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The geopolitical crisis developed between Russia and Ukraine has led to a ban on airspace and non-operation of airlines in the region, making it impossible for Russian and Ukrainian tourists to return their home countries.

Accordingly, the period of valid visa for Russian and Ukrainian tourists, who had a valid tourist visa as on **28.02.2022**, has been further extended for another 01 month for free of charge up to **22.02.2023. Those who are eligible for visit visa extension on free of charge basis should apply online or visiting the Department of Immigration and Emigration head office to get their visa extension**.

Furthermore, necessary facilitates have been provided for these tourists to exit Sri Lankan airports without any hindrance on their return journey to their home countries.

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