

Destination Updates as on 17 December 2021

SRI LANKA

The Health Ministry, Government of Sri Lanka, has set up a PCR testing facility at the Bandaranaike International Airport premises to facilitate travellers who require testing on arrival. Visitors need to exit the airport and take short 5-minutes' drive to the facility. The fee for the test is US\$40 per person and needs to be borne by the travellers. Reports will be issued in three hours, and officials are hopeful that this will eliminate the need for hotel quarantine.

According to the Director-General of Health Services, children between the ages of 12-18 who have received at least one dose of Pfizer vaccine two weeks before departure from their home countries will be considered fully vaccinated upon arrival in Sri Lanka. The announcement aims to attract more tourists, including families with children, to visit the island.

Sri Lanka has also received a coveted spot on the list of best countries to travel to in 2021 by the readers of Conde Nast Traveller magazine. With its beautiful and remote locations, Sri Lanka is definitely high on the list of places that people want to travel to.

Travel restrictions for persons arriving from specific South African countries remain in place to mitigate the risk of spreading the Omicron variant of the coronavirus.

Tourism guidelines and protocols for travelling to Sri Lanka remain the same. To know the detailed requirements, you can <u>click here.</u>

For latest statistics on new reported cases and vaccination status, Please click here.



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