

Coronavirus Update

Date – 15th January 2021

SRI LANKA

The coronavirus case count in Srilanka now stands at 50899 cases, with 6901 active cases, 43747 recovered and 251 deaths are reported according to latest health ministry figures.

Sri Lanka is re-opening the airports from 21st January 2021 for all visitors. The SLTDA together with the ministry of Health has issued a set of guidelines to be adhered to, when visiting the country.

As of now 07 airlines including Singapore Airlines, Oman Air, Emirates, Etihad, Kuwait Airlines and Qatar airways will be resuming operations from 21st January with the reopening of the airports.

Here are the main points to consider in guidelines:

- No mandatory quarantine.
- No minimum stay at one particular hotel.
- A negative PCR test result must be obtained 96 hours prior to arrival along with a Health Declaration form that should be submitted prior to boarding, on board the flight and on arrival.
- Mandatory Covid 19 insurance cover at \$12 for a \$50,000 cover over a period of 1 month to be purchased via the tourism App or the respective airline/s.
- Tourists must occupy level 1 hotels that have been certified “safe & secure”.
- No exceptions to be made for vaccinations taken. All protocols to be adhered to regardless.
- All visas to be applied online and the “Tourism mobile app”
- Guests are required to pre purchase 2 PCR tests (\$40 per test). If the stay exceeds 7 days the guest is required to purchase the 3rd PCR test at their

own cost which will be done between the 10th – 14th day.

- If tested positive during the stay the cost of treatments should be covered via the medical insurance.
- 12 selected tourist sites have been identified for overseas visitors.
- All hotel facilities to be made available to the guests.
- The guest information and the tour details will be notified to the respective area medical health offices

We are hopeful that these guidelines will be further relaxed in the coming months.

For your ready reference, attached herewith the following documents.

- Guidelines for Tourism ([link](#))
- Tourist sites & monuments approved for visitors ([link](#))
- Initial Level 1 – Safe and Secure hotels (as of 14th January) ([link](#))

For the latest national updates you may visit <https://srilanka.travel/covid19/>