



# SRI LANKA IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS

A guide to the new health & safety measures for  
international tourists

Dear Valued Customer,

We are pleased to confirm that Sri Lanka will be open for international tourists from 21st January 2021.

Sri Lanka Tourism, in conjunction with the Ministry of Health, have put in place a series of protocols and guidelines to ensure the safety of both visitors and residents as tourism resumes. Whilst there are certain restrictions in place, every effort has been made to ensure that visitors can still have an enjoyable and safe experience in Sri Lanka.

With this in mind, these guidelines do not include a mandatory quarantine period, and providing the PCR test results are negative, you will be able to move between a variety of 'Safe and Secure' hotels (including boutique beach properties and private tea bungalows) and visit key tourist sites during your stay when travelling in a secure bio-bubble with one of our private chauffeur-guides. After 14 days, tourists who have had negative PCR test results can move about freely without restrictions.

In this document, you will find a comprehensive summary of the new guidelines for tourists, and a sample itinerary which gives you an idea of what to expect from a Sri Lanka trip with the current health and safety measures in place. Sri Lanka Tourism have also released a [video](#) which shows the new protocols for Sri Lanka holidays, from the moment of arrival to the day of departure.

We recognise that some of you will wish to plan your Red Dot holiday for a later time when there are fewer health & safety measures in place, or when we can confidently expect things to revert to normality. Our frequently updated [FlexiBook policy](#) covers travel dates up to mid-2022 and enables you to freely adjust your itinerary in the run-up to your holiday should you so wish.

Our tours have been certified as 'Safe and Secure' by the Sri Lanka Tourist Development Authority, and you can trust that we will continue to prioritise the safety of our clients every step of the way, as we have since our inception in 2000.

Get in touch with us via [enquiries@reddottours.com](mailto:enquiries@reddottours.com) if you have any questions or to start planning your trip. You can also find useful information on our regularly updated [Covid-19 website page](#).

We will continue to update you as and when we receive information, and we are looking forward to welcoming you and your loved ones to Sri Lanka soon.

Warm regards,



David Hopps  
Co-founder

## Key health & safety guidelines for tourists

### Pre-arrival:

- Visa applications will need to be submitted online prior to arrival – you can no longer obtain a visa on arrival in Sri Lanka
- You will need to download the Tourism Mobile App when applying for the visa
- You will need to use the Tourism Mobile App to pay for your mandatory in-country PCR tests (2-3 tests depending on the length of your holiday, 40 USD per test)
- You will need to purchase Covid-19 insurance cover via the Tourism Mobile App at a cost of 12 USD which provides cover for one month
- You will need to have proof of a negative PCR test, conducted no more than 96 hours prior to your outbound flight departure time, in order to board your outbound flight to Sri Lanka
- The first 14 days of your stay should be pre-confirmed prior to your arrival in Sri Lanka and the itinerary uploaded to the Tourism Mobile App, with your accommodation for this initial two-week period restricted to hotels that have been certified as level 1 'Safe & Secure'

### Flights:

- Tourists can arrive into Sri Lanka via scheduled and chartered flights and by private jet
- All inbound flights to Sri Lanka are required to adhere to the health protocols set out by the Civil Aviation Authority
- The number of visitors allowed to arrive into Sri Lanka each day will be determined by the testing capacity of the private laboratories that have been set aside for tourist PCR testing
- You will need to complete a health declaration form before boarding your flight to Sri Lanka

### During your stay:

- You will need to take up to three PCR tests during your stay in Sri Lanka depending on the length of your holiday, with one mandatory test conducted on arrival
  - For stays of less than 5 days, you will not need to take an additional PCR test
  - For stays between 5 - 14 days, you will need to take an additional PCR test 5-7 days after arrival
  - For stays over 14 days, you will need to take two additional PCR tests, one 5-7 days after arrival and another 10-14 days after arrival
  - Children under the age of 12 are exempt from all in-country PCR tests unless they show symptoms of coronavirus or are identified as a first contact of a known coronavirus patient
- If your on-arrival PCR test is negative, you will be able to stay in multiple level 1 'Safe & Secure' hotels and visit key tourist sites during the first 14 days of your stay, subject to travelling under a secure bio-bubble with one of our private chauffeur-guides and with all stops (such as meals, bathroom breaks etc.) having been pre-confirmed before travel
- Your transport should be organised by a certified travel agent and should be completely private, with no mixing of groups during your journeys
- Should you test positive for Covid-19 during your stay, you will either be isolated in a separate area of the hotel or in a care centre (asymptomatic cases) or transferred to a private hospital (those with symptoms)
- All hotels will have thorough health & safety protocols in place, but guests who have negative PCR test results will be able to use the common areas (such as the swimming pool) as usual
- Domestic flights are permitted, subject to strict health & safety protocols