



MAURITIUS WELCOMES UK DECISION TO RELAX QUARANTINE RULES FROM AMBER LIST COUNTRIES AS INDIAN OCEAN ISLAND NATION REOPENS BORDERS

Port Louis, 09 July 2021: Mauritius has welcomed the decision by the UK government to relax quarantine rules for those returning to Britain from Amber list countries, which currently includes Mauritius.

The decision announced by the UK government in July means travel between the two countries will become a lot easier for those returning to the UK. Under the new guidelines, those entering Britain from Mauritius would no longer have to isolate for up to 10 days, making Mauritius a viable holiday destination for British travellers once again.

The UK's decision to relax quarantine rules comes as the Indian Ocean island nation prepares to open its borders to vaccinated and non-vaccinated travellers in a safe and secure environment from 15 July 2021.

Mauritius is allowing international visitors from 15 July and is set to begin Phase 1 of reopening of its borders, which will run until 30 September, and will allow vaccinated and non-vaccinated guests to enter the country, with vaccinated visitors to stay in one of 14 chosen "resort bubbles".

Vaccinated holidaymakers will be able to enjoy facilities within their chosen "resort bubble" including the swimming pool and beach. If guests stay for 14 days and have negative PCR tests during their stay in the resort, they will then be able to leave the hotel and travel around the island freely for the rest of their stay, exploring the island's many attractions. However, for shorter stays, they may leave the resort earlier and travel directly back home.

Nilen Vencadasmy, Chairman of the Mauritius Tourism Promotion Authority (MTPA), said: "We welcome the UK government's decision to relax quarantine restrictions upon returning to the UK from Amber list countries. Mauritius has seen extremely low levels of Covid cases throughout the crisis and all visitors can be confident of staying in a Covid-safe and secure country.

"We have taken this positive approach to allow the tourism industry to flourish once again on the island, and the lifting of mandatory quarantine on return to the UK will no doubt encourage UK citizens to start booking holidays to idyllic locations around the world, including Mauritius."

Non-vaccinated holidaymakers will also be able to visit the island and must complete a 14-day quarantine period in designated hotels. Visitors will stay in their room during this time and meals will be delivered to them.

A quarantine hotel stay is only available for non-vaccinated international visitors and returning Mauritian nationals and can be booked through a tour operator, travel agent or directly with the hotel. A full list of approved quarantine hotels and entry requirements are available at www.mauritiusnow.com

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