

Health & Safety Compliance

Tourism & Civil Aviation Department

Government of Sikkim

Guests visiting Sikkim.

- i. The First phase re-opening will be considered for domestic tourists and the foreign nationals residing in India only.
- ii. A tourist is advised to preferably possess a valid A COVID- Negative certificate (RTPCR / Truenat test) issued within 72 hours prior to date of arrival.
- iii. A Tourist must compulsorily register in the Sikkim Tourism Web Portal before travelling to Sikkim and a copy of "Travel Card" issued on the basis of tourist registration should be carried at all times of travel in Sikkim.
<http://sikkimtourism.gov.in/Public/Index/MandatoryTourist>
- iv. All tourist travel in Sikkim must be pre booked with Health and Safety Compliant Accommodation units & Travel Agents/ Tour Operators.
- v. Tourists should ensure that their travel card is updated in the web portal as and when required.
- vi. All tourists travelling to Sikkim must carry a valid proof of identification.
- vii. Persons above 65 years of age, persons with co morbidities, pregnant women and children below the age of 10 years are advised to either avoid completely or limit their travel. While travelling, they are advised to take extra precautions.
- viii. All Tourists travelling to Sikkim should carry their own set of protective gears such as face mask/ faceshields, gloves and hand sanitizers and thermometers.

GENERAL GUIDELINES / STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

For Tourists:

While all tourism stakeholders in the state shall take necessary steps to implement the measures outlined in these guidelines, it is important for tourists to take adequate precautions to ensure their own health and safety. It shall be encouraged that the tourists make themselves aware of the prevailing rules and regulations in context to COVID-19.

i. All tourists shall be briefed on the dos and don'ts at their pre-booked accommodation units or tour operators / tourist transport, the Tourists may need to follow basic screening procedures (like temperature check) and hygiene protocols (use of mask and hand sanitizers) before using the said services, which should be mandatorily followed during their entire stay in Sikkim.

ii. Tourists should be advised not to visit areas falling within containment zone.

iii. As far as possible, a zero-contact policy should be followed at all tourism facilities and Tourists shall minimize contact with service providers and other tourists.

iv. Tourists should avoid handling cash as much as possible. All payments should be done through digital modes.

v. While travelling all tourist should wear a face mask and carry their own sanitizer and wet wipes for personal use.

vi. Tourists should strictly observe social distancing norms with a physical distance of 2 meters (6 feet) per person. Family groups can stay together as long as they ensure that are at least 2 meters (6 feet) away from any other individuals or family groups.

vii. Tourists should ensure that they wear a protective face mask while within the premises of any tourism destination.

viii. Tourists should follow respiratory etiquettes and avoid spitting in public places.

ix. Tourists having an abnormal temperature and / or flu like symptoms shall not be allowed to enter the facility / activity premises. The service provider shall note down their contact details of such tourists and shall notify relevant health or administration authorities for acting on necessary Government protocols.

ix. Any tourist displaying potential COVID-19 symptoms and the people accompanying the said tourist shall be moved to an isolation room for further action.

- x. The duration of stay and movement shall be altered in case of Covid +ve tourists and they shall be bound to follow self-isolation rules of State Health Department. All expenses on account of Covid treatment /testing etc are to be beared by the individual tourists themselves.