

Subject: ADVISORY : FOR ALL PROSPECTIVE TRAVELERS TO BHUTAN FROM INDIA.

The restrictions put in place by Royal Government of Bhutan (RGoB) to prevent the outbreak of covid 19 pandemic has now been relaxed.

2. Royal Government of Bhutan (RGoB) introduced '**Test and Go**' system for all incoming travelers. W.e.f. 04.07.2022, under 'Test-and-Go' system, **there is a mandatory observation of 24 hours in a hotel or home (separate room) until RT-PCR test result is declared.**

In this regard, all incoming travelers are required to fill and submit 'test and go' undertaking form available on Ministry of Health website at point of entry. Also downloaded from link given below:

www.moh.gov.bt/wp-content/uploads/ict-files/2022/07/Test-and-Go-Undertaking_FINAL_03July2022.pdf

Please also read complete Test and Go Protocol for Incoming Travelers available at the undermentioned website:

- (i) Ministry of Health website (www.moh.gov.bt), and
- (ii) Office of Prime Minister and Cabinet website (<https://www.cabinet.gov.bt/test-and-go-protocol-for-incoming-travelers/>)

3. Indians who wish to visit Bhutan for tourism purpose are required to carry passport having validity of minimum 06 months. Though, Indians do not require visa to visit Bhutan. However, prior approval of Royal Government of Bhutan is required before entry/re-entry of any Indian into Bhutan. ***For Tourism purpose, all the arrangements will be made through tour operators registered with Tourism Council of Bhutan.*** For further clarification, please visit Tourism Council of Bhutan website '<https://www.tourism.gov.bt/>'.

4. The Royal Government of Bhutan in recent Tourism policy [2022] has laid down following additional requirements for Indian tourists:

- (i) Pay Sustainable Development Fees (SDF) @ Nu 1200/- per person per day.
- (ii) In case of Indian intends to visit Bhutan on Motorbike/ personal Vehicles (termed as Foreign Recreational Vehicles (FRV)), fee will be charged @ Nu 4500/- and Nu 5500/- respectively per day per motorbike/ FRV.
- (iii) Pay for all tests as per covid 19 requirements
- (iv) Follow covid 19 protocol
- (v) Have insurance coverage.

5. It is also expected of you to keep yourself updated on latest travel advisory issued by Royal Government of Bhutan as well. For this you may visit following websites/ social media pages:

www.moh.gov.bt

<https://www.facebook.com/MoHBhutan>

<https://www.gov.bt/covid19/>

<https://www.facebook.com/PMOBhutan/>

Note: Pursuant to circular issued by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) referenced RBI/2015-16/310A.P. (DIR Series) Circular No. 45/2015-16 [(1)/6(R)] dated 4th February 2016, the Royal Monetary Authority of Bhutan would like to inform the general public of Bhutan that with effect from June 11, 2018, individual concern may bring in or take out of Bhutan, New Series of INR currency notes of denomination Rs.500/-, subject to the limit of INR 25,000/- per person until further notice.

[<https://indembthimphu.gov.in/event.php?id=285>]
