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Turkey aims to welcome overseas travellers in summer with tourism employee vaccination programme

Turkey has started a full-fledged vaccination drive of tourism employees in coordination with The Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Ministry of Health and Turkey Tourism Promotion and Development Agency (TGA). Within the scope of 'Safe Tourism Certification Program', this vaccination programme aims to welcome international travellers for the upcoming summer season and ensure the health and safety of tourism employees and its residents.

Singapore approves use of IATA Travel Pass for incoming passengers from May 1

From May 1, 2021, passengers travelling to Singapore will be able to use the IATA Travel Pass to share their predeparture COVID-19 PCR test results upon check-in with their airline, as well as on-arrival at the immigration



checkpoints at Singapore Changi Airport (SIN). This is part of an ongoing collaboration between the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS) and IATA to facilitate seamless and efficient travel through digital certificates of COVID-19 tests.

Israel to allow international travellers from May 23



Yuli Edelstein

Israel has said it will reopen the country to vaccinated foreign tourists in May, more than a year after closing its borders to most international visitors due to the coronavirus pandemic. The Tourism Ministry said a limited number of tourist groups will be allowed to enter the country starting May 23, 2021, with individual visitors

allowed at a later stage. All foreign tourists entering the country will be tested for coronavirus before boarding flights to Israel and must present a serological test to prove they have received a Covid-19 vaccine.

"After opening the economy, it is time to allow tourism in a careful and calculated manner," Israel Health Minister Yuli Edelstein said in a joint statement with the Tourism Ministry.

Centre invites financial bids for Air India to complete sale by September

The Centre has invited financial bids for Air India as it looks to complete the sale

of the troubled national carrier by September. After its assessment of the preliminary bids, the government has placed all the financial and operational details of Air India (virtual data room)



Hardeep Singh Puri

for due diligence before the bidders. Union Aviation Minister Hardeep Singh Puri had said he expected the bids to come in within two months. "After that it is the question of taking a decision and handing over the airline," Puri said.

Assam makes RAT mandatory for incoming air passengers

Assam has made it mandatory for all air passengers arriving in the state to undergo the rapid antigen test (RAT) which will be done free of cost. The order issued by the State Health and Family Welfare came into force with immediate effect, officials said. If a passenger tests positive, he/she will have to undergo home isolation or get admitted in a private hospital or government health institution depending on his/her medical condition, the order said.













