

Destination Updates as on 6 August 2021

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Over 12.7 million doses of vaccines have been administered in the Emerald Isles with over 90% of the total population above 30 years having received at least a single dose. The country aims to administer the first dose of vaccine to all above the age of 30 years by the end of August 2021 and to all adults above the age of 18 years by the end of October 2021.

With the approval of five vaccines for use in Sri Lanka, the target set by the government seems to be well within reach. The vaccines being administered include Covishield, Pfizer/BioNTech manufactured BNT162b2, Sputnik V, CoronaVac, and Sinopharm manufactured BBIBP-CorV. There has also been a move towards immunising the tourism industry frontline staff to boost the recovery of tourism in the island.

International travel continues in Sri Lanka under different protocols. While fully vaccinated travellers are allowed to leave the 'bio bubble' upon providing a negative PCR test on arrival, non-vaccinated travellers are required to stay at any number of Certified Safe & Secure L1 hotels and are allowed to visit a number of attractions adhering to health and safety protocols issued by the Ministry of Health.

However, travellers with a travel history (including transit) in the past 14 days to India, South American countries and South African countries (South Africa, Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, Swaziland, Zambia, Zimbabwe) will not be permitted to disembark in Sri Lanka until further notice.

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