

Health Protocol for Arrivals to Sri Lanka Tourism

FULLY VACCINATED TRAVELLERS

Valid for arrivals from 26th October 2021

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Applies to International Tourists visiting Sri Lanka under tourist visa. No prior approval required from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or Civil Aviation Authority. There is no minimum duration of stay in Sri Lanka.

Travellers who have completed 14 days after the recommended doses of COVID-19 vaccination and arriving with a negative COVID-19 PCR test report obtained within 72 hours of embarkation will be considered as fully vaccinated travellers. Any vaccination type accepted by the country of origin will be accepted.

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Prior to boarding, travellers are required to:

- i. Have a valid tourist visa. All visas must be applied online. Visit www.eta.gov.lk.
- ii. Have done a negative PCR test within 72 hours prior to embarkation (Children below 2 years are exempted).

Note:

- Fully vaccinated travellers are **EXEMPTED** from obtaining the mandatory COVID-19 Local Insurance cover. However, travellers should ensure that they have a comprehensive travel insurance that will cover health and other expenses related to COVID-19 should there be a need as Government of Sri Lanka will not bear any costs resulting.
- Fully vaccinated travellers if accompanied by not-vaccinated/not-fully vaccinated children of 12-18 years, pay for on-arrival PCR test at USD 40 per test. Travelers can pay for PCR test at the Ministry of Health approved laboratory established at Bandaranaike International Airport (BIA) or any other MOH approved laboratory. Also, travellers can visit www.visitsrilanka.gov.lk to pay in advance.
- Fully vaccinated travellers if accompanied by not-vaccinated/not-fully vaccinated children, (all age groups) ensure that the comprehensive travel insurance is extended to cover the children adequately as the Government of Sri Lanka will not bear any costs resulting.

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At the airport produce the following:

- i. Negative COVID-19 PCR report (English) taken within 72 hours prior to embarkation (Applicable to all travellers excluding children below 2 years).
- ii. Original vaccination certificate / card (together with a certified copy of English language translation if the certificate / card is not in English or if relevant data are not indicated in English).
- iii. Completed Health Declaration Form. A separate form should be submitted for each of the accompanying children (if any).

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On-arrival PCR tests

- i. No on-arrival PCR test for "Fully Vaccinated" travellers.
- ii. Not-vaccinated Children:
 - No on-arrival PCR test for Not-vaccinated children up to 12 years and they will be allowed to travel with their parents.
 - Not-vaccinated children of 12 -18 years need to undergo on-arrival PCR testing at the Ministry of Health approved laboratory at BIA or at any other MOH approved laboratory and inform the result to the area MOH. If the Day 1 PCR test report is negative, they will be allowed to travel with their parents.
- iii. No 2nd PCR for fully vaccinated travellers.

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Accommodation & Airport transfers

Fully vaccinated travellers are allowed to make their own arrangements for accommodation, airport transfers and local transportation. However, advised to use safe and secure certified accommodations and travel agents to ensure their health and safety. (If fully vaccinated travellers are using "Safe & Secure Certified" L1 hotels / travel agents, airport transfers to be arranged by either the respective "Safe & Secure Certified" L1 hotel or travel agent)



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Health Protocol for Arrivals to Sri Lanka Tourism Tourism Bio Bubble

NOT-VACCINATED & NOT-FULLY-VACCINATED TRAVELLERS

Valid for arrivals from 26th October 2021

1

Applies to International Tourists visiting Sri Lanka under tourist visa. No prior approval required from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or Civil Aviation Authority. There is no minimum duration of stay in Sri Lanka.

Travellers who have not received COVID-19 vaccination, nor completed the recommended doses of vaccination (not-fully vaccinated) and/or departed from abroad within less than 2 weeks of completion of recommended doses of vaccination will be considered as not-vaccinated or not-fully-vaccinated travellers.

Travellers under this category will stay in the safety of the Tourism Bio Bubble until the completion of,

- 14 days post vaccination period / 7 days after arrival (whichever comes first will apply for not-fully vaccinated travellers)
- 7 days from arrival (applies for not-vaccinated travellers)

The travellers are allowed to visit approved tourist sites and use all facilities of the hotel upon negative results of the on-arrival PCR test.

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Prior to boarding, travellers are required to:

