

IATA Travel Pass for Travelers

The IATA Travel Pass is a mobile application under development allowing travelers to simply and securely store and manage certifications for COVID-19 tests or vaccines.

The information through the IATA Travel Pass can be shared with border authorities requiring testing or proof of vaccination as a condition of international travel during and after the COVID-19 pandemic. A critical aspect is the fact that the information supplied

Information gap

Travellers are often left confused and in need of accurate and reliable information with next to no clue as to where to find them. Should they do come across the information, understanding or acting upon it may become problematic.

Inefficiencies, errors, fraud

The multitude of entry requirements may lead to confusion as check-in agents attempt to verify

For governments

the IATA Travel Pass will make it easier to duly verify the authenticity of the required tests and the identity of those presenting the test certificates. The Travel Pass is based on IATA's views that a uniform testing regime would make for more effective safety and health protocol than that of quarantine requirements.

For airlines

The Travel Pass will enable them to accurately provide information to their passengers regarding test requirements and to verify that a passenger meets the requirements for travel.

For Covid test laboratories

The Travel Pass will provide the means to issue and securely deliver digital test or vaccination certificates to passengers that will be recognized by governments.

For travellers

The Travel Pass will enable them to procure accurate information on travel, testing (and eventually vaccine) requirements for their journey along with a number of other advantages:

Enables passengers to find testing centers and labs at their departure location which meet the standards for testing/vaccination requirements of their destination

Enables passengers to (1) create a 'digital passport', (2) verify their test/vaccination meets the regulations & (3) shares test or vaccination certificates with authorities to facilitate travel. Can be used by travellers to manage travel documentation digitally and seamlessly throughout the travel experience.

Global standards recognized by governments to ensure verified identity and test/vaccine information

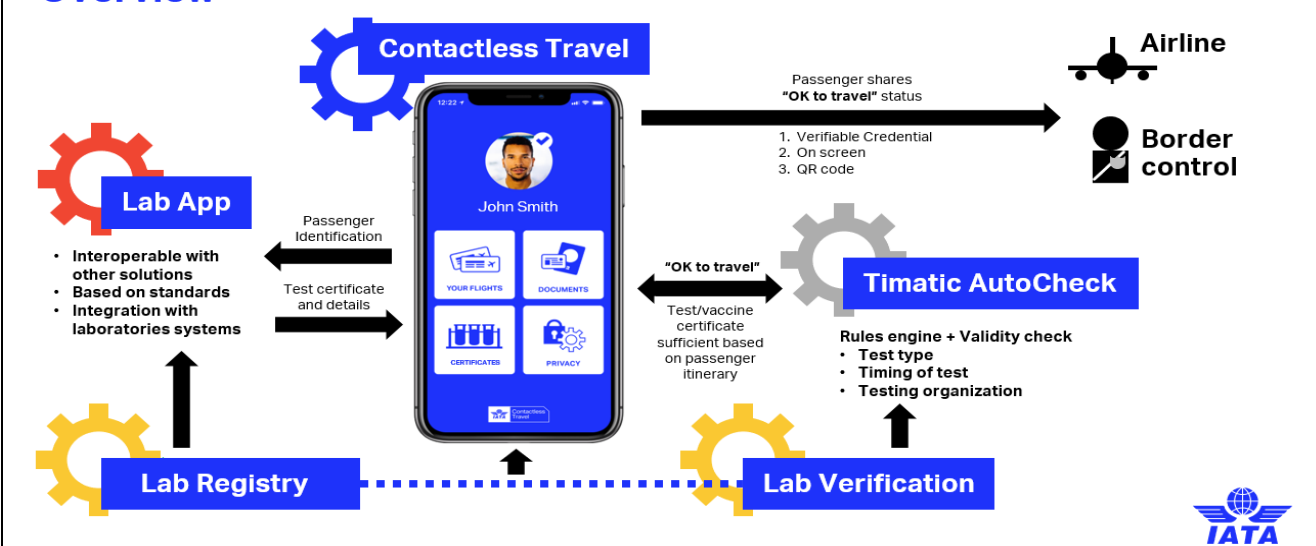
Verified identity: By utilizing a government-issued ePassport to verify the identity of the traveller, the Travel Pass also allows the creation of a digital representation of the user's passport. This allows the required information to be transferred electronically in a way that is secured and linked to their verified identity. This is done by harnessing the global standards developed by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), which match biometric passport data and a selfie taken by the user. A Type 1 digital travel credential in line with ICAO standards is thus created.

