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Greetings from Cambodia and I hope this message finds you well.

Much like some of its neighboring countries in Southeast Asia, Cambodia can say it escaped widespread infection from covid-19 and to date, still has only 130 cases in total with no deaths.

A rigid lockdown seen in many other parts of the world was not implemented here, with contact tracing and external factors seemingly keeping infections low.

In a bid to boost the economy, Cambodia has now removed its ban on visitors from France, Germany, Iran, Italy, Spain and the United States, which was first imposed in mid-March. Visitors from these countries are now allowed to enter, but under strict conditions. Passengers will be required to show a health certificate, which certifies that the passenger has tested negative for Covid-19. A further health assessment will also be made on arrival. In addition, foreign nationals must provide proof of insurance coverage during their intended stay in Cambodia with a minimum medical coverage of not less than US\$50,000. Currently a US\$3000 deposit is to be paid on arrival to cover any possible covid-related expenses, but we expect this to be a temporary measure and will be updating immediately when this changes.

There has been positive steps taken by UNESCO, who are working in partnership with the Royal Government of Cambodia, development partners, NGOs, civil society, private sector, and relevant partners to provide socio-economic support in responding to the pandemic. Destination Asia Cambodia is now exploring ways to assist local communities as many people are finding it difficult to make ends meet. As borders open to international arrivals, we will share more details on the latest experiences and new ways to engage with the fascinating culture of Cambodia.

We look forward to seeing you in Cambodia again soon.