

Health Protocol for Arrivals to Sri Lanka Tourism

COVID-19 RECOVERED TRAVELLERS

Valid for arrivals from 29th September 2021

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Applies to International Tourists visiting Sri Lanka under tourist visa. No prior approval required from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or Civil Aviation Authority. There is no minimum duration of stay in Sri Lanka.

Travellers with a history of COVID-19 within the past 3 months and who are fully vaccinated or travelling to Sri Lanka after obtaining a single dose of COVID-19 vaccine recommended to fully vaccinate at the country of origin (E.g., Astra Zeneca / Pfizer BioNTech / Moderna, Johnson & Johnson, Sputnik Light & etc.) shall visit Sri Lanka under this category.

Covid 19 recovered travellers who are vaccinated, yet not completed 2 weeks from the recommended doses of vaccination (not-fully vaccinated) can also visit under the safety of the Tourism Bio-Bubble and will be entitled for a shorter, flexible bio-bubble period at "Safe & Secure Certified L1" hotel/s.

This protocol is applicable for travellers not arriving from or with no travel history (including transit) to any travel restricted country in the past 14 days.

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Prior to boarding, travellers are required to:

- i. Visit www.visitsrilanka.gov.lk to pay for mandatory COVID 19 Local Insurance cover at USD 12 for a policy of USD 50,000 up to a period of one month (including children below 2 years) and obtain the Tourism reference number required to apply for visa.
 - If not-fully-vaccinated or accompanied by not-vaccinated children of 12-18 years, pay for PCR tests at USD 40 per test.
- ii. Have a valid tourist visa. All visas must be applied online. Visit eta.gov.lk. Ensure you include the Tourism reference number when applying for a visa.
- iii. Have done a negative PCR test within 72 hours / negative Rapid Antigen test within 48 hours prior to embarkation (Children below 2 years are exempted).
- iv. Covid 19 recovered travellers who have not completed two weeks after the vaccination must have a pre-confirmed booking at a Level 1 "Safe & Secure Certified" hotel/s for the duration required to complete the 14 days post vaccination period. Hotel bookings could be made directly with the hotel or through 'Safe & Secure' certified travel Agent or OTA. Visitors are allowed to move within L1 hotels and use all facilities of the hotel upon an on-arrival negative PCR test. For details on L1 hotels and Travel agents visit www.srilanka.travel/helloagain.

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At the airport produce the following:

- i. Negative COVID-19 PCR report (English) taken within 72 hours / negative COVID-19 Rapid Antigen report (English) taken within 48 hours prior to embarkation (Applicable to all travellers excluding children below 2 years).
- ii. 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). Travellers who have recovered from Covid 19 with one vaccination dose have to submit a valid document in English certifying the information.
- iii. Completed Health Declaration Form. A separate form should be submitted for each of the accompanying children (if any).

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Fully-Vaccinated COVID 19 recovered travellers

On-arrival PCR tests

- i. No on-arrival PCR test for "Fully Vaccinated" travellers
- ii. Not-vaccinated Children:
 - No on-arrival PCR test for not-vaccinated children up to 12 years and they will be allowed to travel with their parents.
 - Not-vaccinated children of 12 - 18 years need to undergo on-arrival PCR testing at the Ministry of Health approved laboratory at BIA or at any other MOH approved laboratory and inform the result to the area MOH. If the Day 1 PCR report is negative, they will be allowed to travel with their parents.
- iii. No 2nd PCR for fully vaccinated travellers.

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Not-Fully-Vaccinated Travellers (COVID 19 recovered travellers who have not completed 2 weeks after the vaccination)

On-arrival PCR tests

- i. All travellers should undergo on-arrival (Day 1) COVID-19 PCR tests at "Safe & Secure Certified L1" hotels;
- ii. Not-vaccinated Children:
 - No on-arrival PCR test for not-vaccinated children up to 12 years.
 - Not-vaccinated children of 12 - 18 years need to undergo Day 1 PCR testing.

Exit PCR /Rapid Antigen test

- i. Travelers will undergo the Exit PCR / Rapid Antigen tests test on the completion of 14 days from the recommended doses of vaccination and upon negative test results, they shall leave the bio-bubble.
- ii. Not-vaccinated Children:
 - a. Not-vaccinated children below 12 years are exempted from Exit PCR / Rapid Antigen tests and can be released with the parents.
 - b. Children of 12 - 18 years shall perform Exit PCR / Rapid Antigen tests on similar dates as their parents' should have negative results.

After the 2-week completion of the recommended doses of vaccination and negative exit PCR / Rapid Antigen test results, the respective Safe & Secure L1 hotel doctor/in charge officer will issue a "Discharge Document" and release the travellers from bio-bubble.

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Accommodation & Airport transfers

i. Fully-Vaccinated travellers

Fully-vaccinated travellers are allowed to make their own arrangements for accommodation, airport transfers and local transportation. However, advised to use Safe & Secure Certified accommodations and travel agents to ensure their health and safety.

ii. COVID-19 recovered travellers who have not completed 2 weeks after the vaccination

Accommodation at Safe & Secure Certified L1 hotels until completion of the 14 days post vaccination period and Airport transfers to be arranged by either the respective Certified Safe & Secure L1 hotel or Certified Safe & Secure travel agent.



Dambulla Royal Cave Temple, Matale District