Verified test results or vaccine information: The main vaccination requirement for entry into some countries is the yellow fever inoculation managed by the "yellow card" or International Certificate of Vaccination and Prophylaxis. The World Health Organization (WHO) is currently developing digital standards that will make the system significantly more secure and prone to fraud. Upon completion, the IATA Travel Pass will be able to accommodate and incorporate these global standards into its system. Until the COVID-19 vaccine has been widely available to the general public, the priority remains on COVID-19 testing. IATA has established partnerships with selected and established laboratories to securely link their test results with the verified identity of the IATA Travel Pass holder.

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How the modules combine as an integrated service

Overview



is verified. It is a secure means to manage health requirements, much more efficient than paper processes.

With this app, IATA also aims to provide governments with the confidence to reopen borders without imposing quarantines on incoming travelers.

How the IATA Travel Pass works?

The IATA Travel Pass will help people to travel at ease while meeting any government requirements for COVID-19 tests or vaccines. It will encompass:

Global registry of health requirements - to find accurate information on travel, testing and vaccine requirements for journeys.

Global registry of testing/vaccination centers - to identify testing centers and labs at departure location which meet the standards for testing and vaccination requirements of the destination

Lab app - to locate authorized labs and test centers to securely share test and vaccination certificates.

Digital passport module - to enable passengers to create a 'digital passport', receive test and vaccination certificates and verify that they are sufficient for their itinerary, and share testing or vaccination certificates with airlines and authorities to facilitate travel. This app can also be used by travelers to manage travel documentation digitally and seamlessly throughout their journey, improving the travel experience.

Why is there a need for the IATA Travel Pass?

The IATA Travel Pass is conceived as a response to the following challenges:

Complexity and variety

The wide range of COVID-19 tests coupled with the varied requirements of governments worldwide have inevitably created a rather challenging setting wherein travellers, airlines and immigration authorities struggle to navigate.

multiple non-standard test certificates presented by travellers. This may eventually lead to inefficiencies, errors and even fraud.

Rising to the challenge

IATA Travel Pass modernizes an existing system. For decades the world has relied on a paper documentation system for providing proof of vaccination. The most well-known is the requirement of many governments for a yellow-fever vaccination depending on our travel history and travel destination. Under the International Health Regulations, this is managed by the "yellow book" or International Certificate of Vaccination and Prophylaxis.

The IATA Travel Pass moves this to a digital platform and joins it with up-to-date information on entry requirements. This makes the process more convenient for travelers and helps avoid fraudulent documentation. This modernization will be crucial as government entry requirements are expected to evolve with the epidemiological situation.

An electronic process will be better able to manage the volumes of data that are likely to be needed and it will help passengers to adapt to any changes more easily in government requirements. Importantly, there will be paper-based alternatives for people who do not have mobile phones, albeit less convenient ones.

IATA is already managing health requirements through its Timatic solution, so IATA Travel Pass is a natural evolution to support the industry during the pandemic.

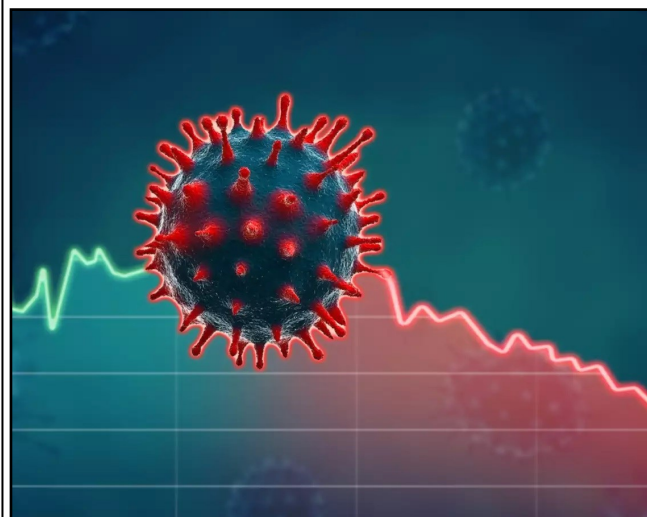
What can the IATA Travel Pass provide?

