

Maldives to welcome South Asian travellers from July 15

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Dhaka: The Maldives government has announced plans to resume visa-on-arrival for travellers from South Asia such as Bangladesh, Indian and others, starting July 15. Travellers will have to carry a negative RT-PCR COVID test report to enter the country, informed the Maldivian Tourism Ministry during a press conference.

The press conference was organised in the President's Office, where President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih made the announcement that the country will resume issuing tourist visas to South Asian travellers.

People with work visas can also enter the country from July 1 onwards but will have to [quarantine in the Maldives](#).

The island nation is one of the top beach attractions in the world. The destination has been a saving grace for South Asian travellers during the pandemic. But, the second Covid-19 wave in India and other countries in the region had been deadly, which forced the Maldives to shut its borders for Indian travellers last month.

Now that the cases have significantly gone down in the region, the beach destination has once again opened its border, with all the COVID safety measures in place.

As per the reports, the Maldives has been visited by over 400,000 tourists since the beginning of January. Russians have been on top of the chart, followed by Indians.

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