

A NOTE FROM THE CEO

MISHKAT AHMAD

Dear Reader,

The second wave of Covid-19 had hit India severely in April'21. A record breaking surge in Covid-19 cases, shortage of oxygen, hospital beds, and more importantly the loss of near and dear ones shook the nation to its core. However, the situation started seeing better from May end and slowly the lockdowns were lifted. With vaccination drive in full swing, I hope we can finally win over coronavirus in near future.

I thank you all for being such great readers, for your wonderful feedback and love for our team and how you too are eagerly waiting to travel while we wait to welcome you back.

Keep well & happy reading!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mishkat".

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NEWSLETTER

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

"The world is a book and
those who do not travel,
read only one page."

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Saint Augustine

EXPO 2020, Dubai, UAE

'Connecting Minds and Creating the Future' through sustainability, mobility and opportunity is the motive behind Expo 2020, Dubai, UAE.

Originally scheduled to happen in 2020, the Expo 2020 is rescheduled to 01 October 2021 - 31 March 2022 due to Covid-19 pandemic.

For 170 years, World Expos have provided a platform to showcase the greatest innovations that have shaped the world we live in today. Expo 2020 will continue that tradition with the latest technology from around the globe.

Hosting the first World Expo in the Middle East, Africa and South Asia region presents an immense opportunity to inspire, empower and drive lasting positive environmental, social and economic change on a global scale, ensuring a

meaningful and measurable legacy.

The six months long convention comprises of various experiences, i.e. theme weeks, entertainment, arts & culture, food, architecture, business, Innovation, technology and innovative educational programs.

To make your visit safe and enjoyable, the Covid-19 safety and precautionary measures are implemented all across the site.

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For hotel bookings & land arrangements, please enquire at info@vesnatours.com

For more info on the tickets & schedule, please visit <https://www.expo2020dubai.com/en>



Fully vaccinated Indian travellers can now travel to France

Atout France - France Tourism Development Agency has announced that since July 17, all fully vaccinated travellers coming from countries classified as green, orange or red can enter France without restriction or without a compelling reason irrespective of the red, amber or green classification implemented by France. This implies that fully vaccinated Indians can travel to France. As of 18th July, France has also recognised Covishield in its list of approved vaccines. Travel is possible only 2 weeks after the second dose of Covishield has been administered. Further information on visas and travel modalities will be shared once more details are available.

Vistara launches flights from Delhi to Tokyo

Vistara has started to operate special non-stop flights between Delhi and Tokyo starting June 16. The airline is supposed to run once a week on Wednesdays (Delhi-Tokyo) and Thursdays (Tokyo-Delhi) under India and Japan travel bubble agreement. The airline will be operating its Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner aircraft.

Bookings are open on all channels, including Vistara's official website, mobile app, and Vesna Tours.



Qatar Re-Opens For Fully Vaccinated International Travellers

The State of Qatar has re-opened its borders to international travellers who have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19, with vaccines that are approved for use by the Ministry of Public Health in Qatar. In order to visit Qatar – international visitors, citizens and residents – must register and upload required documentation such as a vaccination certificate, valid PCR test up to 72 hours prior to travel, and personal details through the 'Ehteraz' website (www.ehteraz.gov.qa).

Travellers have to apply for the authorization through the 'Ehteraz' website (free of charge), at least 12 hours before their planned departure to Qatar. All in-bound travellers are advised to submit their application as soon as they have all their required documentation, to ensure they can board their flights as planned. Airlines are advised to only let passengers board who have a valid travel authorisation for Qatar from the above effective date. In addition, visitor visa rules apply for certain nationalities, however over 80 nationalities can visit Qatar with a free 'visa on arrival'.

Oman indefinitely suspends flights from 24 countries, including India

On July 8, Oman has suspended passengers flights from 24 countries, including India, Bangladesh, and Pakistan indefinitely, as part of the Gulf nation's efforts to contain the spread of Coronavirus. The countries that have been included in the list include the United Kingdom, Lebanon, Tunisia, Iraq, Iran, Brunei, Libya, Indonesia, Singapore, the Philippines, Sudan, Ethiopia, Ghana, Tanzania, South Africa, Guinea, Sierra Leone, Nigeria, Colombia, Brazil, and Argentina.

"Freedom Day" in the UK as the country removes all the COVID restrictions from July 19.

After remaining in stringent lockdown for a long time, the United Kingdom has finally lifted all the COVID restrictions from today. The government has decided to reopen all the clubs, pubs and restaurants in the country to their full capacity. British media is calling July 19, 2022, as the "Freedom Day".

The UK government said that two-thirds of the adult population is now fully vaccinated and the risk can be managed. That's the reason they are risking reopening the economy to the fullest.

India To Issue First 5 Lakh Tourist Visas For Free To Boost Tourism...

Five lakh tourist visas will be issued free of charge – once the government resumes issuance – Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said today, as the government unveiled a list of eight relief measures for some of the sectors worst affected by the Covid pandemic and lockdown. This scheme will run till March 31, 2022, or till the first five lakh (0.5 million) tourist visas are issued, whichever is earlier, Sitharaman said, adding that each tourist could only avail of this scheme once.

