



UPDATE FROM SRI LANKA

Sri Lankan Crab Curry Dominates Series Premiere of MasterChef Australia



MasterChef contestant Dani Venn, who appeared in the 2011 season of 'MasterChef Australia', managed to wow the judges with her mouthwatering Sri Lankan crab curry, and landed the first immunity pin for 2020. Dani presented the judges with her tasting plate – featuring a mud crab curry, pineapple curry and some homemade roti and sambal – and told the judges that Sri Lanka is very close to her heart, as it's where she met her Kiwi husband, Chris, while travelling.



<https://bit.ly/3ctcFFw>

#BucketlistSriLanka: New Promo Clip by SL Tourism Reminds Holidaymakers of Sri Lanka's Magic



Sri Lanka Tourism wants future travellers to the island to 'Stay home. Stay safe. But dream of Sri Lanka.' The new online video looks past COVID-19 to a brighter tomorrow, and gives us plenty to daydream about for our future plans



<https://bit.ly/3biigOx>

Sri Lanka Ranks 3rd in Global Ranking for its Management of the COVID-19 Pandemic



Sri Lanka currently has 61 patients recovered from coronavirus as at 15th April 2020. According to the World Meter, Sri Lanka has ranked 3rd globally for the recovery rate with Germany at number 1 and Spain ranked at number 2. The reason Sri Lanka responded so well is because Sri Lanka has a public health system which is free for all citizens. The nation is 100% vaccination covered, and all treatments under the extended programme of immunisation are administered free of charge.



<https://bit.ly/34Kk1BS>

Villagers Look After Stranded Tourists in Ella



Tourists stranded in Ella are being looked after by local villagers with the true Sri Lankan hospitality that our country is known for. Despite their own difficulties during the coronavirus pandemic, the villagers and their families have provided their guests with food and refreshments during their stay in Sri Lanka, ensuring that they receive sufficient meals and are comfortable.

[→ https://bit.ly/34G0aUj](https://bit.ly/34G0aUj)

Public Donations Flood Into Sri Lankan



Companies, political figures, and members of the general public have generously donated to the COVID-19 Healthcare and Social Security Fund, increasing the total to LKR 585 million so far.

[→ https://bit.ly/2VAc1yT](https://bit.ly/2VAc1yT)

European Union Says Sri Lanka Coronavirus Fight 'Impressive', Grants 22M Euro, Allocating 3.5M to the Development of the Tourism Industry



Sri Lanka's tourism industry will receive a grant of EUR 3.5 million from the European Union, with special attention to smaller operators and their employees. The safety provided to tourists, including tourists from European countries, has not gone unnoticed by France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and Romania. EUR 2 million will go towards equipment and medical supplies, and a further EUR 16.5 million will be allocated to Sri Lanka's agricultural sector.

[→ https://bit.ly/3cBAOtB](https://bit.ly/3cBAOtB)



Flight Suspension Continues for SriLankan Airlines

April 30th is the new date given by the flag carrier of Sri Lanka for recommencement of scheduled passenger flights. The temporary suspension was extended in compliance with the travel restrictions imposed by the global network of airlines due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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[→ https://bit.ly/3coc2N7](https://bit.ly/3coc2N7)



Travel Inspiration

'Grow Back Better' – World Tourism Organisation Releases Recommendations to Bolster Tourism's Resurgence Post-COVID-19



Preparing for the return of the global tourism sector, the World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) released a set of 23 actionable Recommendations to encourage strong support when recovering from the challenge of COVID-19. The 3 areas covered by the Recommendations are Managing the Crisis and Mitigating the Impact, Providing Stimulus and Accelerating Recovery, and Preparing for Tomorrow. The list was compiled by the Global Tourism Crisis Committee.

<https://bit.ly/3bjUgdO>



"See Now, Experience Later" by Cinnamon Hotels

For now, we stay at home. But we will travel again. And when we do, we will do so more consciously, more sustainably and with a greater feeling of solidarity than ever before. Join in with your travel plans across Facebook, Twitter and Instagram!row. The list was compiled by the Global Tourism Crisis Committee.

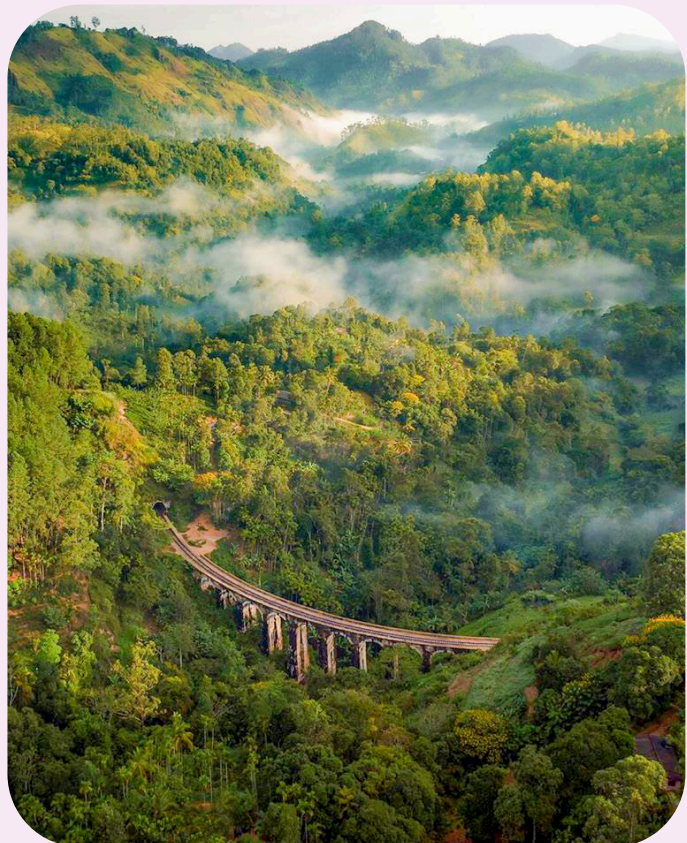
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Pic of the Week

Wishing to be teleported to one of the most peaceful and serene places in Sri Lanka? Let's get inspired to [#SeeNowExperienceLater](#) just like Atiba Belgrave did with this stunning capture.

Credit: Atiba Belgrave



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