



LIFESTYLE

UPDATE FROM SRI LANKA TOURISM

Cinnamon Launches: “See Now, Experience Later” Campaign

As we stay safe at home, Cinnamon Hotels & Resorts invites you to post your favourite travel photos using the hashtag #SeeNowExperienceLater. Join in with your travel plans across Facebook, Twitter and Instagram!

#TravelTomorrow #InspiringMoments #WeWillTravelAgain #CinnamonHotels #SriLanka



Sri Lanka Soon to be Back on Top as a Tourism Hotspot?

An article by writer Jenny Coad has been published in the print and online versions of the Times of London pegging Sri Lanka as a tourist hotspot next year. The article, titled ‘Ideas for 2021 – Sri Lanka’s Beautiful South’ defiantly looks beyond the current COVID-19 outbreak and hints to better times around the corner for Sri Lanka.



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World Bank to Boost Sri Lanka with \$128.6M to Combat COVID-19



The International Development Association (IDA) and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) of the World Bank Group agreed to provide financing assistance amounting to USD 128.6 million to the Sri Lankan effort to fight the COVID-19 outbreak. These funds will be mobilised through the Government Budget from 2020 to 2023.



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Tourism Sector Employees and Vulnerable Families to Receive Government Support

President Gotabhaya Rajapaksa and Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa have instructed the Presidential Task Force to provide financial relief for low-income families, vulnerable families, and individuals affected by the COVID-19 outbreak, including workers in the tourism sector. Accordingly, those involved in the tourism industry affected by the current situation can make an appeal to the Committee comprising of local government authority members and Grama Niladhari in their respective areas.



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Tourists Find a Safe Haven in Sri Lanka

Many foreign visitors who had arrived in Sri Lanka before the global outbreak of COVID-19 have opted to remain on the island as their home countries struggle to contain the spread of the disease. The tourism sector is therefore now gearing up to cater to this niche market, with Sri Lanka positioned as a 'safe haven' destination.

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Inbound International Commercial Passenger Flight Restrictions

In line with the advice from Sri Lanka Health Authorities, all International Airports in Sri Lanka will continue to be closed for the operation of inbound international commercial passenger flights (i.e. arrivals) until further notice. SriLankan Airlines announced that the airline is compelled to temporarily suspend all its flights until 21st April 2020 in view of the travel restrictions imposed by the destinations it operates to. The airline said it is constantly reviewing the market conditions and the restrictions imposed by the various authorities and will be ready to recommence its operations at short notice even before 21st April 2020 in the event that such restrictions are lifted. The airline is willing to do special charter flights.

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Tourists in Sri Lanka

As of 7th April 2020 there are 13, 240 tourists in Sri Lanka according to the Sri Lanka Tourism board.

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Visa Validity Extended for Foreigners in Sri Lanka

The Department of Immigration and Emigration announced that the validity period of all categories of visas of all foreigners currently in Sri Lanka will be extended until May 12th 2020. The validity period of all types of visas had previously been extended for a period of 30 days with effect from 14th March to 12th April 2020.



TRENDING

Sri Lankan Innovation Tackles Ventilator Shortage



Ventilators around the world are helping critical coronavirus patients breathe, but as the cases increase, ventilators are running short. Bihan Haputhanthri, a Sri Lankan nursing officer at the Kandy National Hospital, has designed a ventilator that can support up to four patients at the same time.



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TRAVEL INSPIRATION

Healing Solutions for Tourism Challenge | UNWTO



This challenge is a global call to reach the most disruptive startups and entrepreneurs to drive solutions to mitigate the impact on tourism by COVID-19. With a focus on health, economic and destination management solutions, this could be a step forward for Sustainable Development in a crisis situation.



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Pic of the Week

Dreaming about your #SeeNowExperienceLater moment? The only thing you need to do is spot your swing, take a seat, and enjoy the sunset virtually...but worry not, Sri Lanka awaits you in future.

Credit: Backpackerdiarisz

