



Our Commitment to the health and safety of our guests, employees and business partners

As the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic intensifies, Cinnamon Hotels & Resorts is committed to the safety and wellbeing of guests and employees. This page is updated regularly with the latest information on Sri Lanka and the Maldives.

Update of 9<sup>th</sup> April 2020

### **Sri Lanka**

Restrictions on inbound International commercial passenger flights until further notice. 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. Sri Lankan 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.

[https://www.srilankan.com/en\\_uk/corporate/emergency-news-detail/513](https://www.srilankan.com/en_uk/corporate/emergency-news-detail/513)

The curfew in the Colombo, Gampaha, Kalutara, Puttalam, and Kandy districts, will continue to be in effect until further notice. The President's Office said that the curfew in the remaining 19 districts which be lifted at 6 am tomorrow (April 9) and re-imposed at 4 pm will be in effect until April 14. The government also called on the public to limit celebrations of the Sinhala and Tamil New Year between their respective families.

The Sri Lanka rupee slid further on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2020 and depreciated to Rs 200.46 against the US dollar. The rupee recorded a selling rate of Rs 192.65

against the US dollar on April 1, and has declined since then against the backdrop of COVID 19.

Suspension of visas in Sri Lanka due to Covid-19 outbreak. All types of visa insurance to enter Sri Lanka for all foreign nationalities will be temporarily suspended until further notice.

[http://www.immigration.gov.lk/web/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=337&lang=en](http://www.immigration.gov.lk/web/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=337&lang=en)

To find transport to the airport, contact your nearest Police Station or the Sri Lanka Tourism 24-hour hotline on 1912. A Tourism Co-ordination Centre has been established through a private-public partnership between SLAITO and Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority. Tourists can visit this Centre for support at SLTDA, 80, Galle road, Colombo 03

Curfew remains in place indefinitely in the districts of Colombo, Kalutara, Gampaha, Puttalam, Kandy, Jaffna. Curfew in other districts also remains in place until further notice.

**For further updates refer <https://srilanka.travel/covid19/>**

## **Maldives**

The Government of Maldives has temporarily suspended visas on-arrival for all nationalities, effective from 27 March, in response to coronavirus (COVID-19) ('Coronavirus' and 'Entry Requirements' pages) <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/maldives>

For the latest updates, visit <https://visitmaldives.com/en/corona-update>

## **Update of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020**

### **Sri Lanka**

Arrangements are in place for international tourists to get to their home countries. Sri Lankan Airlines will allow charter flights to fly out remaining tourists on request.

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Sri Lanka's ban on aircraft arrivals to the Bandaranaike International Airport extended to the 07th of April: Civil Aviation Authority.

<https://www.businessnews.lk/blog/2020/03/30/civil-aviation-authority-caa-says-no->

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## Update of 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020

### Sri Lanka

1. Curfew remains in place indefinitely in the districts of Colombo, Kalutara and Gampaha.
2. Curfew in other districts to be lifted March 26 (Friday) at 6.00am and re-imposed at 12 noon.
3. Curfew in Puttlam and Northern Province Districts to be lifted on March 27 (Saturday) 6.00am and re-imposed at 12 noon.
4. Traveling between districts is totally banned across the island.
5. Transportation of tourists is banned unless going to the airport with curfew pass.
6. The public has been requested to call 119/ +94 112444480/ +94 112444481 - if they have come in contact with someone with Covid-19 or if they display symptoms of the virus.

For further updates refer <https://srilanka.travel/covid19/>

## **Maldives**

As of 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020, The Government of Maldives has suspended visas on-arrival for all nationalities, effective from 27 March, in response to COVID-19.

The WHO has released a detailed update on [https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/maldives/novel-corona-virus-update-mav-19th-march-20.pdf?sfvrsn=1b880d6f\\_2](https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/maldives/novel-corona-virus-update-mav-19th-march-20.pdf?sfvrsn=1b880d6f_2).

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### **Update of 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

Sri Lanka - Islandwide curfew imposed from 6.00 pm on 20<sup>th</sup> March to 6.00 am on Monday (23). For further updates refer <https://srilanka.travel/covid19/>

Maldives – For the latest updates, visit <https://visitmaldives.com/en/corona-update>

### **Update of 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

Please note the following developments in relation to travel to Sri Lanka and the Maldives.

#### **Sri Lanka**

The Government of Sri Lanka has suspended all passenger arrivals to the Bandaranaike International Airport for two weeks with effect from midnight on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

It has been declared a three-day public holiday on the 17, 18, 19 March, excluding health, food supply, transport, essential services, banks, government agent and district secretariat offices.

All tourist sites are closed; including the game parks. Movie theatres are not screening movies and public events have been banned until further notice. Tourism-related services such as guide services are also suspended until further notice.

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## **Maldives**

The Government of Maldives has declared a Public Health Emergency for 30 days from 12 March 2020 - 10 April 2020. Travel between resorts and Inhabited Islands is restricted. Tourist hotels in densely populated Male City area are closed. For more information visit <https://visitmaldives.com/en/corona-update>

**15<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

### **Travel Safety**

All our hotels and resorts are in operation. Deep cleaning of all rooms and public spaces is done on a frequent basis and all housekeeping teams are trained and updated on the latest guidelines.

Our head office in Colombo has a coordination and communication task force, which will continue to feed information to all hotels and resorts' teams in Sri Lanka and Maldives on the latest news and protocols.

The hotel team is trained to follow the official protocols instituted by medical and government authorities to limit the spread of the virus and are equipped to handle any emergencies regarding such cases.

We are monitoring the situation and will provide regular updates on this channel as and when they are available.

### **Travel Flexibility**

We are committed to offering you flexible booking options. All existing reservations and new reservations, until May 31, 2020, for any future arrival date, can be changed or cancelled at no charge up to 24 hours before your scheduled arrival.

Any questions at all, please contact us at:

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