

No RT-PCR for vaccinated, asymptomatic travellers

Domestic air passengers do not need to wear PPE kits and States need to give wider publicity on whether incoming travellers need negative RT-PCR or RAT results, said a fresh set of guidelines issued by the Health Ministry.

The new guidelines for domestic travellers travelling by flight, train or inter-State bus, issued by the Health Ministry, supersedes its earlier directive on May 24 last year. It said the guidelines are issued to have a uniform protocol for domestic travel across the country. The Ministry also urged the States and Union Territories to exempt asymptomatic persons – who have received both doses of vaccine 15 days before the travel – from taking the Covid-19 test.

At the same time, travellers need to follow all Covid-appropriate measures, including the wearing of masks, hand hygiene and maintaining physical distance of six feet.

They should make sure that they do not have any symptoms related to Covid-19 while travelling.

All air, train and bus operators have been asked to make sure that passengers observe Covid-appropriate behaviour, have thermal scanners at entry and exit points, and ensure that masks and face shield are available to those who do not possess them.

(Source : www.thehindubusinessline.com)



Darjeeling's Toy train to resume services after more than a year



Darjeeling's famous 'Toy train' has started chugging again from August 25, after a gap of more than one year due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Formally known as the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway (DHR), the Toy train will run again on tracks between New Jalpaiguri and Darjeeling in West Bengal from today. According to the Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR), each Toy train will have 17 seats in the first class and 29 seats in the general class for passengers. The resumption of the hill station railway services is expected to benefit the tourism and hospitality sectors, the NFR added. The Toy train was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1999.

(Source: www.livemint.com)

Wonderla Kochi to Reopen from 1st September

Wonderla Holidays is set to reopen Wonderla Kochi on September 1, 2021. As part of the reopening initiative, Wonderla Kochi is extending a limited period offer for the visitors to enjoy a fun-filled day at the park for just Rs. 799 (inclusive of GST). As per the Government guidelines, Wonderla Kochi will be open only on Wednesday to Saturday from 11 am onwards.

Following the social distancing protocols, Wonderla encourages visitors to book their entry tickets in advance through their online portal bookings. wonderla.com and the bookings are open now. Wonderla is the first Amusement park in India to be cov-safe certified by BVQI for the hygiene management

Speaking on the initiative Mr. Arun Chittilapilly, Managing Director, Wonderla Holidays Ltd said, "We are grateful to the Government of Kerala for allowing amusement parks to function, following all guidelines. We are kick starting the business at the Kochi Park with a belief to help people have a relaxing and stress-free outing. The Covid Angels initiative is an effort to honor people for their selfless service during the pandemic. We are fully prepared to reopen our Kochi Park, keeping all safety precautions in check and all our staff are vaccinated."

(Source: www.traveltrendstoday.in)





AVIAREPS India has won the Integrated Sales Marketing and Public Relations mandate for Utah Office of Tourism in India for next five years. The aim and objective is to position the amazing tourism offerings of Utah in India, which is considered to be a great outdoor State. From the Mighty 5 National Parks, Arches, Bryce Canyon, Canyonlands, Capital Reef and Zion to the Wasatch Mountains' Greatest Snow on Earth®, and all points in-between, Utah is the place where families and adventures forge incredible experiences and make enduring memories.

Rachel Bremer, Tourism Global Markets Director, Utah Governor's Office of Economic Development, said, "We are pleased to announce that AVIAREPS India has been chosen to represent the Utah Office of Tourism in India for the next five years. The Utah Office of Tourism's mission is to elevate life in Utah through responsible tourism stewardship. We do this through marketing, stewardship, and development.

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Beijing opening for trial operations in September

Universal Beijing Resort (UBR) is starting trial operations on September 1 before opening its themed rides and immersive experiences the public. Universal Studios Beijing, Universal CityWalk Beijing and the Universal Studios Grand Hotel and NUO Resort Hotel will be open to invited guests only, which includes resort partners and a few lucky winners. During UBR's trial operations, visitors will experience selected rides, attractions, shows and dining offerings across the Universal Studios Beijing theme park on designated dates. Based on feedback and comments from invited guests, Universal Beijing Resort will adjust its operations in preparation for the grand opening.



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'Reverse' zoo locks visitors in cages for lions' viewing pleasure

Lion sanctuary GG Conservation in Harrismith, South Africa, is placing visitors inside Plexiglas cages stationed at the center of the lions' lair, granting animal enthusiasts a palm-to-paw encounter with their menagerie of 77 rescued big cats.

"We have been offering this experience for almost two years now," director of the nonprofit wildlife park Suzanne Scott, 53, told Caters. "The safety of both our guests and big cats is top priority."

For 2000 to 3000 South African rand, which converts to about \$134 to \$197 in US currency, tourists are locked inside GG's "professional photography cage" for 45 minutes from 6:30 a.m. until 7:15 a.m. each day — depending on weather and staff availability.

(Source: <https://nypost.com>)

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