Travel and tourism sector is among the sectors most badly hit by the pandemic.

Canada reopens to fully vaccinated US travellers from 9 Aug and to rest of world from 7 Sept

Canada has announced it will allow fully vaccinated US citizens into Canada on 9 August and those from the rest of the world from 7 September. The 14-day quarantine requirement will be waived as of 9 August for eligible travellers who are currently residing in the US and have received a full course of a COVID-19 vaccine approved for use in Canada.

Canadian officials also announced that children who aren't vaccinated but are travelling with vaccinated parents won't have to quarantine, but will have to avoid group activities.

DESTINATION PEEK

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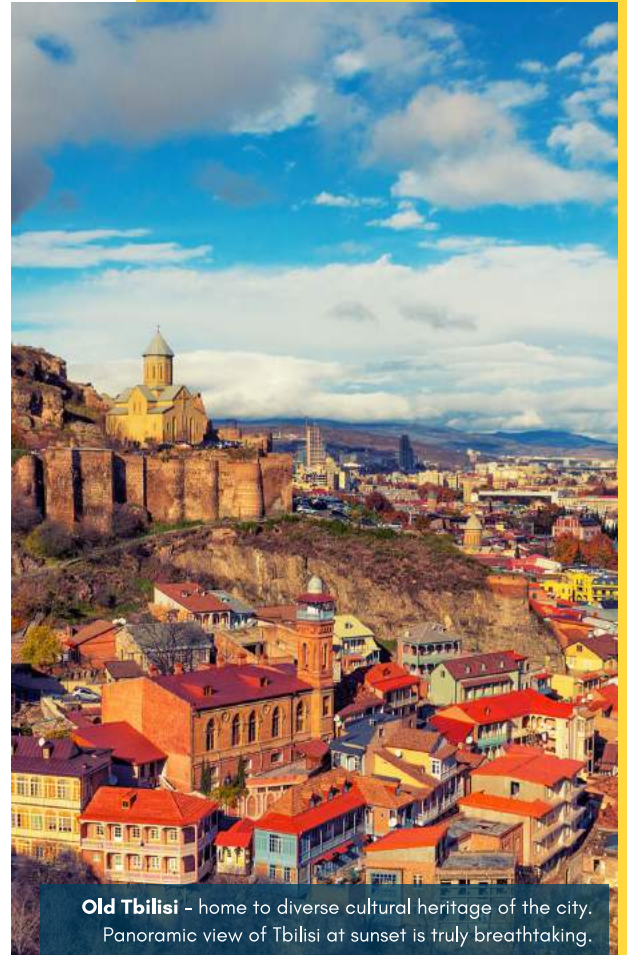
If you're at the fence planning your next visit, event or study abroad tour to Eastern Europe, don't wonder. Select **Georgia** as your next destination for your trip: The unique country of Georgia is located at the crossroads of Asia and Europe in the Transcaucasia zone is the best and safest place for having events in a relaxed atmosphere with mild continental climate, clean air, beautiful lakes, and Mountain Rivers with Black Sea beaches. Business lunches and dinners especially Georgian Tables and Supras can't be missed when in Georgia which provide elaborate cultural details and fun activities to do.

Georgia has truly exceptional landscapes, medieval churches, and monasteries. Each stone here is a living testimony to a great heritage. Religion was always the central part of the culture in Georgia.

Tbilisi, the capital city aka the world's most bohemian city has a thriving new bohemian scene, from nightclubs to speakeasy cafes. The world-famous Georgian cuisine is incredibly delicious.

One of the fastest-growing economies, Georgia is a hub of business opportunities and operational learnings. Also, there is a wide range of accommodation options and deluxe transport to plan a comfortable trip to the region.

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Old Tbilisi - home to diverse cultural heritage of the city.
Panoramic view of Tbilisi at sunset is truly breathtaking.

Travel Blog

"TRAVEL TEACHES AS MUCH AS BOOKS" -- AMMAN, JORDAN

by **MOHD. FAHAD KHAN**,
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Through all my life so far, I have been quite fascinated with the stories of the Neolithic & Bronze age. And to add to my enthusiasm I got the opportunity to travel to the ends of the Dead Sea in the enchanting land of Jordan. Jordan is also called The Hashemite Kingdom, because it is ruled by the Hashemite dynasty, which claims descent from the Islamic prophet, Mohammed (SWS). And for the one who is interested in Islamic & Christian history, this place is a pilgrimage. The capital city Amman is located on small hills and driving around is an experience in itself. The relics of ancient civilizations with an amphitheatre surrounded by bustling local markets. The art of mosaic is mesmerising with no compeer. This place will give you an actual feel of an authentic age-old Arab nation, with the culture, the people, the topography and the food, here I tasted the best Shawarma of my life and it's called "Al Reem". At 230 Km from Amman lies a world heritage site called Petra, I never saw anything like that before. This place is as old as 7000 BC and clearly a gem for the eyes. The inhabitants were so skilled that they carved everything out of stones, be it homes, temples or courtyards for public gatherings. It's an entire kingdom inside those rocks. Jordan has given me lifetime lasting memories and I would be delighted to get a chance of visiting again.



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