Rising to the aforementioned challenges, IATA is calling for systematic COVID-19 testing of all international travellers, along with establishing the required information infrastructure. By so doing, the travel pass will directly address these issues and provide benefits for all parties involved in the travel process.

Editorial

Protect yourself and others from COVID-19

If COVID-19 is spreading in your community, stay safe by taking some simple precautions, such as physical distancing, wearing a mask, keeping rooms well ventilated, avoiding crowds, cleaning your hands, and coughing into a bent elbow or tissue. Check local advice where you live and work. Do it all!



You also find out more about WHO's recommendations for getting vaccinated on our public advice page on COVID-19 vaccines.

What to do to keep yourself and others safe from COVID-19

- Maintain at least a 1-metre distance between yourself and others to reduce your risk of infection when they cough, sneeze or speak. Maintain an even greater distance between yourself and others when indoors. The further away, the better.
- Make wearing a mask a normal part of being around other people. The appropriate use, storage and cleaning or disposal are essential to make masks as effective as possible.

Here are the basics of how to wear a mask:

- Clean your hands before you put your mask on, as well as before and after you take it off, and after you touch it at any time.
- Make sure it covers both your nose, mouth and chin.
- When you take off a mask, store it in a clean plastic bag, and every day either wash it if it's a fabric mask, or dispose of a medical mask in a trash bin.
- Don't use masks with valves.
- For specifics on what type of mask to wear and when, read our Q&A and watch our videos. There is also a Q&A focused on masks and children.
- Find out more about the science of how COVID-19 infects people and our bodies react by watching or reading this interview.
- For specific advice for decision makers, see WHO's technical guidance.

How to make your environment safer

- Avoid the 3Cs: spaces that are closed, crowded or involve close contact.
 - ◊ Outbreaks have been reported in restaurants, choir practices, fitness classes, nightclubs, offices and places of worship where people have gathered, often in crowded indoor settings where they talk loudly, shout, breathe heavily or sing.
 - ◊ The risks of getting COVID-19 are higher in crowded and inadequately ventilated spaces where infected people spend long periods of time together in close proximity. These environments are

where the virus appears to spread by respiratory droplets or aerosols more efficiently, so taking precautions is even more important.

- Meet people outside. Outdoor gatherings are safer than indoor ones, particularly if indoor spaces are small and without outdoor air coming in.
 - ◊ For more information on how to hold events like family gatherings, children's football games and family occasions, read our Q&A on small public gatherings.
- Avoid crowded or indoor settings but if you can't, then take precautions:
 - ◊ Open a window. Increase the amount of 'natural ventilation' when indoors.
 - ◊ WHO has published Q&As on ventilation and air conditioning for both the general public and people who manage public spaces and buildings.
 - ◊ Wear a mask (see above for more details).

Don't forget the basics of good hygiene

- Regularly and thoroughly clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water. This eliminates germs including viruses that may be on your hands.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Hands touch many surfaces and can pick up viruses. Once contaminated, hands can transfer the virus to your eyes, nose or mouth. From there, the virus can enter your body and infect you.
- Cover your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze. Then dispose of the used tissue immediately into a closed bin and wash your hands. By following good 'respiratory hygiene', you protect the people around you from viruses, which cause colds, flu and COVID-19.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces frequently especially those which are regularly touched, such as door handles, faucets and phone screens.

What to do if you feel unwell

- Know the full range of symptoms of COVID-19. The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are fever, dry cough, and tiredness. Other symptoms that are less common and may affect some patients include loss of taste or smell, aches and pains, headache, sore throat, nasal congestion, red eyes, diarrhoea, or a skin rash.
- Stay home and self-isolate even if you have minor symptoms such as cough, headache, mild fever, until you recover. Call your health care provider or hotline for advice. Have someone bring you supplies. If you need to leave your house or have someone near you, wear a medical mask to avoid infecting others.
- If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical attention immediately. Call by telephone first, if you can and follow the directions of your local health authority.
- Keep up to date on the latest information from trusted sources, such as WHO or your local and national health authorities. Local and national authorities and public health units are best placed to advise on what people in your area should be doing to protect themselves.

