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## From 7th September, Indian Tour Groups can enter Japan

The Government of Japan has announced a policy to resume entry for Indian visitors entering Japan in the group tours, conditionally for tourism purpose. For the first time in over two years, inbound tourism from India to Japan is set to resume. For visitors from all the countries including India, PCR test on arrival and quarantines had no longer been conducted starting from the 7<sup>th</sup> September with condition. Japan has increased the entries of foreign nationals from 20,000 to 50,000 per day. Specifically for tourism purposes, conditional entries are allowed starting from the 7<sup>th</sup> September onwards for those traveling in group tours conducted by tour agencies. It is 70th anniversary of the establishment of the diplomatic relations between Japan and India. Japan National Tourism Organization, Delhi Office look at this announcement as a step towards the full resumption of travel to Japan and will continue to provide the latest information to everyone and make steady efforts to promote travel to Japan from India.

### Statement from Satoshi Seino, President of JNTO:

I wholeheartedly welcome the accelerating pace at which the international community is preparing for the recovery of travel for tourism purposes. The government has announced a policy on Japan initiating action to join that effort. I take this as a first step toward the recovery of inbound tourism to Japan. JNTO is working with local governments and DMOs in Japan, as well as domestic and foreign travel agencies, airlines, and other organizations, to prepare for the resumption of inbound travel. In anticipation of major international events, such as the UNWTO World Forum on Gastronomy Tourism in December of this year, the Adventure Travel World Summit (ATWS) in 2023, and Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, we will step up our efforts to release information on tourism. Meanwhile, we plan to roll out promotions in consideration of Japan's policy on accepting inbound tourists to Japan. Japan, an archipelago of some 7,000 islands stretching north to south for 3,000km, is a green country whose land is approximately 70% covered by forests. It is a place where you can enjoy beautiful nature. Japan's other allures, including some of the world's greatest cuisine, major cities like Tokyo, and traditions and culture that date back over 2,000 years, remain the same. Japan was ranked the top in "Travel & Tourism Development Index 2021" by World Economic Forum held in Davos in May.

**For further reading and reference:**

- [Application for Visa for foreign nationals eligible for Phased Measures toward Resuming Cross-Border Travel](#) - Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan
- [COVID-19: Current Japanese Border Measures and Restrictions](#) - Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare Japan
- [COVID-19: Practical Information for Traveling to Japan](#) – Japan National Tourism Organization

**About Japan National Tourism Organization:**

The Japan National Tourism Organization (JNTO) was founded in 1964 with the mission of enticing foreign travelers to Japan. Affiliated with the Japan Tourism Agency of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport, and Tourism, JNTO has effectively functioned as the Japanese government bureau of tourism. It has 24 tourism-promotion-oriented offices across the world, and a large network of suppliers for tourism and event services in Japan.

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