

Dear Travel Partners,

The travel industry has been severely affected by the outbreak of Covid-19 (Coronavirus). I hope you and your families are okay and are staying safe during these difficult times.

We are closely monitoring the situation in India. In order to curtail the spread of Covid - 19, the Government of India issued a travel advisory on the 11th of March, 2020, suspending all tourist visas issued to foreigners with effect from 13 March 2020. The suspension will remain in place until 15 April, 2020 and will be reviewed at an appropriate time.

What this means for your clients, is that those who are already in India are unaffected by this advisory and can continue with their plans (unless their trip involves leaving India and returning). However, new arrivals into the country are suspended until 15 April 2020. In the event of a requirement to travel to India for urgent business, travelers should contact their nearest Indian mission.

So far, none of our guests have been affected by the virus and we are taking all the necessary precautions. In a global pandemic, it really doesn't matter much as to which country you are in. You could be as safe in a foreign country as you are in your own - sometimes, more so!

We do believe that it is a matter of time before things start to normalize. We are all facing tough times, but we have faced difficult situations before and come out stronger. At Peirce & Leslie, we think this is an opportunity to demonstrate why it makes sense for clients to use a travel advisor and why a travel advisor should use a local partner.

We have been working with our partners to reschedule your clients' travel plans with no penalty even when the bookings are firm and subject to a 100% cancellation fee. We are also trying to prevail on the domestic airlines and game parks to waive the rescheduling/cancellation fee.

If you have any clients that are traveling in our part of the world, please do not hesitate to reach out to us for any information or assistance, even if you have not booked through us. We will do our best to assist.

Sincerely,

Anil Pathak
Peirce & Leslie Travel