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Kuwait's Travel Industry Still Stuck in Doldrums

Businesses in Kuwait are limping back to normal after an eight-month-long painful hiatus, but one industry in the country still remains deeply stuck in the doldrums. Kuwait's travel and tourism sector continues to reel from the coronavirus restrictions, enduring the trauma of hefty financial losses, layoffs and closure of branches as Kuwait has kept its airspace closed to airlines flying to and from several crucial destinations amid the resurgence of the pandemic.

While many travel agencies and tour operators were forced to shutter some of their branches and services, some resorted to layoffs to stay afloat in the face of a severe downturn. "The pandemic has inflicted debilitating damage on the travel industry in Kuwait. We lost about 70 percent of our business over the last seven months.

The unprecedented crisis forced us to lay off 50 of our staff out of the total workforce of 450. It was a very painful decision, but we were left with no other option. Without any bookings or business, it is impossible for travel agencies to pay their staff, settle rents and run their business," said P. N. J. Kumar, Chief Executive Officer at Caesars Travel Group.

Kumar's words underscored the magnitude of the crisis the travel industry is enduring in Kuwait in the aftermath of the coronavirus. Around 340 travel agencies had been operating in Kuwait prior to the outbreak of the pandemic, but as the situation became worse, some had to close a number of their branches.

Pay cuts, layoffs

"In March, in the early days of coronavirus, my company told us to take a 50 percent pay cut. But later in July, the company terminated my services along with 19 of my colleagues," said Ashraf Ali, an executive who worked at a leading travel agency. "It was a huge shock for me. My wife is a homemaker without any job. With two young children to take care of, it was nearly impossible for me to make ends meet. Luckily, I got a job in another travel agency last month even though my salary is much less than what I was paid in my previous job. And the new branch is yet to open," he said.

Arab Organization for Tourism and the Arab Air Transport Association had forecast that the number of air travelers to and from Kuwait will dramatically drop by about five million during 2020 compared to 2019. Kuwait Airways laid off as many as 1,500 expat employees while Jazeera Airways laid off around 500 employees as the pandemic continued to pummel demand for air travel.

"In fact, many passengers from India cancelled their bookings via Dubai hoping that Kuwait would lift the ban on flights from 34 countries and they can fly in directly. As a result, exorbitant UAE- Kuwait airfares have also come down. However, their expectations were short-lived and the ban continues to remain in force," said P N Kumar, General Manager at Badur Travels, Kuwait.

While demanding a review of this decision, the local travel and tourism industry projected that the country has lost more than KD 1 million by restricting the entry of expats from these 34 countries. Although Kuwait's aviation industry pared some losses after airports in the UAE became transit hubs for passengers bound for Kuwait and tour operators began to manage to get some clients, revenues remained way behind pre-lockdown levels.

Countrywide, nearly 30 percent of jobs in the travel industry were lost following the crisis, although some of them found jobs in other companies, at least temporarily, according to industry officials who spoke to Kuwait Times.

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Caesars family members who left us due to COVID

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Our condolences and warm sympathies to Caesars family members those who are left us due to this pandemic. We include their families in our prayers to overcome from this tragic situation that have been created due to Covid-19.

Finance Director for Caesar Pac General Trading Company.



Elias Manohar Ananda

One of our Caesars family member Elias Manohar Ananda died due to Covid. He was working as



Georges A. Bouchebl

Another Caesars family member Geoges A. Bouchebl died due to Covid. He was working as Business Development Manager, Caesars Group of Companies.

Notable personalities who left us due to COVID

Before we begin, we would like to offer a brief prayer along with our deep condolences to the families to overcome from this tragic situation that have been created as a vacuum in their families with those passed away due to Covid-19.



