

Destination Updates as on 4 February 2021

SRI LANKA

International tourism is now open in Sri Lanka after being closed for over 10 months. Strict safety protocols and guidelines remain in place for all tourists looking to taste the tea, curries, and beaches of Sri Lanka right now. In a notice issued on 02 February 2021, children below 12 years of age will be exempted from PCR testing unless they are symptomatic or identified to have been exposed to a known patient.

The number of mandatory PCR tests has also been updated for foreign tourists. A test is mandatory on arrival and no further testing is needed if the stay is for or less than 4 nights/5 days. Thereafter, if guests stay for more than 4 nights/5 days but less than 13 nights/14 days, they will need to get another PCR test done between the 5th – 7th days. For stays lasting more than 13 nights/14 days, a third PCR test is mandatory on 10-14 days.

Anantara Peace Haven Tangalle Resort and Anantara Kalutara Resort are the latest international five-star hotels to have been certified by the Sri Lankan government as Level 1 'Safe and Secure' to welcome international travellers as part of the country's 'bio-bubble' approach to restart tourism. While Anantara Kalutara Resort will welcome international guests from 06 February 2021, guests can stay at Anantara Peace Haven Tangalle Resort from 22 February 2021.

The island nation has recorded an impressive 91% Covid recovery rate as on 03 February 2021. For detailed statistics, Please <u>click here</u>.

