

# HEALTH PROTOCOLS FOR VISITORS ARRIVING FROM INDIA THROUGH THE TOURIST ROUTE

Valid for arrivals from 19<sup>th</sup> August 2021

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Only 'Fully Vaccinated' travellers arriving from India (including transit) are permitted under this route. Non-Vaccinated or Partially Vaccinated travellers are not considered. No prior approval required from Ministry of Foreign Affairs or Civil Aviation Authority. There is no minimum duration of stay in Sri Lanka.

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- Travellers who completed the recommended doses of COVID-19 vaccination and arriving from India (including transit) after 2 weeks of the vaccination will be considered under this route. Any vaccination type accepted by the country of origin is acceptable.
- COVID 19 recovered passengers arriving from India (including transit) with one dose of vaccine will be considered as 'fully vaccinated'.

These travellers should present a valid document certifying COVID-19 illness (in English) and departed between 28 - 90 days from the date of positive COVID-19 Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (NAAT). Such travellers should arrive after getting at least a single dose of Astra Zeneca/ Pfizer BioNTech/ Moderna/ Johnson & Johnson vaccine or any other recommended single dose COVID-19 vaccine and the vaccination certificate should indicate that the vaccination course has been completed following the administration of one dose. This vaccine should be given 14 days after the positive NAAT\*\* and 14 days before departure. This certificate should contain the name of the person, dates and names of the positive NAAT\*\*

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**Prior to boarding, travelers are required to:**

- Have a valid tourist visa before boarding flight. All visas must be applied online. Visit [eta.gov.lk](http://eta.gov.lk).
- Before applying for visa, ensure you have the following.
  - A pre-paid booking at a Level 1 'Safe & Secure Certified' hotel for the first 2 Days until the on-arrival PCR test is performed.  
A pre paid booking/s at 3 star or above category hotel/s for the rest of stay.  
Hotel booking/s could be made directly with the hotel or through 'Safe & Secure' certified travel Agent or OTAs'.  
Please visit [www.srilanka.travel/helloagain](http://www.srilanka.travel/helloagain) for information.
  - Pay for the mandatory COVID-19 local travel insurance cover at USD 12 for a policy of USD 50,000 upto a period of one month (including children below 2 years).
  - Pay for the on-arrival PCR test (USD 40 per PCR test). Children below 2 years are exempted from PCR tests. However, if the parents/guardians develop symptoms or result in positive PCR test reports, children will undergo PCR tests.

**Pay your COVID 19 Insurance & PCR tests to your Safe and Secure Certified L1 hotel or Safe and Secure Certified travel agent and obtain your tourism reference number required to apply for visa.**

- Have negative PCR test done within 72 hours prior to embarkation (Children below 2 years are exempted).
- Airport transfers to be arranged by either the respective Certified Safe & Secure hotel or Certified Safe & Secure travel agent.

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**At the airport produce the following:**

- Negative COVID-19 PCR report (English) taken within 72 hours prior to embarkation (All travelers excluding children below 2 years).
- Original vaccination certificate / card (together with a certified copy of English language translation if the certificate/card is not in English or if relevant data are not indicated in English). Also for travelers who have recovered from Covid 19 with one vaccination dose to submit a valid document (in English) certifying the information. (Refer 2.b. above)

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**On arrival PCR test & leaving the bio-bubble:**

- On arrival PCR test is performed at your Level 1 'Safe & Secure Certified' hotel and upon a negative on arrival PCR test report, travelers can leave the bio-bubble. The respective hotel doctor or Hotel Management will issue a "Discharge Document" upon verifying the status of vaccination and PCR test results.
- The travelers are required to continue the rest of their stay at 3 star or above category hotel/s. Please refer [srilanka.travel/helloagain](http://srilanka.travel/helloagain) for information.
- Unvaccinated Children between 2-18 years are allowed to leave the bio-bubble with fully vaccinated parents upon a negative on arrival (Day 1) PCR test.

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**2<sup>nd</sup> PCR**

- Fully vaccinated adults who were discharged from Level 1 'Safe & Secure Certified' hotel with a negative on arrival (Day 1) COVID-19 PCR report, are exempted from 2<sup>nd</sup> PCR test.
- Unvaccinated children of 2-18 years who left the bio-bubble with the fully vaccinated parents and negative on arrival (Day 1) PCR test results, should undergo a COVID-19 PCR test on Day 10 after arriving in Sri Lanka. Ministry of Health approved Private Sector or State Sector Laboratory tests are accepted and the area MOH should be informed of the results immediately by telephone or email.
- The respective 3 star or above category Hotel/Travel Agent is responsible to ensure the travelers perform the 2<sup>nd</sup> PCR test and submit the results duly.

