

SRI LANKA

The Emerald Isle is now ready to welcome visitors again!

This is great news for travellers who are longing to visit the sun-drenched beaches of Sri Lanka. Cultural and historical attractions and National Parks across the country are now open for visitor. There is an added advantage for fully vaccinated guests. They only need to stay at a Level 1 hotel on their first night and then they are free to move into the community from Day 02. This is subject to a negative result on the mandatory PCR test conducted on arrival. Fully vaccinated travellers with a negative PRC report will get a 'Discharged Card' that will serve as their passport for unrestricted movement within the island.

Non-vaccinated or partially vaccinated travellers can also visit Sri Lanka. However, they need to pre-book Level 1 'Safe & Secure' hotel accommodation (up to 15 Days) and travel within a 'Safe Bio-Bubble'. Guests must also undergo mandatory PCR test on arrival and on Day 14 prior to being 'Discharged'. They can visit cultural sites and attractions but with safety restrictions, which they can discuss with their local travel representatives.

Mandatory requirements for all who want to visit Sri Lanka are as below

- Valid Passports
- Original Vaccine Certificate
- Pre-booking confirmation of first night stay at a Level 1 'Safe & Secure' Hotel
- Pre-paid travel local insurance (\$12 per person for a cover of \$50,000)
- An English version of a negative PCR test report done no more than 72 hours prior to boarding

The government has temporarily banned arrivals from India, Vietnam, some African, and South American regions and of passengers with history of travel to these places in the last 14 days.

There has been remarkable progress in the inoculation drive of the country with over 48% of the total adult population having received at least a single dose of the vaccine. Approximately 12% of its total adult population is fully vaccinated making Sri Lanka the leader in the region in terms of percentage of adults vaccinated.

The country has received 1.5 million doses of Moderna vaccines from USA on 16th July that has helped speed up the vaccination drive. They are also due to receive another shipment of 1.45 million doses of AstraZeneca vaccines from Japan by the end of July under the 'Covax' agreement. The government is also administering doses of AstraZeneca Pfizer-BioNTech, Sinopharm, and Sputnik V vaccines to citizens above 30 years and it is confident of inoculating 100% of its adult population by the end of September.

The number of cases reported daily has also seen a decline and as on 20 July, the numbers ranged between 1200-1400 cases daily.

For latest statistics, Please [click here](#).