

Advisory for India bound Air India/ Air France passengers from Paris

1. Government of India has announced 18 **Air India** flights under Vande Bharat Mission as per the schedule below:

https://twitter.com/Indian_Embassy/status/1284595629889658885?s=09

2. Some **Air France** flights are also operating between France and India under the "Air bubble" arrangement agreed between the two countries.

3. All passengers availing these flights from Paris are required to mandatorily register with Embassy of India, Paris at <https://forms.gle/ddKHqae5cVrstXbu8> .

4. Tickets may be purchased **directly** from the website of Air India/ Air France. **No confirmation is required** from the Embassy of India, Paris for purchasing the tickets. However, for ensuring smooth processing, you are requested to purchase your tickets at least 48 hours prior to the departure of the flight.

WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO TRAVEL:

5. At this stage, travellers belonging to below mentioned categories would only be allowed to enter India:

(i). **Indian nationals** stranded abroad, wanting to return to India.

(ii). **All OCI card holders, having passports of USA, UK, Germany or France.**

(iii) **OCI card holders** who don't have passports of USA, UK, Germany or France but fall under any of the following categories:

-Minor children who hold OCI cards and whose parents are Indian nationals.

-OCI card holders who wish to come to India on account of family emergencies like critical medical conditions of immediate family members or death.

-Married couples where one spouse is an OCI cardholder and the other is an Indian national.

-Students, who are OCI cardholders where at least either of their parents are an Indian citizen or an OCI cardholders.

(iv). **Foreign nationals** holding diplomatic, official, UN/ International organization, Employment and Project category visas.

(v) **Foreign nationals** holding visas issued after March 18, 2020.

6. Indian nationals are allowed visa free transit through international zone of the CDG Airport, Paris up to 24 hours.

QUARANTINE AND COVID TESTING:

7. Passengers should submit a self-declaration form on the online portal **Air Suvidha** (www.newdelhairport.in) at least 72 hours before the scheduled travel date. They should also give an undertaking on the portal that they would undergo mandatory quarantine for 14 days i.e. 7 days paid institutional quarantine at their own cost, followed by 7 days isolation at home with self-monitoring of health.

8. Only for compelling reasons/ cases of human distress such as pregnancy, death in family, serious illness and parent(s) with children of the age of 10 years or below, home quarantine may be permitted for 14 days. If they wish to seek such exemption, they shall apply to the Air Suvidha portal at least 72 hours before boarding. The decision taken by the government as communicated on the online portal will be final.

9. Travelers may also seek exemption from institutional quarantine by submitting a negative RTPCR test report on arrival. This test should have been conducted within 96 hrs prior to undertaking the journey. The test report should be uploaded on Air Suvidha portal for consideration. Each passenger shall also submit a declaration with respect to the authenticity of the report and will be liable for criminal prosecution, if found otherwise. The test report could also be produced upon arrival at the point of entry airport in India.

10. Covid test facilities at CDG airport, Paris is only available for incoming passengers. Passengers seeking exemption for institutional quarantine should have completed the test before taking the respective flights.

DOMESTIC AIR TRAVEL:

11. International arrival passengers intending to take connecting flights to other domestic airports as their final destination would be allowed such onward journey, when exemption from institutional quarantine requirement is granted in their favour by the State authorities concerned of the first airport of landing on the basis of a negative RT-PCR test report, for which test was conducted within 96 hours prior to undertaking the journey.

PASSENGERS FROM PARIS TO BENGALURU:

12. All travellers shall submit self-declaration form on the **Yatri Karnataka online portal** (<http://www.covidwar.karnataka.gov.in/> or <https://parihara.karnataka.gov.in/Service38/>) at least 72 hours before the scheduled date of travel.

13. All asymptomatic passengers will be sent to home quarantine for 14 days. If home quarantine is not possible for any reason, alternatively shall be allowed institutional quarantine (Government or Private).

14. Business/ Short term travelers:

➤ Business/short term travelers who come with a negative RT-PCR test report shall be exempted from quarantine requirements. Such passengers shall also submit a declaration with respect to authenticity of the test report and will be liable for criminal prosecution, if found otherwise. The test report should be produced upon arrival at the point of entry airport/seaport in Karnataka. To establish that one is a business visitor, person should show the following documents in original:

- Confirmed return flight ticket which should not be more than 7 days later from the date of arrival.

- Documents pertaining to the purpose of visit/ invitation letter Place of stay/ hotel reservation.

- Valid Visa.

➤ If the business/short term visitor who is coming for short duration of 48 hours (counted from the arrival time) then he/ she is exempted from COVID-19 test & quarantine. All precautions of wearing mask, using hand sanitizer & respiratory hygiene should be followed.

➤ If the duration of stay in Karnataka is more than 48 hours and less than 7 days then COVID-19 test shall be done (swab shall be drawn immediately on arrival for RAT) and after getting a negative report such a person can complete his engagements and go back.

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15. International passengers of other states arriving in Karnataka if asymptomatic shall be allowed to go to respective states with advice of home quarantine for 14 days.

16. The cost of COVID-19 test if done, shall be paid by the passengers themselves (RAT — Rs: 700 per test and RT-PCR -Rs: 2000 per test) or as per guidelines issued by Government of Karnataka from time to time.