

Cinnamon Hotels and Resorts comply with COVID safety standards.



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UPDATE FROM SRI LANKA

Govt. stipulates COVID-19 safety compliance certification for star class hotels

Five and four-star hotels are currently being introduced to a government safety standard regarding COVID-19, which will help tourists book their next stay with peace of mind. The post-pandemic measure will certify star-class hotels that have met the safety standard, and there are plans to eventually roll the same procedure out to one, two and three star hotels. "We are in the process of introducing a COVID-19 safety standard certificate initially to the five and four-star hotels. The tourists will only be able to book accommodation in these hotels that are compliant and recommended," Tourism Ministry Secretary S. Hettiarachchi said in a statement.



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Ministry of Tourism and Aviation

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PCR Tests to Replace Quarantine for Tourists Arriving in Sri Lanka

The Secretary to the Ministry of Tourism and Aviation, Siripala Hettiarachchi, has announced that quarantine procedures are no longer required for tourists arriving in Sri Lanka, but has stated that thorough PCR testing on each individual will take place both before and after their arrival. Further commenting on this new prerequisite, he stated, "A negative PCR test when applying for a visa is a must. Once they arrive, they have to take another PCR test here as well."



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The University of Oxford and The University of Sri Jayewardenepura Partner Together On Ground Breaking Research to Help Prevent Further Outbreaks.

The UK and Sri Lanka have long been partners in education and innovation, and the COVID-19 response is no exception. The University of Oxford and the University of Sri Jayewardenepura are partnering on ground-breaking research to help prevent, treat and control further outbreaks. They are drawing on their longstanding collaborative studies in the field of dengue fever to progress advances in COVID-19 vaccines, therapeutics and diagnostics. The British High Commission is proud to now be funding this research directly.



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Cinnamon Hotels & Resorts introduces Cinnamon Care

Cinnamon Hotels and Resorts has introduced Cinnamon Care – a new 'Cinnamon Standard' for care and cleanliness to deliver a safe and unobtrusive experience at all properties. These measures are in strict adherence to the domestic and World Health Organization guidelines.

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After Curfews and Lockdowns, the Hospitality Industry is Ready for a Comeback

In order to allow customers and guests back in, outlets such as restaurants need to plan out alternative seating for a safer experience. Signage will also play a key role in communicating safety procedure to all, as well as the flow of patrons. Sightlines between the dining area and the kitchen can also go a long way in building trust between restaurant employees and customers.

Read more here: <https://bit.ly/2MF253n>

'Curry Night': The Delicious Saviour for Sri Lankan Migrant Worker in Australia



Excluded from the Australian government's "JobKeeper" policy, Sri Lankan migrant worker, Rashad Cassim, was lucky that his employer placed so much value in him. The Stag Public House in Adelaide came up with 'Curry Night' as a way to provide Cassim with some relief, as he is yet to become a citizen. Not just a chance for the chef to showcase his skills, the proceeds from 'Curry Night' have been offered to the chef, giving him the opportunity to earn despite his excluded status from the "JobKeeper" safety net. Cassim says, "The management team really cares about their employees... They were constantly contacting me to see how I was doing and if I may need any financial aid soon after the shutdown."

Read the full interview here: <https://bit.ly/2XA2gTT>



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