- Visit visitsrilanka.gov.lk to pay for the mandatory COVID 19 Insurance, PCR tests and to obtain the tourism reference number required to apply for visa.
(Optionally, travellers can make payments for PCR tests (if applicable) through the Safe & Secure Certified L1 hotel or Safe & Secure Certified travel agent. Travellers can pay for the mandatory COVID 19 Local Insurance through SLTDA)
- Have a valid tourist visa. All visas must be applied online. Visit eta.gov.lk. Ensure you include the Tourism reference number when applying for visa.
- Before applying for a visa, ensure you have the following:
 - A pre-confirmed booking at a Level 1 'Safe & Secure Certified' hotel/s for up to **8 days** depending on the duration of your stay and vaccination status. Hotel bookings could be made directly with the hotel or through a 'Safe & Secure' certified travel Agent or OTA. Visitors are allowed to move within L1 hotels and use all facilities of the hotel upon a negative PCR on-arrival.
For L1 hotel details visit www.srilanka.travel/helloagain.
 - Pay for the mandatory COVID-19 local travel insurance cover at USD 12 for a policy of USD 50,000 up to a period of one month (including children below 2 years).
 - Pay for the PCR tests (USD 40 per PCR test) depending on the status of your vaccination.
- Have done a negative PCR test within 72 hours prior to embarkation (Children below 2 years are exempted).
- Airport transfers to be arranged by either the respective Safe & Secure Certified L1 hotels or Certified Safe & Secure travel agents. Visit www.srilanka.travel/helloagain for details.
- Travellers are allowed to travel to foreign countries during the quarantine period with negative COVID-19 PCR reports.

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At the airport produce the following:

- Negative COVID-19 PCR report (English) taken within 72 hours prior to embarkation (All travellers excluding children below 2 years).
- Not-fully vaccinated travellers have to submit their original vaccination certificate / card (together with a certified copy of English language translation if the certificate / card is not in English or if relevant data are not indicated in English).
- Completed Health Declaration Form. A separate form should be submitted for each of the accompanying children (if any).

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On-arrival (Day 1) PCR test

- All travellers should undergo on-arrival (Day 1) COVID-19 PCR tests at "Safe & Secure Certified L1" hotels.
- Not-vaccinated Children:
 - Children below 12 years are exempted from on-arrival (Day 1) PCR testing. However, if the parents / guardians develop symptoms or receive positive results in on-arrival PCR tests, children will undergo PCR tests.
 - Children of 12 -18 years need to undergo Day 1 PCR testing.

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Exit PCR/Rapid Antigen Test

Not-Fully-Vaccinated Travellers (Travellers who have not completed two weeks after the vaccination)

Travellers who are vaccinated, yet not completed 2 weeks from the recommended doses of vaccination will be entitled for a shorter flexible bio-bubble period as below;

- Travellers will undergo the Exit PCR / Rapid Antigen test on the completion of 14 days from the recommended doses of vaccination or 7 days after arrival (whichever comes first will apply). Upon negative PCR / Rapid Antigen test results, they will leave the bio-bubble.
- Not-vaccinated Children:
 - Children below 12 years are exempted from Exit PCR / Rapid Antigen tests and can be released with the parent
 - Children of 12 - 18 years shall perform Exit PCR / Rapid Antigen tests on similar dates as their parents and should have negative results.

However, if the exit PCR / Rapid Antigen test result of an accompanying traveller of the child is positive for COVID-19, the child will also be subjected to PCR test subsequently.

- After verifying the status of vaccination and the completion of 2-weeks post vaccination period / 7 days after arrival and negative Exit PCR / Rapid Antigen tests results, the respective Safe & Secure L1 Hotel doctor / in charge will issue a "Discharge Document" and release the travellers from bio-bubble.

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Exit PCR/Rapid Antigen Test

Not-Vaccinated Travellers

- All Travellers will perform an Exit PCR / Rapid Antigen test on Day 7.
- Not-vaccinated Children:
 - Children below 12 years are exempted from Exit PCR / Rapid Antigen test. However, if the exit PCR test of an accompanying traveller of the child is positive for COVID-19, the child will also be subjected to PCR test subsequently.
 - Not-vaccinated children of 12-18 years should undergo an Exit PCR / Rapid Antigen test on Day 7 (after arriving in Sri Lanka).
- After the 7 days completion and verifying the negative PCR / Rapid Antigen test results, the respective Safe & Secure L1 Hotel doctor / in charge will issue a "Discharge Document" and release the travellers from bio-bubble.



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COVID-19 RECOVERED TRAVELLERS

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Applies to International Tourists visiting Sri Lanka under tourist visa. No prior approval required from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or Civil Aviation Authority. There is no minimum duration of stay in Sri Lanka.

Travellers with a history of COVID-19 within the past **6 months** and who are fully vaccinated or travelling to Sri Lanka after obtaining a single dose of COVID-19 vaccine recommended to fully vaccinate at the country of origin (E.g., Astra Zeneca / Pfizer BioNTech / Moderna, Johnson & Johnson, Sputnik Light & etc.) shall visit Sri Lanka under this category. They should carry a diagnosis card / positive PCR report / positive Rapid Antigen Test report / verifiable evidence as a proof of past history of illness (in English).

COVID-19 recovered travellers who are vaccinated, yet not completed 2 weeks from the recommended doses of vaccination (not-fully vaccinated) can also visit under the safety of the Tourism Bio-Bubble and will be entitled for a shorter, flexible bio-bubble period at "Safe & Secure Certified L1" hotel/s.

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Prior to boarding, travellers are required to:

i. Visit www.visitsrilanka.gov.lk to pay for mandatory COVID-19 Local Insurance cover at USD 12 for a policy of USD 50,000 up to a period of one month (including children below 2 years) and obtain the Tourism reference number required to apply for visa.

