




COVID Destination Information Update – September 15, 2020

India	 CREATIVE TRAVEL <small>a family story since 1977</small>
Updated Date	September 15, 2020
Borders (open, closed)	Inter State borders are open. Rules for international travelers are expected to come in later
Quarantine Details (requirements for outside arrivals, locals on lock-down or stay at home)	14 days
Cases (increasing, decreasing, flat)	Total – 4,963,097 Recovered – 3,887,371 Active – 994,558 Deaths – 81,168
Groups (limits on group gatherings, distancing requirements)	Yes, limits in place
Air (carriers flying to/from country)	All flights, international flights are banned. Domestic flights have resumed operations from May 25 2020
Hotels (open, closed, partially open)	Opened (Functioning based on state directives)
Restaurants (open, closed, capacity limits)	Some open only for delivery
Venues (open, closed, capacity limits)	Closed
Tourist Sites (open, closed, capacity limits)	Some monuments are open for Public visit.
Retail Stores (open, closed, capacity limits)	Open, certain restrictions apply. Shopping malls opened (Partial based on state directives)
Transportation (public and private options)	Local transport in every city//state is open but interstate travel between certain states are still affected. (Metro lines in Delhi have resumed service from 7 th September onwards)
Upcoming Key Dates	
Destination Safety and Sanitary Initiatives (in progress, certification program, etc.)	Ministry of Tourism have already issued SOPs for travel, hotels & airlines.
Other Key Information	


<h1>Maldives</h1>	 CREATIVE TRAVEL a family story since 1977
Updated Date	September 15, 2020
Borders (open, closed)	Open
Quarantine Details (requirements for outside arrivals, locals on lock-down or stay at home)	<p>To ensure the safety of all, the Health protection Agency (HPA) has made it a mandatory requirement for all tourist and other travelers entering Maldives for short terms stay to present a Negative PCR test result for Covid - 19 for arrival effective 10th September .</p> <p>All tourist arriving in Maldives must have the health document in English that confirms the tourist has a PCR test for Covid 19 with a Negative result. The said PCR test has to be conducted within a maximum of 72 hrs prior to the departure for Maldives.</p> <p>Split stays between Resorts are now permitted. However, guests need to confirm with the Ministry two days before arrival.</p>
Cases (increasing, decreasing, flat)	Total cases: 9243 Total deaths: 33 Total recovered: 7536
Groups (limits on group gatherings, distancing requirements)	Not allow gathering
Air (carriers flying to/from country)	Open
Hotels (open, closed, partially open)	Some hotels on the Islands opened partially on 15 th July (some Resorts may open in September and some from 1 st October)
Restaurants (open, closed, capacity limits)	A few are open in Male City
Venues (open, closed, capacity limits)	Closed
Tourist Sites (open, closed, capacity limits)	Closed
Retail Stores (open, closed, capacity limits)	A few are open in Male City
Transportation (public and private options)	Close
Upcoming Key Dates	

Destination Safety and Sanitary Initiatives (in progress, certification program, etc.)	Ministry of Tourism have already issued SOPs for travel, hotels & airlines.
Other Key Information	Not Available


