

## **Tourist Visa relaxations for Foreign Tourists**

Government of India has decided to allow certain relaxations in travel restrictions for Foreign Tourists intending to visit India, the salient points of which are:

- i. Foreign nationals intending to visit India for the purpose of tourism will be allowed to enter India on e-Tourist Visa/ Regular/ Paper Tourist Visa through chartered flights (**for group tourism only**) from 15.10.2021;
- ii. All individual foreign nationals intending to travel to India for tourism purposes, by flights or by sea routes only, would be permitted to enter India from 15.11.2021;
- iii. All foreign nationals, under point (i) & (ii) above, would be required to obtain a **fresh e-Tourist/ Regular/ Paper Tourist Visa for 30 days having single entry. Existing valid e-Tourist Visa/ Regular/ Paper Tourist Visa would continue to remain suspended till further orders**; and
- iv. **In respect of quarantine and all other health / COVID-19 related matters, extant guidelines of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare of India shall be strictly adhered to.**

### **2. Government of India's decision to grant 5 lakh Tourist Visas free of charge:**

Further, Government of India has taken a decision to grant the first 5,00,000 Tourist Visas free of charge on a first-come, first-served basis. In this regard, it may please be noted that while Tourist Visa fee and ICWF components have been waived off, our outsourced service provider shall continue to levy their Service Charges while accepting such visa applications.

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