- If not-fully-vaccinated or accompanied by not-vaccinated children of 12-18 years, pay for PCR tests at USD 40 per test.

(Optionally, travellers can make payments for PCR tests (if applicable) through the Safe & Secure Certified L1 hotel or Safe & Secure Certified travel agent. Travellers can pay for the mandatory COVID-19 Local Insurance through SLTDA)

ii. Have a valid tourist visa. All visas must be applied online. Visit eta.gov.lk. Ensure you include the Tourism reference number when applying for a visa.

iii. Have done a negative PCR test within 72 hours prior to embarkation. Fully vaccinated travellers having a history of infection within the last 3 months, could arrive with a negative COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test report done within 48 hours prior to embarkation. (Children below 2 years are exempted from PCR/Antigen tests)

iv. COVID-19 recovered travellers who have not completed two weeks after the vaccination must have a pre-confirmed booking at a Level 1 "Safe & Secure Certified" hotel/s for up to **8 days** depending on the duration of your stay and vaccination status. Hotel bookings could be made directly with the hotel or through "Safe & Secure" certified travel Agent or OTA. Visitors are allowed to move within L1 hotels and use all facilities of the hotel upon an on-arrival negative PCR test. For details on L1 hotels and Travel agents visit www.srilanka.travel/helloagain.

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At the airport produce the following:

i. Negative COVID-19 PCR report (English) taken within 72 hours / negative COVID-19 Rapid Antigen report (English) taken within 48 hours prior to embarkation (Applicable to all travellers excluding children below 2 years). Please refer 2 (iii) for information

ii. Original vaccination certificate / card (together with a certified copy of English language translation if the certificate/card is not in English or if relevant data are not indicated in English). Travellers who have recovered from COVID-19 with one dose of vaccine, have to submit a diagnosis card / positive PCR report / positive Rapid Antigen Test report / verifiable evidence as a proof of past history of illness (in English).

iii. Completed Health Declaration Form. A separate form should be submitted for each of the accompanying children (if any).

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Fully-Vaccinated COVID-19 recovered travellers

On-arrival PCR tests

i. No on-arrival PCR test for "Fully Vaccinated" travellers

ii. Not-vaccinated Children:

- No on-arrival PCR test for not-vaccinated children up to 12 years and they will be allowed to travel with their parents.
- Not-vaccinated children of 12 - 18 years need to undergo on-arrival PCR testing at the Ministry of Health approved laboratory at BIA or at any other MOH approved laboratory and inform the result to the area MOH. If the Day 1 PCR report is negative, they will be allowed to travel with their parents.

iii. No 2nd PCR for fully vaccinated travellers.

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Not-Fully-Vaccinated Travellers (COVID-19 recovered travellers who have not completed 2 weeks after the vaccination)

On-arrival PCR tests

i. All travellers should undergo on-arrival (Day 1) COVID-19 PCR tests at "Safe & Secure Certified L1" hotels;

ii. Not-vaccinated Children:

- No on-arrival PCR test for not-vaccinated children up to 12 years.
- Not-vaccinated children of 12 - 18 years need to undergo Day 1 PCR testing.

Exit PCR /Rapid Antigen test

i. Travellers will undergo the Exit PCR / Rapid Antigen test on the completion of 14 days from the recommended doses of vaccination or 7 days after arrival (whichever comes first will apply). Upon negative PCR / Rapid Antigen test results, they will leave the bio-bubble.

ii. Not-vaccinated Children:

- a. Not-vaccinated children below 12 years are exempted from Exit PCR / Rapid Antigen tests and can be released with the parents.
- b. Children of 12 - 18 years shall perform Exit PCR / Rapid Antigen tests on similar dates as their parents and should have negative results.

After verifying the status of vaccination and the completion of 2-weeks post vaccination period / 7 days after arrival and negative Exit PCR / Rapid Antigen tests results, the respective Safe & Secure L1 Hotel doctor / in charge will issue a "Discharge Document" and release the travellers from bio-bubble.

6

Accommodation & Airport transfers

i. Fully-Vaccinated travellers

Fully-vaccinated travellers are allowed to make their own arrangements for accommodation, airport transfers and local transportation. However, advised to use Safe & Secure Certified accommodations and travel agents to ensure their health and safety. (If COVID-19 recovered fully vaccinated travellers are using "Safe & Secure Certified" L1 hotels / travel agents, airport transfers to be arranged by either the respective "Safe & Secure Certified" L1 hotel or travel agent)

ii. COVID-19 recovered travellers who have not completed 2 weeks after the vaccination

Accommodation at Safe & Secure Certified L1 hotels until completion of the 2-weeks post vaccination period / 7 days after arrival. Airport transfers to be arranged by either the respective Certified Safe & Secure L1 hotel or Certified Safe & Secure travel agent.



Dambulla Royal Cave Temple, Matale District