Sageer Thrikkarippur

Prominent community member and well known social worker in Kuwait Sageer Thrikkarippur passed away in Kuwait. He is the chairman of Kuwait Kerala Muslim Association, KKMA,



Abdu Rahman

Travel Executive Abdu Rahman passed away due to COVID. He was a senior reservation officer of Alomma travel, Farwaniya.



Gopakumar

Drama Artist and Singer Gopakumar passed away in Kuwait due to Covid. He was a very active member of KANA Kuwait.



Lawrence Pinto

Prominent Indian and a among the Konkani community in Kuwait, Lawrence Pinto passed away on Tuesday, 27 April at the age of 73 in Mumbai, India. Popularly known as Pinto or Lawryaab, he retired from active service in 2011 following his tenure at Bader Al-Mulla & Brothers Company as Stores and Purchase Manager.



Nadeem Zafar

Nadeem Zafar passed away due to COVID. He was working as CEO in Eternity Travels.



Dr Vasudeva Rao

An Indian doctor in Kuwait, who worked as an endodontist at the Kuwait Oil Company, died from the novel coronavirus infection, the company said in an Instagram post on Sunday. He is the country's second medical professional to die due to COVID-19.

Besides the above, Kuwait and our Indian community has witnessed many notable deaths due to covid-19 and it is difficult to name everyone here. We know that these are beyond our control and the only way to keep away from this dangerous pandemic is to ensure good health, develop immunity and follow the strict guidelines given by the Government authorities and medical experts from time to time. Once again, we give our hearts to all of you, the bereaved families and the Almighty God may bless you with the courage and strength to overcome this great loss happened in your families.

Kuwaitis prepare for holy month of Ramadan amid tightened restrictions against COVID-19 spread

As the holy month of Ramadan approaches, Muslims in Kuwait prepare for the festival amid tightened restrictions imposed by the government to curb the spread of COVID-19. Shopping for Ramadan decorations at the old Al-Mubarakiya market in the capital Kuwait City, Nahla Abdulrahim, a pharmacist, told Xinhua that the Ramadan vibes have become the only way to spread relief and joy in her home to make the family forget about this pandemic.

In preparation for the Ramadan, Abdulrahim said she used to buy decorations such as lanterns, hanging stars, banners, dishes, and many other items related to the festival. Ghadeer Al-Balushi, a housewife, said gold could be bought at a good price at the Al-Mubarakiya market to protect her savings in the light of the current crisis. Gold is a great investment in a time of economic difficulty, especially when the coronavirus pandemic is not expected to end soon, she explained. Abdul Hadi Ahmed, a vendor at the market, also groused about the current economic situation.

"The clothing store has recorded heavy losses with the accumulation of goods, especially for this month. Despite the presence of many people in the streets of Mubarakiya, there is low demand for the traditional Ramadan dresses," Ahmed said. "The curfew prevents people from finishing their work and going for shopping," he added. Abdullah Qusaibati, a salesman at one of the Mubarakiya stores, said he used to decorate the shop with lighting and flags, but such decorations are now seen as expensive when COVID-19 has drastically changed consumer spending.

In the restaurant area at Mubarkia, chairs and tables seem to have long gathered dust. "This street was used to be full of life," Sayed Al-Znabati, a worker in one of the restaurants, told Xinhua. Customers have decreased by 20 percent since the outbreak of COVID-19, he said, noting the business in the upcoming Ramadan is unlikely to pick up given the pandemic restrictions and most restaurants do not have delivery service. "After the instructions that do not allow the customers to sit and eat inside the restaurant, the beauty of a crowded Mubarakiya is gone and now selling is difficult amid the public fear of coronavirus spread," Al-Znabati lamented.

Shopping at a dates shop at the market, Khaled Al-Ali told Xinhua that the month of Ramadan seems to have lost its luster. "I have been waiting for the family meeting during the Ramadan, to see my children, grandchildren and the families of my brothers and sisters, but now I do not feel that happiness because of coronavirus," he said. Ali pointed out that the ongoing curfew in Kuwait affects not only adults, but also children who will be prevented from going out to celebrate Gergean in mid-Ramadan this year.

Kuwaiti authorities have extended the nationwide curfew until April 22, now running from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m., which means that gatherings are prohibited during the eating time.

