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## Media Statement from Sri Lanka Tourism

Sri Lanka Tourism is navigating the current macro-environmental conditions in the country with great care, taking all necessary measures to ensure continuity of regular operations with minimum interruptions. In this regard a special operations unit has been set up within Sri Lanka Tourism to facilitate with all required assistance for tourists who are already in Sri Lanka and to provide accurate information for potential visitors planning visits to Sri Lanka. The unit will be a 24/7 operation that can be reached through, hotline 1912 (within Sri Lanka) or +94112426800 (outside Sri Lanka) and via email [info@srilanka.travel](mailto:info@srilanka.travel).

The tourism industry is gradually emerging from the after effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and is seeing green shoots of recovery where March recorded the highest number of visitors of 106,500 since tourism reopening.

Sri Lanka continues to welcome travellers to the island and are committed to ensuring that all tourism attractions, hotels and related services continue to operate. Even during curfew times, Sri Lanka Tourism facilitated the visitors to ensure they are not affected by the island wide curfew and they were allowed to travel throughout the island showing their foreign passport and ticket with minimum interruption. Also, all cultural sites under the Central Cultural Fund (CCF) such as Sigiriya, Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa remained open to international tourists along with Wildlife parks under the Wildlife Department such as Yala.

Sri Lanka remains safe and open for International Tourists.

We further reiterate that the industry is committed, united and equipped to provide our visitors with the utmost care and service. Sri Lanka Tourism will continue to uphold the values and traditions in visitor relations it is renowned for and live up to the global recognitions and high commendations as a much sought-after destination.

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