



Destination Updates as on 30 April 2021

SRI LANKA

International arrivals continue in Sri Lanka with all guidelines and protocols established under the safety travel bubble. As per the guidelines issued by the Tourism Authority on the 7th of April, fully vaccinated travellers have the flexibility on choices of hotels and experiences after Day 2. Unvaccinated travellers can still enjoy their holidays booking Level 1 accommodation and visits to sites that will have specific time pockets.

The country has decided to postpone the launch of travel bubble arrangement with India with the rise of cases in India. However, Sri Lankan officials have assured that it is merely a delay and not a cancellation. Once the situation improves, the arrangement will proceed as planned.

India is one of the top contributors for tourism to Sri Lanka and both countries have been in talks to improve connectivity between different cities. Plans are also on to improve connectivity to Indian airports with significance to Buddhist pilgrimage. As of now, these plans are on hold.

There has been a spike in Covid cases in the past few days following the Tamil New Year period and the holiday period. The government was swift to impose restrictions in the developing clusters and they have advised locals to adhere to strict protocols and avoid unnecessary travel and gatherings until the situation is under control. This strict restriction is temporary and is valid only until the 31 May 2021 during which the government feels that the authorities can manage the situation well.

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