

An illustration of two hikers, a man and a woman, walking towards the right. They are both wearing face masks and carrying backpacks. The man is wearing a black t-shirt and orange shorts, while the woman is wearing a yellow t-shirt and black shorts. They are walking on a path that leads towards a beach and the ocean.

Ayubowan!

Ayubowan! Welcome back to the paradise island of Sri Lanka. As we open our doors to the world once again; we've pulled out all the stops, ensuring that every precautionary measure has been set in place to make your island getaway as safe, secure and serene as possible. In your preparation to explore the wild and wonderful, we'd like to bring your attention to the 'things you need to know' for your safety; as you make your way to an amazing time that is So Sri Lanka!

Things you need to know when prepping for your visit

No minimum number of days required to stay.



No restrictive quarantine required.

We have created a bio-bubble for all visitors coming through the Tourism Route to ensure your safety while ensuring you have a great time in Sri Lanka.



Tourism Route is open for International Tourists visiting Sri Lanka under tourist visa and optional for dual citizens, valid resident visa holders, Sri Lankan citizens who opt to come under the tourism route. No prior approval required from Ministry of Foreign Affairs or Civil Aviation Authority.



Bandaranaike International Airport (BIA) and Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport (MRIA) are open for visitors. BIA is certified as a safe airport by ACI airport health accreditation programme.



Vaccinated visitors are entitled for a shorter bio-bubble period (24-48 hours).

Not-Vaccinated visitors will stay within the bio-bubble for up to 13 nights/14 days of stay.



You are required to stay at Level 1 'Safe & Secure' hotel/s. These hotels are in compliance with the COVID-19 Health Protocols and the Tourism Operational Guidelines, taking care of you in the initial phase of your visit. Guests are permitted to use all facilities within the premises of the hotel.

All certified Level 1 'Safe & Secure' hotels would have a unique QR code displayed, so that you may provide feedback on the health protocols observed.



Your 'Safe & Secure' L1 hotel and the 'Safe & Secure' travel agent will be responsible for taking care of you during your stay.

We recommend that you read and understand the Health Guidelines prior to your visit (www.srilanka.travel/helloagain).



Application of Visa

All visas must be applied online.
Visit www.eta.gov.lk.



When applying for your visa, you would need:



A pre-confirmed booking at a Level 1 'Safe & Secure' hotel; depending on the duration of your stay & vaccination status. 24-48 hrs for vaccinated and 14 days for not vaccinated. Hotel booking could be made directly with the hotel or through Travel Agent or OTA. Allowed to move within L1 hotels and use all facilities of the hotel. Please visit www.srilanka.travel/helloagain.

Obtain mandatory COVID-19 local travel insurance cover for USD 12 for a policy value of USD 50,000 for a period of one month. Despite the vaccination status or age all visitors are required to obtain the local covid insurance cover from People's Insurance Plc. Please visit www.srilanka.travel/helloagain. Also ensure you collect the copy of the COVID 19 Insurance Policy from first hotel of your stay.

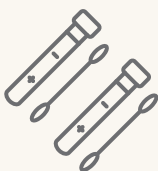


Pay for PCR tests (USD 40 per PCR test) depending on the number of days of stay and vaccination status.

- If vaccinated 1 PCR test on arrival only.
- If not vaccinated 2 PCR tests, i.e. on arrival and exit PCR.
- If not vaccinated and the stay is less than 5 days, no exit PCR required (However, visitors are advised to check with their respective airlines/destinations for their requirements).
- Children below 2 years are exempted from PCR testing.
- Children between 2-12 years:

Vaccinated route - undergo only on-arrival PCR.

Not-vaccinated route - undergo only exit PCR.





Vaccinated Visitors

Only the visitors who have completed the recommended doses of COVID-19 vaccination and arriving after two weeks of completion of vaccination will be considered as vaccinated visitors. Any vaccination accepted by the country of origin is acceptable under the vaccinated route.

Process to follow,



Follow the above visa process and ensure you have a valid visa to enter Sri Lanka.

Accompanying Children

Children below 12 years are permitted to accompany their parents/guardians who are fully vaccinated.

- Children 2 years and above are required to do one PCR test (On arrival)
- Children below 2 years are exempted from PCR tests. However if the parents/guardians develop symptoms or result in positive PCR test reports children will undergo PCR tests.



On arrival at the Airport

Immigration officers will check all mandatory documents of travelers, including the PCR report, travel insurance, travel/stay details, health counter clearance note, and relevant personal details.

It is mandatory to carry a negative COVID-19 PCR report in English taken within 72 hours before your flight (applies to all travelers including children irrespective of age)



On arrival you will be required to produce the original copy of the vaccination certificate together with a certified English language translation (if the certificate is not in English language) to the Airport Health Officer.

Submit the duly completed Health Declaration Form to the Airport Health Officer. Please visit www.srilanka.travel/helloagain.





Airport transfers

Airport transfers to be arranged **ONLY** by either the respective Certified Safe & Secure L1 hotel or Certified Safe & Secure travel agent. No personal arrangements are allowed.

Choosing your Stay

You have to have a booking at a 'Safe & Secure' L1 hotel/s for a period of 24-48 hours. This is a mandatory requirement when applying for your visa.



PCR Testing

Under the vaccinated route you will only undergo one PCR test.

Undergo an on arrival PCR test conducted at your 'Safe & Secure' L1 hotel.



On receipt of a negative PCR test report (within 24-48 Hours), you are permitted to leave the bio-bubble. The respective 'Safe & Secure' L1 hotel doctor will issue a discharge document upon verifying the status of vaccination and PCR test results.

