

TOURIST VISA – IMPORTANT UPDATES !!!

Resumption of Tourist Visa to India

- (i) Foreign nationals intending to visit India for tourism purposes have been allowed to enter into India on Tourist Visa/ e-Tourist Visa through chartered flights (**for group tourism only**) from **15 October 2021**;
- (ii) All individual foreign nationals intending to travel to India for tourism purposes through Vande Bharat Mission, Air Bubble Scheme or by any scheduled/ non-scheduled commercial flights as allowed by the Ministry of Civil Aviation would be permitted to enter India from **15 November 2021**.
- (iii) The above-mentioned foreign nationals would be required to obtain **a fresh Regular Tourist/ e-Tourist Visa** from Missions/ Posts abroad or BOI. **Existing valid** e-Tourist Visa/ Regular Tourist Visa continue to remain **suspended** and thus cannot be used.
- (iv) Foreign nationals may be granted fresh single-entry Regular Tourist/ e-Tourist visa **for 30 days only** by Missions/Posts abroad and BOI. The first 500,000 Tourist Visas would be issued on '**Gratis**' basis and is admissible **only once** per tourist.
- (v) Such foreign nationals shall be permitted to **enter** India by **sea routes or by flights only**. However, entry through land ICPs is not permitted.
- (vi) In respect of quarantine and all other health / COVID-19 related matters, extant guidelines of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare shall be strictly adhered to.
- (vii) Visa applications of all categories (except individual regular Tourist Visa) would be accepted at both centres of M/s BLS International from Nov 01, 2021. Individual Tourist Visa application may be submitted at any of the two BLS Centres from Nov 08, 2021. Visa applications may be submitted at BLS on all working days.