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The future of tourism: travel trends for 2021 and beyond

Every year travel trends come and go, however, 2021 is set to be one of tourism's most significant years to date. As the world slowly recovers from COVID-19 and borders gradually start to open, we expect travel to look a little different than it did pre-pandemic.

Although nobody knows exactly what will happen, one thing is clear; we won't be able to travel as freely (without consideration for our health) as we used to...at least for the foreseeable future. Your position as a tour operator in this rapidly changing industry is an important one as the tourism industry embarks on this next chapter. Governmental regulations, health awareness and the long-lasting attitude effects of a global pandemic will mean changes for the way your business may operate.

for the health of the travellers, it is also for the good of the community. Subsequently, these practices will allow tourism to start operating again safely and sustainably, producing economic benefits for those involved as well.

Detailed and Timely Information Sharing

In a post-COVID-19 world, it will be more important than ever for travellers to stay connected as they travel. Gone are the days where people can easily go 'off-the-grid' as there is now a critical need to stay informed and up to date with the latest travel guidelines. Tour operators that can provide their travellers with detailed online and offline itineraries will be top of the mind for travellers concerned about staying informed. We've all seen how quickly

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tucked up your sleeve that you can offer your clients if and when clusters break out elsewhere.

A Shift In Transportation Expectations

Not only will popular destinations change, but this mentality is also likely to impact how people travel to and within a destination. The choice of the airline may no longer be solely price driven, rather decisions will be influenced by hygiene standards; e.g. if masks are compulsory or not, seat occupation spacing etc. Within the country, travellers may be more interested in opting for private transport or upgrading to a business class train carriage so that they can stay safe and avoid crowds.

Take time to keep up to speed with your transportation suppliers and their changing regulations



However, with this comes an exciting opportunity to adapt and innovate, along with the likelihood of travellers being willing to pay more to reduce their COVID-19 exposure. Continue reading to get a glance at what's in store for the future of tourism in 2021 and beyond.

Socially Distant Travel

Before COVID-19, exploring a crowded city would have been exciting and invigorating. Wandering through bustling markets, enjoying dinner at a bistro brimming with locals and visiting tourist hotspots were often the hallmarks of a fulfilling holiday. Sadly, what once was the source of endless travel memories are now situations that incite fear and anxiety for many.

In a post-COVID-19 world, travellers will be much more cognisant of the need to travel to destinations that make it easy to maintain social distancing practices. Tour operators will need to get creative by designing itineraries that avoid public forms of transportation and crowded tourist areas, as their customers will expect this more considered approach to travel design. This may take the form of itineraries focussing on more remote locations or even the increased popularity of niches such as birding tours and biking tours, where travellers are less likely to come into contact with others.

It's clear that travel and tourism need to be sustainable; for the planet, the community, and the industry in general. Taking the principles of sustainable tourism into consideration, socially distant travel is even more important. While promoting safe health practices is, of course, going to be beneficial

situations can change when it comes to COVID-19 so future travellers will likely want to be assured that their expert tour operator will be available to give trustworthy advice at a moments notice while they are in-country.

Less Groups, More FIT Itineraries

Travelling in a group can be an appealing way for people to meet others, enjoy a unique experience or simply to save money on travel. However, in 2021 this option is likely going to become increasingly unattainable. Travelling with strangers widens everyone's 'bubble' and also increases the reliance on others to practise safe behaviours.

Tour operators and travel agents who specialise in creating group tours may want to start thinking about how to pivot their business to operate safely and successfully in this new world. One option could be to pivot completely from group travel to 100% FIT travel. Another may involve continuing to offer group travel but only to those groups who already know and trust each other and regularly interact.

Market Popularity May Change

In the future, we may see destination popularity being dictated by how well that country or region has controlled the coronavirus. The precautions that are in place, and how the initial outbreak was handled, will reassure travellers that they will be safe while in a particular country or location. This may also, unfortunately, result in hot-spots that were popular prior to the pandemic, disappear due to the crisis and lack of tourism. As a travel designer it will be important to ensure you have a number of locations

as there will undoubtedly be related questions from your future customers that you will need to answer with confidence.

