in place.

India and Thailand have <u>finalized</u> an air bubble arrangement, bringing the total number of such bilateral flight agreements to 37. Rising domestic air traffic has prompted airlines to introduce regional flights. Spice Jet recently launched new flights on the Delhi-Khajuraho-Delhi route operating twice in a week. We look forward to more flights as part of the government's regional connectivity initiative. With travel likely to resume soon, the tourism industry is focusing on promoting month-long workcations staying at select homestays that provide visitors with personalised services and local experiences.

The total number of COVID-19 vaccine doses administered in the country has surpassed 1.77 billion, with over 0.8 million people inoculated in the last 24 hours.

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



