



COVID-19 Safety Protocol in Indian Subcontinent

Dear Partners and Guests,

With the COVID-19 pandemic in mind, our tours in India, Nepal, Bhutan, and Sri Lanka, will be operating under strict regulations for the foreseeable future. It is required that ALL local guides, local ground handling team members, and our esteemed guests adhere to the following measures:

1. All tourists entering India / Sri Lanka are required to obtain online tourist visas before arrival.
2. Tourists should consult their national health authority and undergo a medical check-up before travelling.
3. Tourists should have valid travel insurance with health and hospitalization coverage for the entire duration of stay.
4. Please carry a travel itinerary and details of confirmed reservations with the first night stay at a facility in and around the arrival airport. Reservations to be made at hotels and lodges that follow WHO and local government guidelines.
5. All tourists should undergo a PCR test / thermal screening at arriving airports, railway stations, national park entry gates, and wherever else necessary.
6. Any representative / guide / driver / porter / animal handler should not receive or interact with guests if he/she is showing flu-like symptoms.
7. Avoid physical contact with guests and others

When greeting (traditional non-contact greetings - "Namaste" in India, "Ayubowan" in Sri Lanka and "Kuzoozangpo La" in Bhutan - can be used)

- When handing over money/tickets
- When handling luggage/equipment
- When in vehicles
- When boarding or getting down from any mode of transport
- During cultural visits

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- When visiting markets and monuments
 - While shopping
8. Avoid touching your nose, eyes, and mouth.
9. Maintain good respiratory hygiene - Cover mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when coughing, sneezing, or yawning.
10. Ensure that hands are washed/sanitized
- Before and after meals
 - Before and after using the washroom
 - While handling tickets, money, safari permits, ID documents, etc.
11. Masks are to be worn for the duration of the tour wherever social distancing is difficult, such as in vehicles or planes, on safaris and bird walks, at airports, and in any social situations. Guests are asked to please arrive with and carry their own masks (N95 / surgical masks / any other preferred mask) which must be worn according to WHO safety standards. (For more information on WHO safety standards, please visit <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public/when-and-how-to-use-masks>)
12. Ensure that safari and rickshaw drivers, horse/elephant/camel handlers, porters, lodge/hotel team etc. are wearing masks at all times.
13. Masks should only be removed when:
- Our guides / local team authorize as acceptable, such as in open situations
 - When social distancing is implemented
 - In private
 - While eating or drinking
14. Both guests and team should avoid receiving personal guests at any point during the duration of the tour.
15. Please ensure that touch points for all vehicles, trains, planes, etc., luggage surfaces, and equipment surfaces are sanitized regularly. Asian Adventures team will provide spray / wipe for



all equipment and any touch points with disinfectant after every use and/or trip.

16. Ensure that all components of packed meals in trains/planes are properly sealed before opening. Packed meals for treks, nature walks, hikes, etc. should be sealed effectively.
17. We encourage everyone to wash hands at every opportunity in public situations wherever possible and use the provided sanitizer regularly – guides will carry hand sanitizer with them throughout the tour.
18. Please adhere to social distancing as best as possible. A minimum distance of 1.5 to 2 meters is generally required. However, we realize that this will be situationally dependent.
19. Avoid gatherings of 4 or more people during cultural visits.
20. Please keep all personal belongings in the vehicle in protective covering, or on your person.
21. Cars and coaches to have sanitizer, wet & dry tissues, face masks, and plastic gloves available for use by guests and guides.
22. Avoid sharing equipment such as cameras, binoculars, etc. as far as possible. Sanitize surfaces if needed.
23. Do not buy or eat Street Food.
24. Follow the instructions of Asian Adventures local guide.

Asian Adventures Team

Asian Adventures Birding / wildlife / culture / photography / wellness Tours pledges to brief and educate our guides on the protocols and are ready to assist you with your field experience and requirements. Team members are always instructed to maintain social distancing. We at Asian Adventures take pride in our work and in our ability to keep our staff and guests happy, safe, and healthy at all times. We trust that the above information has given you peace of mind. We also wanted to provide assurance that we are ready to assist you any time as we are also working during the lockdown period too. Please feel free to contact us if you need any additional information or have any recommendations.