Nepal	 CREATIVE TRAVEL a family story since 1977
Updated Date	September 15, 2020
Borders (open, closed)	All land port of entry to Nepal remain closed. Repatriation of Nepali nationals who were stuck at the border over lock down period has resumed.
Quarantine Details (requirements for outside arrivals, locals on lock-down or stay at home)	<p>On 09 Sep, Government of Nepal officials extended the ongoing prohibitory orders in their districts by a week till the midnight of September 16, with many relaxations. As per the new provision, private and public vehicles will have to follow the odd-even rule, with odd-numbered vehicles plying on odd dates according to Nepali calendar and even-numbered vehicles plying on even dates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Essential businesses are open in the morning until 1100 hours and again from 1700-1900 hours. - Takeaway and other delivery services are permitted to operate from 1200-1900 hours. - Shopping Malls and luxury goods stores are open on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays. - Restaurants will remain closed.
Cases (increasing, decreasing, flat)	Total cases: 56,788 Total deaths: 371 Total recovered: 40,638
Groups (limits on group gatherings, distancing requirements)	Large gatherings is banned and all public places like movie theaters, culture centers, gymnasium, nightclubs, stadiums and swimming pools remain closed until further notice.
Air (carriers flying to/from country)	<p>Limited commercial flight service resumed Wednesday, September 2. Eight foreign carriers and two domestic carriers are offering international flights. However, foreign citizens are currently prohibited entry into Nepal.</p> <p>Domestic flights however are halted until Sep 16, 2020.</p>
Hotels (open, closed, partially open)	The government has also allowed restaurants and hotels to open from 30 July, but for the curfew duration in Kathmandu valley, until 26 th August, all services remain closed.
Restaurants (open, closed, capacity limits)	Resumed operations with safety protocol
Venues (open, closed, capacity limits)	Public venues like cinema halls, party palaces etc. remain closed
Tourist Sites (open, closed, capacity limits)	Temples and town squares are open for business adhering to safety and social distancing measures

<p>Retail Stores (open, closed, capacity limits)</p>	<p>Super markets and store are open for business with strict social distancing measures</p>
<p>Transportation (public and private options)</p>	<p>The government has already allowed local public transport to operate in Kathmandu and other urban areas but only carrying half the passengers. Long distance buses will also be allowed to operate from 17 August.</p>
<p>Upcoming Key Dates</p>	
<p>Destination Safety and Sanitary Initiatives (in progress, certification program, etc.)</p>	<p>In context of mitigation and control of the global pandemic COVID-19, the Government of Nepal has halted on-arrival-visa till further notice. As of now, entry permit and on-arrival-visa shall only be granted to Nepalis repatriated from abroad and foreign nationals who have entry permission to Nepal from the Government. With regular flights to Nepal starting from Sept. 2, 2020, as per Cabinet Decision on Aug. 20, 2020, the Department of Immigration (DoI) at Kalikasthan has requested the Immigration Office at Tribhuvan International Airport (TIA) to facilitate arrival and departure as per the following regulations, on Aug. 28, 2020</p> <p>A. Arrival, on-arrival visa and entry permission</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On-arrival-visa service at entry points has been halted till further notice. 2. Visa shall be granted to foreigners with diplomatic and official passports who work in Nepal-based foreign diplomatic missions, UN offices and development agencies, on the basis of official recommendations from the agencies/ organization. 3. In case of foreigners who need to visit Nepal on other important matters, visa shall be granted at the entry point only if permission to enter has been sought and granted from Nepal Government beforehand. 4. All passengers are required to produce RT-PCR Negative evidence not older 72 hours before boarding the flights. 5. All passengers shall pledge to stay on mandatory home quarantine for a minimum of 14 days on arrival. 6. Foreign individuals recommended entry facilitation by Nepal Government (Ministry of Home and Ministry of Foreign Affairs) shall not need further decision from DoI regarding issuing visa or entry permit. <p>B. Departure of Nepali citizens to foreign destinations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Departure shall be allowed to Nepalis for foreign employment, business, studying abroad, on the basis of evidence and documents. Nepalis working in international organizations and Nepalis with permission for residing abroad shall also be allowed to depart based on evidence and documents. 2. Departure shall be allowed to Nepalis for medical treatment and to those whose immediate family members are abroad on the basis of evidence and documents. Departure shall not be allowed for tourism and similar activities till further notice. 3. In addition to satisfactory evidence and documents before Immigration officer, passengers will be required to fill in self proclamation forms before departure.

