

## Destination Updates as on 21 January 2021

## SRI LANKA

## **HELLO SUNSHINE**

Airports and borders of Sri Lanka are now open and the Emerald Isle is all set to welcome international tourists from all nations. The country has formulated detailed <u>tourism safety protocols</u> after consultation with relevant stakeholders and healthcare professionals. The balmy beaches, tranquil plantations, and wildlife reserves are waiting for you.

10 key points you must know to plan a holiday in Sri Lanka:

- 1. No restrictive quarantine or minimum number of days required for stay
- 2. Negative PCR test obtained 96 hours prior to arrival and health declaration form to submit prior to boarding, on the flight, and on arrival
- 3. Mandatory Covid 19 insurance at \$12 (for a one-month cover of \$50000) via mobile tourism app or at the point of booking airline tickets or hotel
- 4. All Visas must be applied online and 2 PCR tests (\$40 each) must be pre-purchased via the mobile tourism app. Guests staying over 7 days must buy a 3rd PCR test and get tested between the 10th 14th day
- 5. Medical insurance should cover the treatment cost in case guests test positive during their stay
- 6. Guests must book certified "safe and secure" Level 1 hotels
- 7. All hotel facilities will be available for guests
- 8. 14 tourist sites selected with time slots for visits to avoid mass gathering
- 9. Respective area medical health offices will receive all information of the guests and their itinerary
- 10. No exceptions for vaccinations taken, all protocols will be applicable regardless

In case guests test positive or develop symptoms during their stay, the concerned hotel medical officer will liaise with the government authorities to handle the situation.

