



Dear Industry Colleagues,

Greetings from Peirce & Leslie in India!

There is finally light at the end of the tunnel in India! The Indian government has announced plans to open up the country for tourist arrivals starting October 15, 2021.

The country's vaccination plan has gained traction with about 49% of the population having had at least one dose and 18.4% of the population being fully vaccinated. Assuming that those who have taken the first shot and that there will be sufficient vaccines to go around, half the country will be fully vaccinated by the end of the year. This is encouraging news indeed, specially so, given the complexity of India.

At Peirce & Leslie, we are fully geared up to welcome your clients. We have retained our entire team through the pandemic and they have been working on new experiences and off-the-beaten-track destinations. Of course, we have developed a full set of Covid protocols which ensure the safety of travelers without diluting the India experience. We cannot wait to see you!

As the world opens up for travelers in a phased manner, the near unanimous feedback is that it is an amazing experience to travel to a country that has recently opened its doors. We hope that you will give us an opportunity to prove that it is true for India too.

We have some incredible trips lined up for you and your clients – click [here](#) to download our sample itineraries.

Always remember, my team and I are only a phone call away!

Sincerely,

Anil Pathak



### India to OPEN to International Tourists

We are thrilled to announce that India is all set to welcome international travellers coming in **chartered flights** beginning ... **October 15!** The government has also announced that **scheduled commercial flights** for foreign tourists will begin from **November 15**. The Ministry of Health, will shortly announce restrictions and guidelines that must be adhered to in order to ensure the safety of both visitors and locals as tourism resumes. Once the announcement is made, we will have this information available and updated on our [website](#). Alternatively, you could simply email us for any clarifications.

What's more, the **first 500,000 tourists will be issued free tourist visas**. This scheme is valid on a first-come-first-serve basis till March 31, 2022. Time to get your clients to book their holiday! While you're at it, do take advantage of our **flexible booking and cancellation policy\*** available for travel through **September 30, 2022** and lock your clients into great pricing with no risk.

Our destination specialists are more than ready to assist and advise you on the best itineraries (inclusive of **new experiences and off-the-beaten-track destinations**), hotel deals and a host of other products on offer for the coming season. Please do get in touch with us if you have any questions or need additional information.





## Embrace the Sun, Sand and Salty Breeze at The Andaman & Nicobar Islands

With a breathtakingly beautiful coastline, white sandy beaches, indigenous tribal cultures, a lush forested interior, coral reefs and plenty of water sport activities – the Andaman & Nicobar Islands are just the respite your clients need for a getaway from their tour through mainland India. The archipelago offers a rare off-the-beaten-track experience that is perfect for those who seek seclusion and solitude.



## Explore the Mighty Waterways of Eastern India on a Luxury River Cruise

For a slow paced holiday and to set your clients' senses (and Instagram feed) on fire, book a voyage on the Ganga and Brahmaputra rivers aboard a private chartered luxury cruise. Choose from short and long stay itineraries that offer an enticing blend of history, culture, wildlife and adventure complete with immersive local experiences that are specially curated to ensure that your clients have a unique and memorable journey.



### In other News...

- ✚ Nepal, Bhutan and Sri Lanka are **open** to international travellers as well, albeit with certain regulations. **Fully vaccinated tourists can travel to Nepal and Sri Lanka without having to quarantine** whereas; Bhutan still requires incoming travellers to undergo mandatory institutional quarantine (*14 days for fully vaccinated travellers*).
- ✚ Six Senses Hotels Resorts Spas will make its debut in India on October 15 with the opening of its latest addition, **Six Senses Fort Barwara in Rajasthan**. A restored 14th century fort, the resort has an inventory of 48 suites and is located about **30 minutes away from Ranthambhore National Park**.

*For further details and to book a holiday, do get in touch with us at [marketing@peirceandleslie.com](mailto:marketing@peirceandleslie.com)*