Travel Experts Would Be More Sought After Than Ever

With a considerable amount of uncertainty regarding travel safety and contradictory information rife online, travellers will continue to look towards the experts when it comes to planning their trips. Especially in the near future, travel will become increasingly complex, and travellers may engage with agents and tour operators simply to help them manage the complicated airline arrangements and health regulations they must adhere to.

Putting work in now to align your travel brand as a trustworthy thought leader will put you in good stead to attract customers when travel begins to resume.

Emerging Niche: Reunion Travel

While it is still uncertain as to when the world will be able to freely travel once more, there will be many people worldwide who are already keen to plan a trip to reunite with family and friends as soon as possible. These people are likely to engage a travel expert to coordinate and manage this process for them, due to the complications associated with international travel currently. This emerging trend will likely require less detailed in-country activities, and more focus on providing carefully researched transportation and accommodation plans to and from the reunion destination.

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WILL IATA'S NDC REPLACE GDS

As more and more Airlines are backing IATA's NDC, travel agents will be forced to work on the NDC platform as instead of being pushed by just one Airline, it is going to be backed by all IATA airlines sooner or later.

For large size travel agencies, GDS incentives are one of the highest supplier revenue and it will have a negative impact if airlines put pressure on travel agents to bypass the GDS process and book only through NDC. Agents will have two challenges to face as they will have a harder time offering the lowest fares to customers as it may be available only in the NDC platform and secondly, risk of losing customers if service fee is raised to compensate for the loss of GDS revenue.

Looking at the way things are shaping up, it wouldn't be surprising if GDS is replaced by a system in which Airlines charge Travel Agents to access their rich content instead of paying the agent to sell their



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content, which will be double revenue loss for the agents.

Despite being projected as a great opportunity with rich content that helps travel agents offer multiple fare options and ancillary services to customers, NDC has few drawbacks as the use of XML is not standardized as it depends on implementation of the IT provider. Imagine every Airline plugging into their own NDC pipeline, it will then be impossible for OTA's and travel agents to integrate with countless API channels, hence a switch to NDC means additional expenses which need not guarantee any benefits.

Having said that, NDC will definitely be the future and GDS's are most likely to synchronize themselves as part of the new dynamic distribution structure, but by offering probably one fourth or less of the GDS incentive to travel agents in comparison with the current incentive levels.

Post-Pandemic Travel: Precautions to take & Rules to follow

As the world and the economy cannot stop functioning even in the face of such a deadly disease, means of transport are reopening in one form or another in all places. Our holidays, work trips, and all other kinds of trips are set to change. Are you ready for post-pandemic travel? Here are a few starters for you to be prepared.

Recent changes in public travel

1. Flexible ticket change policy

Travel after lockdown is set to become easier. There are no more change fees upon cancellation of a flight ticket. You might also avail a flight voucher, which you can use as many as two years from the date of your original ticket.

2. Touchless screening

Airport authorities have changed their screening processes and eliminated staff's contact with travellers. Some airlines have also started temperature screenings.

3. Masks

If you are obliged to wear a mask even while stepping out to buy groceries, you surely need to have it on when you are travelling with hundreds of other people. Masks have been made a part of policy for all kinds of travellers.

4. Minimal cabin service

This means a cut in in-flight food and beverages. You are most likely to only be offered water on your flight rather than cold drinks or snacks.

Based on these changes and the currently noticed trend that transport companies have been making a lot of policy adjustments quietly or unannounced, it is important for us to keep track and watch out for the following possibilities.

How post-pandemic travel is set to change

You will have to keep an eye out for changes in transport policies. Cancellation, refund, and other policies are changing constantly as companies try to figure out best practices for travel after lockdown.

Since the number of passengers has drastically reduced and airlines are barely surviving, they will have to adopt a consumer-first approach with everything. Basically, it's great news for travellers.

All facilities will be redesigned to promote social distancing. The number of commuters allowed on buses, metros, and flights will go down. There will be separate and demarcated areas for arrivals, departures, ticketing, etc.



Precautions for travel after lockdown

Although there is great hope that full-fledged travel services will soon resume and we are all excited to go on journeys again, we must remember to be extra careful. Here are the key safety precautions to follow for post-pandemic travel.

