

Protocols in place for sites in India as of September 7, 2022

General:

The Covid situation in India has stabilized to a large extent. Similar to other countries India has seen ups and downs in terms of numbers but they have been minor and we have not seen any major increases like the third wave in December/ January.

Almost all restrictions in terms of office, hotel, restaurant closures have been completely removed. Mask wearing is encouraged and many people still maintain mask use. However mask wearing is not as common as it used to be. Schools are now fully open and largely back to normal.

India does not require a negative test if the traveller has been double vaccinated. Unvaccinated travellers are required to present a negative RT PCR test result upon arrival. Many public places including hotels ***are mandating vaccinations.***

Vaccination program:

India's vaccination drive continues to progress well. The total number of doses given in India is over 2139 million till date. Out of this, 944 million people have received both doses. Precautionary doses have been administered to 171 million people.

For the Micato India team, 100% have been fully vaccinated including drivers and all support staff.

Details on functionality in cities:

Offices and educational institutions:

Most offices have reopened fully. Only a few continue to operate with limited attendance and a combination of an in office/ at home schedule. Most educational institutions are now fully open and functioning normally as in pre Covid times (with due Covid diligence).

Markets, malls, cinema halls:

Markets and malls are now all open and follow normal timings. In general, markets and malls are back to normal with a higher footfall over the weekends. Cinema halls are open and seeing close to normal viewers.

International travel:

Regular international flights to/from India are operational now however the frequency is still lower than pre Covid times.

Arrival protocols:

The Indian government has updated their protocols and removed all quarantine requirements. For US citizens who are fully vaccinated, there is no testing requirement before departure from the US or upon arrival in India. Travellers however need to monitor their health and report any symptoms. Those who are not fully vaccinated, will need to present a negative RT PCR test result.

Hotels and restaurants:

All hotels and restaurants are now open. Most staff are diligent with mask wearing and maintain stringent precautionary measures. Smaller restaurants are less particular about mask wearing.

Sites and monuments:

All ticketed sites in India are either government run or privately run by trusts. While mask wearing is encouraged, this is no longer mandated. A few monuments continue to control numbers to some extent.

DELHI (all sites mentioned below are currently open to visitors):**Humayun's Tomb, Delhi:**

- There are 3 slots – morning, afternoon and evening. Maximum 3000, 6000 and 1000 visitors are allowed for each slot respectively
- Online ticketing and contactless scanning of tickets available

Gurudwara, Delhi (not ticketed but follow protocols):

- Open with minimal restrictions – masks are advised but not mandated and not widely used

Qutab Minar, Delhi:

- There are 3 slots – morning, afternoon and evening. Maximum 3000, 6000 and 1000 visitors are allowed for each slot respectively.
- Online ticketing and contactless scanning of tickets available

Jama Masjid, Delhi:

- Over the counter ticketing only now

AGRA**Agra Fort; Taj Mahal; Itmad-ud-Daulah; Mehtab Bagh:**

- There is no formal restrictions of numbers of visitors allowed at a time. This is managed at the local level and is subject to change.
- Online ticketing and contactless scanning of tickets available

JAIPUR (all sites mentioned below are open to visitors):**City Palace and Observatory; Amber Fort:**

- Online ticketing and contactless scanning of tickets available

UDAIPUR (all sites mentioned below are open to visitors):**City Palace; Eklingji and Nagda Temples, Udaipur:**

- Online ticketing and contactless scanning of tickets available

VARANASI:**Sarnath:**

- There are 2 slots – morning and afternoon. Maximum 3000 visitors are allowed for each slot respectively.
- Online and contactless scanning of tickets available

Other:

- Boat rides are operational
- The aarti ceremony is operational at the ghats
- Temples are open with minimal restrictions – masks are advised but not mandated and not widely used