Other Key Information	

Sri Lanka	 CREATIVE TRAVEL a family story since 1977
Updated Date	September 15,2020
Borders (open, closed)	Closed.
Quarantine Details (requirements for outside arrivals, locals on lock-down or stay at home)	No international arrivals are permitted; however, it was planned to have a PCR test on arrival, it is compulsory to stay 01 night in Negombo or Colombo to get the PCR test report. Minimum of 05 days are required in the country;
Cases (increasing, decreasing, flat)	Total cases: 3271 Total deaths: 13 Total recovered: 3016 https://www.hpb.health.gov.lk/en
Groups (limits on group gatherings, distancing requirements)	So far for wedding functions and meetings 50% from the venue capacity are permitted for local events and weddings by adhering to the 01-meter distance.
Air (carriers flying to/from country)	https://www.srilankan.com/en_uk/corporate/emergency-news-detail/513
Hotels (open, closed, partially open)	Hotels which are registered with Srilanka tourist board are open, the one's which are not registered are open under the supervision of public health officer.
Restaurants (open, closed, capacity limits)	All restaurant registered with tourist board are open, unregistered under the supervision of Public health Officers
Venues (open, closed, capacity limits)	All restaurant registered with tourist board are open, unregistered under the supervision of Public health Officers
Tourist Sites (open, closed, capacity limits)	Closed, expected to open October 2020 but not officially confirmed yet / All national parks are open / bars, night clubs and Cinemas all open in Colombo
Retail Stores (open, closed, capacity limits)	Open 0500 hrs – 2000 Hrs
Transportation (public and private options)	Public transport - Operating -
Upcoming Key Dates	Planning to open the airport from 01 st Sep 2020 but not confirmed yet or we do not have any written document from the SLTB

<p>Destination Safety and Sanitary Initiatives (in progress, certification program, etc.)</p>	<p>https://www.hpb.health.gov.lk/en</p>
<p>Other Key Information</p>	<p>In comparison to most Asian countries in Sri Lanka the number of cases are very low compared to the 22million population.</p> <p>Sri Lanka gets World Travel & Tourism Council Safe Travel stamp</p> <p>https://bit.ly/3gIAOuf</p>

Bhutan	 CREATIVE TRAVEL a family story since 1977
Updated Date	September 15, 2020
Borders (open, closed)	Closed
Quarantine Details (requirements for outside arrivals, locals on lock-down or stay at home)	<p>Quarantine period is 21 days.</p> <p>As of now, no outside arrivals allowed.</p> <p>The lockdown imposed on 11th Aug is lifted on 7th Sept however borders towns of Phuentsholing, Samdrup Jongkhar and Gelephu are still under lockdown. .</p>
Cases (increasing, decreasing, flat)	<p>Total – 246</p> <p>Recovered – 173</p> <p>Active – 83</p> <p>Deaths – 0</p>
Groups (limits on group gatherings, distancing requirements)	No group gathering permitted
Air (carriers flying to/from country)	<p>Only relief / rescue flights are operating for stranded Bhutanese nationals those who are stuck outside the country and want to return home.</p> <p>Also, time to time cargo flights have been operating.</p>
Hotels (open, closed, partially open)	Hotels are currently non-operational
Restaurants (open, closed, capacity limits)	Restaurants are currently closed
Venues (open, closed, capacity limits)	Government & private offices are open from 7h Sept after lockdown is lifted however in border towns of Phuentsholing, Samdrup Jongkhar and Gelephu offices are still closed.
Tourist Sites (open, closed, capacity limits)	Sites except border town of Phuentsholing, Samdup Jongkhar and Gelephu are open
Retail Stores (open, closed, capacity limits)	Except border town of Phuentsholing, Samdrup Jongkhar and Gelephu retail stores are open at other located with effect from 7h Sept.
Transportation (public and private options)	Public & Private transport are operational from 7 th Sept except border town of Phuentsholing, Samdrup Jongkhar and Gelephu
Upcoming Key Dates	21st Sept
Destination Safety and Sanitary Initiatives (in progress, certification program, etc.)	Standard operating procedures are in progress
Other Key Information	There is zero fatality in Bhutan

