

UAE: Global travel industry's most recovered country

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Dhaka: The United Arab Emirates' recovery rate since Covid-19 emerged is so high, that it reaches beyond 100 per cent. The country has had such a successful vaccination programme that its travel and tourism industry achieved 110 per cent recovery since 2019, according to data from Travelport.

On a global average, the travel and tourism industry has recorded around 67 per cent of gross proceeds in the first quarter of 2022 since 2019 when Covid-19 struck.

Top nine countries travelling to the UAE are the UK, Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Germany, Saudi Arabia, France, the United States, and Italy.

Dubai is also the fifth most recovered city in the world with a score of 114 per cent.

In Dubai, corporate travellers make up 29 per cent of all bookings to the city.

Business travellers heading to the UAE are first and foremost arriving from India, followed by Pakistan, then Bangladesh, Saudi Arabia, the UK, Sri Lanka, Egypt, the United States of America, and Germany.

Those travelling from the UAE to international destinations choose these countries as their

favourites, starting off with India in first place. Behind is Pakistan, followed by the Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Bangladesh, China, Egypt, Turkey and the United Kingdom.

Vaccinated travellers to the UAE are not required to present a negative result of RT-PCR test for Covid-19 at the airport of departure. However, those who are not vaccinated must either present a valid negative result of an RT-PCR test conducted within 48 hours before arrival or a recovery certificate (containing a QR code) from Covid-19 issued within 30 days before departure if they were infected with the virus.

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