

Embassy of India The Hague

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Travel Advisory for Air Bubble arrangement between India and The Netherlands

Embassy of India, The Hague is pleased to announce that there will be an 'Air Bubble' arrangement between India and Netherlands which will come into force w.e.f 01.11.2020 and would remain valid till resumption of scheduled international flights between the two countries.

2. The Indian and Dutch carriers (KLM) may carry the following passengers on their flights being operated between India and Netherlands:

A) Inbound flights into India:

- a) Indian nationals or nationals of Nepal or Bhutan stranded in any country in EU/Schengen area, South America or Africa only;
- b) All Overseas Citizens of India (OCI) cardholders and PIO cardholders holding passports of any country;
- c) All foreign nationals (from any country from EU/Schengen area, South America or Africa only) intending to visit India for any purpose (including their dependents on appropriate category of dependent visa) except those on Tourist visa;
- d) All existing visas, except electronic visas (e-Visa), Tourist visa and Medical Visa, which remained suspended shall stand restored with immediate effect. If the validity of such visa has expired, the foreign national may obtain a fresh visa and appropriate category/sub-category from the Indian Mission/Post concerned. In the case of Medical Visa (including visa for Medical Attendants), foreign nationals intending to visit India for medical treatment in emergencies may be granted Medical Visa for appropriate period by the Indian Missions/Posts. The condition of obtaining a visa will not apply to dependent family members of foreign diplomats/officials who are eligible for visa exemption in terms of bilateral visa exemption agreements or visa specific agreements entered into by India with various countries. Such foreign nationals covered by (c) above will not be permitted to travel to India on the strength of any electronic visa (e-Visa obtained earlier).
- e) Seamen from EU/Schengen area, South America or Africa only.

B) Outbound flights from India:

- a) Stranded nationals/residents of Netherlands, foreign nationals destined for EU/Schengen area, South America or Africa only and transiting through Netherlands or spouses of these persons, whether accompanying or otherwise;
- b) Any Indian national or national of Nepal or Bhutan destined for any country in EU/Schengen area, South America or Africa only and holding a valid visa of the destination country.

- c) It would be for the airlines concerned to ensure that there is no travel restriction for passengers to enter the destination country before issue of ticket/boarding pass
 - d) Seamen of foreign nationalities and Seamen holding Indian passports would be allowed subject to clearance from the Ministry of Shipping. Seamen should be destined for countries in the EU/Schengen area, South America or Africa only.
3. Tickets for the flights are to be sold through the airline's website or through sales agent or Global Distribution Systems.
4. Passengers travelling to India on flights on 'Air Bubble' arrangement are required to register themselves on the following link:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1lo5f-IEF0rtcvaEWWlc149c7JXQS6Y9VZQSeJJX6u1Q/viewform?gxids=7628&edit_requested=true
5. Guidelines for International Arrivals (quarantine exemption, COVID-19 testing etc.) issued by Ministry of Health and Family to be adhered by the passengers may be referred below
<https://www.indianembassyinthe Netherlands.gov.in/docs/1613971768Guidelinesforinternationalarrivals17022021.pdf>
