



## Sri Lanka New Guidelines For Travelers

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Dear Trade Partners,

As per the latest guidelines DGHS/COVID 19/347/2021 dated 18th Aug 2021 issued by Ministry of Health - Sri Lanka, we are pleased to announce that Sri Lanka have resumed acceptance of passengers travelling on Tourist Visa from India. There has been a change in the approval process and quarantine measures for passengers travelling on tourist visa.

**Passengers who can travel under Tourism protocol.**

**\*\*\* Only fully vaccinated passengers can travel under this category.**

Travellers arriving in Sri Lanka on Tourist Visa must obtain Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) through [www.eta.gov.lk](http://www.eta.gov.lk) following the protocols stated in [www.srilanka.travel/helloagain](http://www.srilanka.travel/helloagain).

Passengers who can travel under Tourism protocol are as stated below,

- Indian Tourists
- Foreign National including residence VISA holders
- Dual Citizens
- Sri Lankan Citizens

These categories of passengers **will not require prior approvals** from the foreign ministry but must follow operational guidelines of Sri Lanka tourism.

For passengers travelling on Tourism Protocol, there will be no mandatory minimum stay. If the day 01 PCR test result is negative the travellers are required to continue the rest of their stay at 3 star or above category hotels.

**Passengers who are not travelling under Tourism Protocol;**

Passengers who can travel under this category are as stated below,

- Sri Lankan Citizens, Dual Citizens travelling on Sri Lankan passport - Can travel **without prior approval** and they can request for a quarantine hotel / Government quarantine after arriving in Sri Lanka
- Dual citizens if arriving on foreign passport and foreign nationals including valid resident VISA holders should get prior approvals from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) through [entry.permission@mfa.gov.lk](mailto:entry.permission@mfa.gov.lk) and the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) through [caaspax@caa.lk](mailto:caaspax@caa.lk)
- Foreign nationals arriving for important meetings, projects, discussions invited by Sri Lankan Government or private organization **should get prior approval** from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) with the letter of invitation from their Sri Lankan counterpart.

**PCR Test Requirement;**

A Negative RT PCR test done within 72hours of travel is mandatory for travellers above 02Years of age.

All travellers above two years of age must undergo a PCR test on day 1 of arrival. However, if the day 1 PCR test of an accompanying adult is positive, exempted children will also be subjected to PCR testing.

**Quarantine measures for fully vaccinated travellers;**

All categories of travellers who have taken the recommended doses of COVID 19 vaccination and arrive in Sri Lanka after 14 days after vaccination, will be considered fully vaccinated. All passengers arriving from non-restricted countries do not require quarantine if their day 1 PCR test is negative.

Non-Vaccinated children below 18 years, can be discharged with fully vaccinated passengers if their on-arrival PCR test (from 2 years – 18 years) is negative. Children below 2 years will only be subjected to RT PCR test if their accompanying adult is tested positive on day one of the RT PCR test.

Travellers who have received their recommended doses of vaccines must carry their original vaccination certificate/ card in English language. A certified copy of English language translation is required if the document is not in English language.

**Note: Passengers who have recovered from COVID and have taken one shot of vaccine will be considered fully vaccinated. For more information, please refer to the link indicated at the bottom of this circular.**

**Quarantine measures for Non-Vaccinated Travellers;**

Sri Lankan Nationals, Dual Citizens, Foreign Nationals including residence visa holders should quarantine for 14days at a Quarantine Hotel/ Centre.

Quarantine measure for travellers who have departed from abroad within less than 2 weeks of completion of recommended doses of vaccination and complete their 02weeks period during their stay at a quarantine hotel/centre/approved quarantine residence after arriving in Sri Lanka - These passengers can be discharged with a negative RT PCR test (done after completing the two weeks from last vaccination date) result and no further quarantine is required.

Non-vaccinated children below 18 years, can be discharged with fully vaccinated passengers if their on-arrival PCR test (from 2 years – 18 years) is negative. Children below 2 years will only be subjected to RT PCR test if their accompanying adult is tested positive on day one of the RT PCR test.

**Guidelines to be followed by travel agents for all passengers mentioned above;**

Travel/ticketing agents must ensure all ticketed passengers have the mandatory requirements fulfilled and relevant documents are ready before their departure to avoid passengers being mishandled/denied boarding at the airport.

- ETA (VISA) Number for Tourists. (Please visit [www.visitsrilanka.gov.lk](http://www.visitsrilanka.gov.lk) to pay for your COVID19 Insurance & PCR tests. Also, to obtain your unique tourism reference number required to apply for visa)
- Pay for the Mandatory COVID-19 local travel insurance cover at USD 12 for a policy of USD 50,000 up to a period of one month (including children below 2 years).
- Pay for the on-arrival PCR test (USD 40 per PCR test).
- Pre-paid booking at a L1 Safe and Secure Hotel for the first two days & a pre-paid booking/s at 3 star or above category hotel/s for the rest of stay.
- A confirmed return ticket for ETA VISA holders.
- A valid 'PCR NEGATIVE' report.
- Mandatory updating of '**Visa type**' and '**Visa number**'; in the SSR field
- Kindly update in the SSR field if passenger is a Sri Lankan National - 'Sri Lankan National' or If a Dual Citizen is travelling with a Sri Lankan passport - 'Sri Lankan PPT holder'

Please feel free to contact us for any queries on +91 11 41528630 or you may also refer to our website [https://www.srilankan.com/en\\_uk/corporate/emergency-news-detail/525](https://www.srilankan.com/en_uk/corporate/emergency-news-detail/525) for more detailed information on quarantine measures and all other information pertaining to your travel.

Happy Selling!

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