

## **Bhutan Update**

**Date – 21<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

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From 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022, Bhutan will be fully open to tourists with quarantine free travel.

Presently vaccinated travelers are no longer required to do five-day quarantine. The process is to implement "Test -and-Go" whereby travelers must do mandatory 24 hours hotel quarantine and wait for their reports and then they are free for travel. This mandatory quarantine of 5 day is for non-vaccinated travellers.

Bhutan have continuously seen a low positivity rate (1.46%) and promising trends of zero fatalities and hospitalizations until date. Taking into consideration of the positive developments, a new arrangement of "TEST-AND-GO" (mandatory stay home/hotel quarantine for 24 hours or until negative RT-PCR result is declared) is implemented from **July 4, 2022** where the stay home/hotel duration will be strictly monitored. Upon arrival at the point of entry, while **RT-PCR** test sample will be collected, a proof of vaccination certificate or evidence of COVID-19 infection in the six months prior to the visit will have to be produced. Anyone testing positive will be required to self-isolate for five days at home/hotel.

Bhutan will open the doors with renewed focus on sustainability by increasing the sustainable development fee from USD 65 to USD 200 per person, per night for international visitors. The fees will go towards activities that promote carbon-neutral tourism services and to build a sustainable tourism sector.

**However Bhutanese Government will honor the previous applicable / quoted rates for all confirmed bookings before the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022. There will be no change in pricing for the confirmed bookings accordingly. On 14<sup>th</sup> July, The Government announced that we will have to submit information/form by 28<sup>th</sup> July 2022 and documents for bookings that were confirmed on or before the 20<sup>th</sup> of June 2022.**

Updated guidelines will be shared in few days.

**Flights** – Druk air resumed commercial international and domestic flights. For more details, please refer to <https://www.drukair.com.sg/flight-schedule/> . Druk Air has resumed flights to/from Bangkok, Delhi, Kathmandu, Singapore, Kolkata & Bagdogra.

Bhutan Airlines is yet to begin any commercial passenger flights to any destination and will resume operations from 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

**Monuments / Attractions** – All monuments and attractions are open as of date.

The number of corona virus cases in Bhutan are follows:

**Overall Data** (Updated on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022)

| Active Cases | Recovered | Active | Deaths |
|--------------|-----------|--------|--------|
| 59,614       | 59,564    | 29     | 21     |

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