1. Information is power, and safety too

You will have to figure out the best and safest mode of transport based on distance and exposure. You need to be aware of all the rules imposed by the government, international authorities, and any other relevant authority of the place you're travelling to.

If you happen to make spontaneous plans, be sure that they're the safest possible. If money is a problem, you can always go for a travel loan via Tata Capital's Personal Loans, which are designed to meet your immediate financial requirements.

2. Being on time is crucial

Waiting for a bus in a crowd is no more a normal thing to do. This could now lead to panic, accidents, and infections. So make sure that you aren't too late or even too early for your bus, train, or flight.

3. Social distancing

This goes without saying. Whether you're in a line or inside a vehicle, make sure that you maintain at least a meter between yourself and other passengers.

4. Online payments

Instead of booking at the counter and risking contact, book all your tickets online. Get monthly passes for regular modes such as bus and metro. Online payments also come with discounts and offers so it's a win-win.

5. Carry your hygiene armour

Carry disposable gloves, clean masks, sanitizers, tissue papers, etc. and use them frequently to make yourself as well as others feel safer. It would be wise to get yourself disposable sheets to sit on, and to avoid touching seats, windows, bars, doors, etc. as much as possible.

Conclusion

Some of these practices will feel too new and odd in the beginning, but they are for the betterment of our health and safety. Wouldn't it be great to travel in a safer world? Let's take these in the best spirit and start making our post-pandemic travel plans!

The Loyalty Effect: Hidden Force behind the growth of Caesars Travel Group (An interaction with a Senior Staff)

Loyal employees are always an asset for our company. In this edition, we would like to spare an interactive session with one of our very senior staff, Mr. Argie Lugod, Senior Reservation Officer - Caesars Travel Group who led a way to different developmental activities of our organization.

As a first question, would like to know about your educational & professional background?

I graduated from University of the East (UE) Philippines Bachelor's degree of Electronics & Communication Engineering. After I graduated and I managed to work in Wellcom Telecommunication Company. I worked there for 2 years and I joined in a Travel Agency Company in the year 2007.

What makes you passionate to travel domain?

There are countless reasons why I am passionate about travel. First of all, to meet people from different nationality with the conversations and that will build knowledge that may lead to bigger opportunities. Travel is becoming a powerful tool now for most. Travelers always craving for new experiences and more adventure.

How was your first job experience in this travel domain?

Experience was very much challenging, but I got a privilege and opportunities to learn more and got exposure to new environments. All that is itself fulfilling my dreams and to educate myself.

How is your experience with our company, better you can share your likes and dislikes?

Caesars build my own character to become a better person. Due to traveling, I have the ability to respond in any given situation maturely. I've grown to appreciate where I come from. I'm thankful to our CEO Mr. P.N.J. Kumar and Mr. Suresh George (Manager) still believing in me and my Capabilities. Caesars Travel Company is my second home and they treat me like Family.

How was your career ladder in Caesars as you are one of the senior employees?



Argie Lugod - Senior Reservation Officer - Caesars Travel Group

As a senior reservation officer at Caesars Travel Company since July of 2007 my objective is to be responsible and handle any task.

What are your major achievements and contributions to our company till date?

I am working hard for this company for more than 14 years and my contribution to this company is my loyalty, integrity and respect to management. We have so many achievements in the company. We became a Champion in Bowling Tournament and mostly our charity program for calamities with full support.

What is your expectation regarding travel domain in future?

I'm expecting bright future to our travel industry. Our business should get boosted and back to normal days from this pandemic.

Travel market is getting more challengeable due to Corona outbreak, as a senior staff what is your

plan or idea to tackle the situation.

My platform during the pandemic is to give more support and dedication. Nowadays the travel market industry globally is totally devastated, but our main aim always follows the health protocols and always aware about our safety.

Who is your role model and what is your dream?

My role model is my parents because they sacrifice everything for me to get our dream come true. They are my inspiration and they motivated me with unconditional love and most of the time I become God fearing. Only my dream for my family to have a healthy life and successful in future.

What is advice to the new staff who joined Caesars?

I advice for new staff just give the sincerity and integrity to the company, especially hard work and be loyal.

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