



# 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 is now open to all international tourists, including those travelling from the U.K.

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 when tourism resumes. Whilst there are certain restrictions in place, every effort has been made to ensure that visitors can still have a wonderful 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.

Travellers who are fully-vaccinated against Covid-19 (those who have had both doses of an approved Covid-19 vaccine, with the last dose administered at least two weeks before travelling to Sri Lanka) have even greater freedoms, with just one PCR test conducted on arrival. Children aged between 2 – 18 years old who have not been fully vaccinated but are travelling with fully-vaccinated adults must also take a follow-up PCR test on day 7. As long as the results of these tests are negative, fully-vaccinated travellers are free to explore the island as they wish.

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

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 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 pay for your mandatory in-country PCR tests (1-2 tests depending on the length of your holiday, 40 USD per test) prior to your holiday, either through the Tourism Mobile App (when available) or through your sales consultant – we will advise you on and arrange all necessary tests
- You will need to have evidence of COVID-19 insurance cover for a minimum of one month to the value of at least 50,000 USD – this can be acquired via the Tourism Mobile App (when available) or organised through your sales consultant
- You will need to have proof of a negative PCR test, conducted no more than 72 hours prior to your outbound flight departure time, in order to board your outbound flight to Sri Lanka. This includes children aged two years old and above
- The first 1-14 days of your stay (one day for fully-vaccinated travellers, 14 days for non-vaccinated travellers) should be pre-confirmed prior to your arrival in Sri Lanka, with your accommodation for this initial 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:

If you have had both doses of the Covid-19 vaccine:

- You will need to present the original copy of your vaccination certificates / cards, with a certified English language translation if the documents are not written in English, to the Airport Health Officer upon arrival in Sri Lanka and at your first hotel when waiting for the result of your on-arrival PCR test
- You will need to take a PCR test on arrival – if this is negative, you are free to move around the island as you wish. Please note that once you leave the level 1 'Safe and Secure' hotel system, you cannot stay in any more level 1 'Safe and Secure' hotels during the rest of your holiday
- Children aged two years old or above must also take the on-arrival PCR test
- Unvaccinated children of 2-18 years who left the bio-bubble with the fully vaccinated parents and negative on arrival (Day 1) PCR test results, should undergo a COVID-19 PCR test on Day 10 after arriving in Sri Lanka.
- Children younger than 2 years old who are accompanying fully-vaccinated adults will not be subject to an on-arrival PCR test unless someone they are travelling with gets a positive result for their on-arrival PCR test

If you have not had both doses of the Covid-19 vaccine:

- You will need to take two PCR tests during your stay in Sri Lanka, with one test conducted on arrival and another either 1-2 days prior to departure or on day 14 (applicable to holidays of more than two weeks in length)
- If your on-arrival PCR test result is negative, you will be able to stay in multiple level 1 'Safe & Secure' hotels and visit key tourist sites for the first 14 nights of your stay, subject to traveling 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
- For holidays of more than two weeks in length, if the day 14 exit PCR test is also negative, you will be allowed to leave your level 1 'Safe and Secure' hotel and are then free to explore Sri Lanka as you wish
- Children of 2 - 18 years shall perform exit PCR tests on similar dates as their parents' and should have negative reports.
- Unvaccinated children of 2-18 years who have been released within the first 10 days after arriving in Sri Lanka with the parents who have completed two weeks post-vaccination period after arrival in Sri Lanka, should undergo a PCR test on Day 10 (if not subjected to a PCR test between Day 6 -10 after arrival in Sri Lanka)
- If you are staying in Sri Lanka for less than 96 hours, you only need to take a PCR test on arrival

Applicable to vaccinated and non-vaccinated travellers:

- 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 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