Children below 2 years are exempted from PCR testing. However if the parents/guardians develop symptoms or result in positive PCR test reports children will undergo PCR tests.



Going out into the Community

Once you leave the bio-bubble you can freely explore the destination.

But remember to follow the health guidelines to ensure the safety of you and the local community.



Not Vaccinated Visitors



Visitors who have not completed the COVID 19 vaccination or arrive in Sri Lanka less than two weeks of vaccination or accompany children above 12 years who are not vaccinated are considered Not-Vaccinated under the tourism route.

Special consideration will be given to those who have received both doses of the vaccination and not completed 14 days prior arrival period. Such visitors will be entitled for shorter bio-bubble period. (eg: if they arrive on the 6th day of vaccination, they can leave Safe and Secure L1 hotel at the end of 8th day upon 2 negative PCR reports. They need not stay 14 days in the bubble). Safe and Secure L1 hotel doctor will issue a discharge document upon verifying the status of vaccination and PCR test results.



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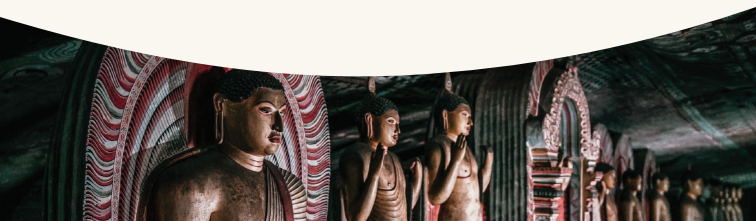
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Choosing your Stay



Stay at a Certified Safe & Secure L1 hotel/s for upto first 13 nights/14 days of the visit. You are allowed to stay at any number of Certified Safe & Secure L1 hotels and are permitted to use all facilities of the hotel. When applying for visa you must have a booking at a Certified Safe & Secure L1 hotel/s for upto first 13 nights/14 days of your stay.

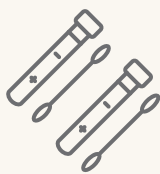
PCR Testing

Under not-vaccinated route you will undergo Two PCR tests. i.e., on arrival and exit PCR, both performed at your respective Safe & Secure L1 hotel/s. However if the stay is less than 5 days, no exit PCR is required.



The exit PCR is performed depending on the number of days of stay

- If stay is more than 14 days –PCR performed on 11th-14th day of arrival. Upon negative results for both PCRs (i.e. on arrival and exit) visitors are allowed to leave the bio-bubble and the respective Safe and Secure L1 hotel doctor will issue a discharge document upon verifying the PCR test results.
- If stay is between 5-14 days – PCR performed depending on the date of departure (i.e., 24-48 hours before departure).
- If stay is less than 5 days - no exit PCR required.



Children below 12 years are exempted from on-arrival PCR testing. However children between 2 to 12 years will undergo an Exit PCR testing.





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Visiting Tourist Sites

You can explore multiple sites in Sri Lanka (upon negative on-arrival PCR test results) during the initial 13 nights/14 days of your stay under the safety of the bio-bubble. Please do your part not to break the bubble.



Going out into the Community

After 13 nights/14 days, you are permitted to go out into the general community upon the negative exit PCR test report. You are advised to follow the health guidelines at all times to ensure the safety of you and the local community.



General Safety Etiquettes

Refrain from handshaking, hugging or kissing; instead use the traditional Sri Lankan greeting- **“Ayubowan”**.

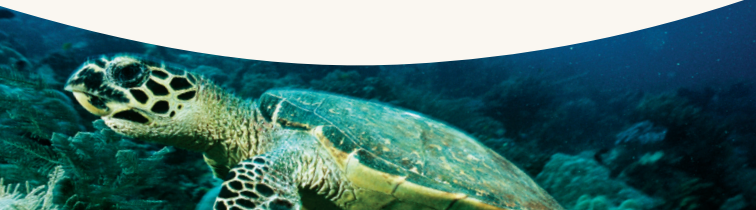


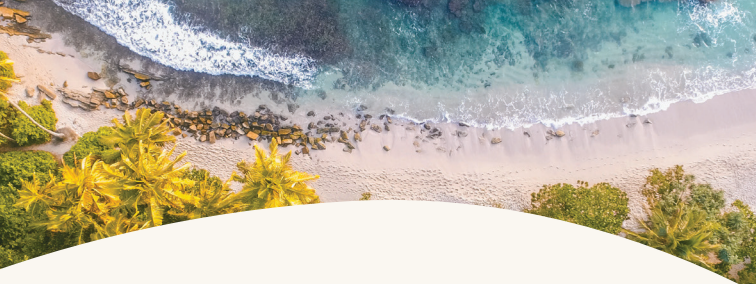
Ensure that you wear a face mask at all times in a public setting, it is a mandatory requirement by the law.

Ensure you have easy access to your 'discharge document' issued by the Safe and Secure L1 hotel doctor.

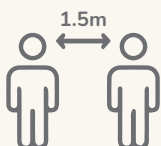


Choose self-checkouts, cashless or contactless payments whenever possible.





Refrain from using public transport as much as possible.



Maintain a minimum distance of 1.5 meters between two people when in the community.

Ensure you use sanitizer or wash hands with soap regularly.



Sri Lanka Tourism would kindly like to remind travelers that keeping you safe is as much your responsibility as it is ours; so please ensure compliance with the health protocols (visit [srilanka.travel/helloagain](https://www.srilanka.travel/helloagain)), so that you may have a safe, secure and enjoyable experience in Sri Lanka.

Please call the Sri Lanka Tourism 24-hour hotline on 1912 or email helloagain@srilanka.travel for any additional support.





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