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UPDATE FROM SRI LANKA

Sri Lanka to reopen some tourism in August with restrictions



Sri Lanka plans to reopen its tourism sector on Aug. 1 by allowing only small groups of visitors to begin with, a tourism official said. A limited number of small groups from around the world would be allowed to visit from August and stay in approved five-star hotels that have put strict safety measures in place.



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Post-Lockdown Luxury Travel: Sri Lanka Has The Perfect Private Beach Holiday Spots!



After an extended period of lockdown, travellers all over the world are itching to get out on the trail once again. Lockdown may be lifting at a slow, cautious pace, but that hasn't stopped many from at least planning their end-of-year holidays! The type of destination at the top of the list just happens to be Sri Lanka's specialty: luxurious private beach vacations in sparkling suites with gorgeous views! Until it's safe to live out those holiday plans, we'll have to imagine the palms swaying in the salty breeze...

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On the Front Lines: Tourist Guides to Receive New Insurance Scheme to Ensure Job Security



Sri Lanka's tourist guides will be receiving a new insurance scheme to ensure job security in the country's post-COVID-19 tourism industry. The scheme will be introduced by Sri Lanka Tourism Board Chairperson Kimarli Fernando, at the direction of Industrial Exports and Investment Promotion, Tourism and Aviation Minister Prasanna Ranatunga. These measures come after a recently held meeting between the representatives of various Tourist Guide Associations in Sri Lanka, who called on Minister Ranatunga to implement change.

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Bundala National Park Protects Migratory Birds Breeding in Sri Lanka for the First Time in 148 Years



Nature continues to bloom in the times of the coronavirus as the migratory bird, 'Silatu de Thuduwa' began breeding at Bundala National Park on May 21st for the first time in 148 years. On learning of this momentous occasion in ornithology, Ajith Gunatunga, park custodian, has worked with the Director General of Wildlife Conservation to protect the birds during their breeding season. The birds have come to roost in an area of the park normally frequented by tourist vehicles, now with significantly less traffic due to curfew.

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High-End Tourism Kick-Starts the Economy: Fast-Tracked Exec Jets and Private Planes to be drawn to Ratmalana Airport



With the incremental lifting of coronavirus curfew, Kimarli Fernando, Chairperson of Sri Lanka Tourism Board, plans to draw private aircraft to Ratmalana Airport. Wealthy, long-stay visitors are ideal, giving the country's tourism industry a strong reopening once health officials deem it safe to do so. Their approvals will be prioritised, and they will be able to reach Colombo within minutes. "Private jet is a good cue for us, I have already spoken with Civil Aviation and they are totally supportive," Fernando said. Read more about the airport's developments here:

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Restaurants and Hotels to Reopen Under Strict Health and Safety Guidance



Put down the delivery menu, because you could be dining at your favourite restaurant again soon! Chief Medical Officer Dr Ruwan Wijemuni has assigned six teams to regularly check the premises of these establishments once business begins again, to ensure that they are adhering to health and safety regulations. The Acting IGP stated, "In accordance with the rules and regulations laid down by the health authorities, it is necessary to grant permission to open and maintain restaurants where food is consumed, while protecting social distance. Similarly, takeaway only places where food is not consumed in the premises should be permitted... It is further stated that the OICs should coordinate with the PHI in charge of the area and supervise the work."

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