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## A note from the CEO...

*Mishkat Ahmad, CEO*

Hello! Readers,

I hope you are well.

We all have been desperately waiting... and waiting...and waiting for this amazing, magical day when you could return to 'normal life'. It feels like that dim light at the end of pandemic tunnel is becoming brighter with each passing day. In some ways, life has started to snap back into pre-pandemic normalcy in countries with high vaccine rates.

With most of countries, opening their borders to International tourists and ready to welcome them with both hands, the International travel, is finally opening at a steady pace.

While it is important to open travel completely, it is also important to welcome people in the most safest environment, in order to avoid another unexpected wave of pandemic. India has opened it's borders for International tourists from November 15 and we are happily ready to welcome you to our part of the world!

Cheers!

Mishkat

**Safe  
travels**

## Thailand to allow quarantine-free travel from 46 countries from November 1



Thailand Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha recently stated that his government has decided to allow travellers from 46 countries, vaccinated against COVID-19, to forgo quarantine from next month.

The Southeast Asian country is all set to introduce new quarantine-free travel arrangements from November, as a move to revive its vital tourism industry.

Last week, Prayuth added that at least 10 countries, including Singapore, Britain, Germany, the United States, and China, would be exempt from quarantine. Prayuth added that the visitors could skip mandatory quarantine as they are fully vaccinated, arrive via air, and have a document to show that they are virus-free.

Thailand added that they will reopen the capital Bangkok and other key tourist destinations, including Pattaya and Hua Hin, where curfews will be lifted at the end of the month.

### *Australia to remove international travel ban for fully vaccinated citizens from Nov 1*

In big breaking news, Australia has announced to lift its international travel ban from its fully vaccinated citizens and permanent residents from November 1. Now, the citizens would be able to travel internationally without requiring any special exemption or permission. The decision comes after Australia eases COVID-19 restrictions amid a spike in vaccination numbers.

Karen Andrews, Home Affairs minister, said, "Before the end of the year, we anticipate welcoming fully vaccinated skilled workers and international students". She also said that for some non-citizens, travel restrictions would be eased as vaccination rates increased.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison told the local press, "The national plan is working ... (it) is about opening Australia up and that is because the vaccination rates are climbing so high."

### **Saudi Arabia announces free extension of visit visa till Nov 30**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia recently announced that it has now extended the validity of visit visas for travellers who are not allowed to enter the country amid the travel ban. As per the latest reports, Indian travellers will also be able to avail this visa validity extension free of cost, as India along with Indonesia, Pakistan, Turkey, Egypt, Ethiopia, Brazil, Vietnam, Lebanon, and Afghanistan continue to feature on Saudi Arabia's travel ban list. Saudi Arabia continues to promote international and domestic vacations, and is targeting around 50 million tourist visits in 2022.

### *UK removes all the countries from its COVID-19 'red list'*

In the latest COVID travel development, the UK has removed all the countries from its COVID-19 red list. The British government on Thursday announced that it is removing the last seven countries from its red list, which means now fully vaccinated travellers will no longer have to quarantine after arriving in the country. The last seven countries that were removed from the list are Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Haiti, Panama, Peru and Venezuela. The changes will come into effect at 4 AM on Monday.

The decision means that travellers fully vaccinated against COVID-19 will no longer have to quarantine in a government hotel.

## Siyam World opens to first guests in the Maldives...



A bold new world of possibilities has arrived in the Maldives' Noonu Atoll, with the official opening of Siyam World.

A quirky, carefree playground promising an array of accommodation options and "never-seen-before" experiences across land, sea and sky, the location claims to offer a striking new vision for a Maldivian holiday.

Siyam World is one of the largest natural islands in the Maldives to boast a resort and show-stopping residences. It is a 54-hectare haven blessed with more than four kilometres of white sandy beaches and six kilometres of house reef.

Siyam World is located in the popular Noonu Atoll, a mere 40 minutes' direct seaplane ride from Velana International Airport, and also accessible via a 30-minute domestic flight to Maafaru Airport followed by a ten-minute speedboat trip.

For bookings, please enquire at [info@vesnatours.com](mailto:info@vesnatours.com)

## India waives quarantine requirement for foreign travelers; find detailed SOPs here

India is opening its frontiers for international travelers and Covid -19 cases drop recovery rate spikes and the vaccination program gets aggressive without the hassle of compulsory quarantine.

Fully vaccinated travelers from nations that India has a reciprocal arrangement with for acceptance of World Health Organisation (WHO) approved vaccines will be let in the country without having to go through home quarantine and testing from October 25, the new guidelines said. Travelers, however, will have to show a negative Covid-19 Rt-PCR report.

All travelers need to submit a self-declaration form on the online Air Suvidha portal with the Covid-19 RT-PCR report for their convenience. The test should be conducted within 72 hours prior to taking the flight and not more than that.

The home ministry has begun granting fresh tourist visas for foreigners coming to India through chartered flights with effect from October 15, 2021, and those entering into India by flights other than chartered aircraft will be allowed entry from November 15, 2021 on fresh tourist visas.

## Travel restrictions lifted by the US on all incoming foreign passengers

The United States has released new travel guidelines, and according to this, all travel restrictions are to be lifted on incoming passengers who are non-citizen, non-immigrant. The latest travel update will be valid from November 8 onwards. The Biden administration's latest travel rules suggest that such passengers must be fully vaccinated, and will be required to show proof of vaccination before boarding.

## Ladakh's Hanle will soon be declared as a Dark Sky Sanctuary

Ladakh's administration in association with the Indian Institute of Astrophysics is going to promote astro-tourism in the village of Hanle in the Union Territory. Hanle has now been declared as a dark sky sanctuary, which would offer tourists an unequivocal dark sky experience here. The village of Hanle is located in the Hanle river valley.

So what is a dark sky sanctuary? It is an area that offers outstanding illumination of the sky, and when it is a sanctuary, it will promote proper illumination without wasting energy and polluting other areas.

Dark Sky Sanctuaries or Parks are definitely unique to India, and its tourism should be explored. At Hanle, you will find yourself looking up at the illuminated sky, leaving a lasting impression.

## Abu Dhabi to get world's first Warner Bros. hotel this November



The first-ever Warner Bros. hotel in the world is all set to open in Abu Dhabi this November. As per official update, the hotel will start welcoming guests from November 11, 2021. The hotel promises experiences to visitors with their beloved stories and characters. The hotel will also tell the film's history and offer a 360-degree city and sea views.

The hotel is built on the popular Yas Island, which is one of the biggest tourist destinations in Abu Dhabi. The new hotel will also mark the opening of the world's largest indoor theme park.

The property features 257 well-equipped rooms and every room tells stories.

## Recent happenings @ Vesna

### Muskaan Gairola, Director of Vesna Tours, wins the title of Mrs. Charismatic at Mrs. India Worldwide 2021 beauty pageant.

"If you believe in yourself, anything is possible. Hard work, determination, and being passionate is the key to success in every field", as rightly quoted by Muskaan Gairola, director at Vesna Tours, who has recently returned from UAE after winning the subtitle crown of Mrs. Charismatic at Haut Monde Mrs. India Worldwide 2021 beauty pageant held at Hilton Garden Inn, Ras Al Khaimah, UAE. Her journey with the pageant has been an absolute learning experience and emerging as one of the winners truly adds another feather to her hat of achievements.

With her significant victory, Muskaan brings in a true feeling of pride and honor to Vesna Tours.



## Destination Peek - Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka has become a successful destination of choice right now. Sri Lanka is a small but vibrant land with lots of charm: from beautiful beaches and fantastic wildlife to popular tea and historical ruins.

A magical and exciting place, it's a paradise for tourists who enjoy the tropical sea with delicious food at affordable prices and famous teas. A vast number of historical ruins and ancient sites are available.

For adventure lovers, high peaks, rocky terrain, mountain gaps and rivers in Sri Lanka give excellent trekking and hiking extravaganza. There are several caves in Sri Lanka, from the northern Ritigala Mountains to the central hills and southern Hillocks.

Sri Lanka is renowned as a culturally and historically rich country with numerous ancient sculptures, 2000-year-old monasteries, stupas, and ancient statues.

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