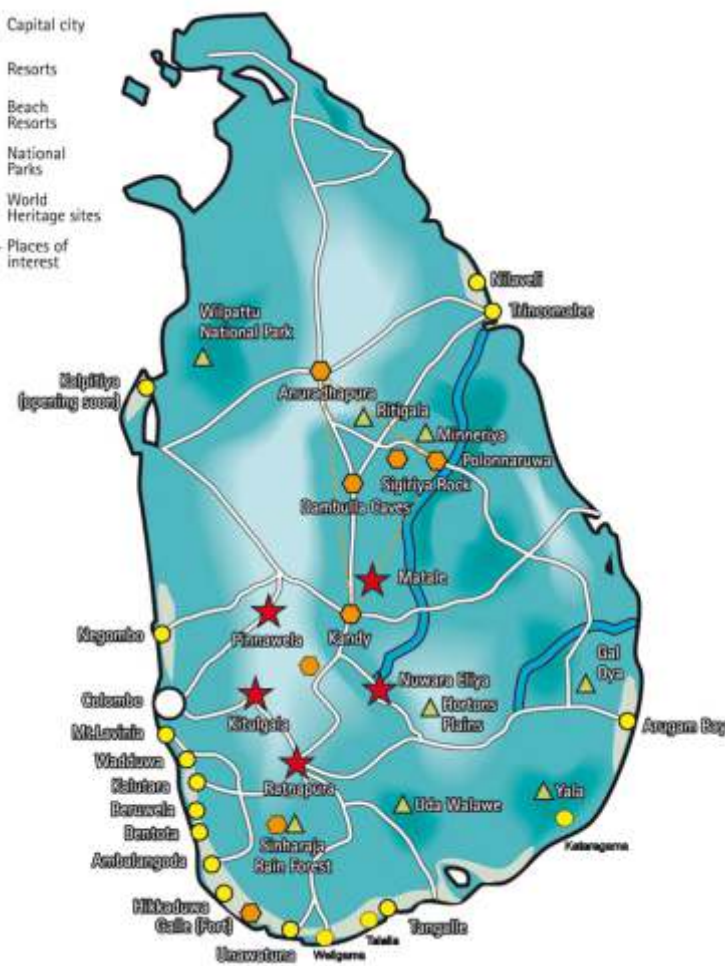


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SRILANKA

FACT SHEET

Country Name :

Long : Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

Short : Sri Lanka

Former : Ceylon

Size : 65,610 sq km

Capitol : Colombo - Commercial

Government

Sri Lanka, is a free, independent and sovereign nation with a population of 20.3 million (2013 Census). Legislative power is exercised by a Parliament, elected by universal franchise on proportional representation basis.

Population : 20.3 million

Population Density : 296 people per sq km

Languages : Sinhala & Tamil - English

Ethnic Mix: Sinhalese (74.9%), Tamil (15.4%), Muslim (9.2%)

Burgher and others (0.5%)

Religion: Buddhism (70.19%) Hinduism (12.61%)

Christianity 7.45% & Islam (9.71%)

Climate: Low lands – tropical, average 27°C

Central Hills – cooler, with temperatures dropping to 14°C.

The south-west monsoon brings rain to the western, southern and central regions from May to July.,

while the north-eastern monsoon occurs in the north and east in December and January.

Sri Lanka boasts of a good climate for holiday-makers throughout the year.

Annual per capital GNP:US \$2580 (2011 est)

Industries:

Processing of rubber, tea, coconuts, and other agricultural commodities; clothing, cement, petroleum refining, textiles, tobacco.

Agriculture - Products:Rice, sugarcane, grains, pulses, oilseed, roots, spices, tea, rubber, coconuts; milk, eggs, hides, meat.

Currency:Sri Lankan Rupees

Denominations of Rs. 2,10,20,50,100,200, 500,1000,2000, and 5000 in Rupees (Rs.) and cents (Cts.) with 100 cents equal to a rupee.

Visa:Consult your local Sri Lanka embassy, consulate, tourist office or your travel agent.

Online Apply - <http://www.eta.gov.lk/slvisa/>

Visa fee

Tourist Visa with Double Entry for 30 days	- US\$ 30
Tourist Visa Single Entry up to 90 days	- US\$ 30
Tourist Visa with Double Entry up to 90 days	- US\$ 30
Business Visa with Multiple Entry for 30 days	- US\$ 30
Business Visa with Single Entry up to 90 days	- US\$ 30
Business Visa with Multiple Entry up to 90 days	- US\$ 30
Transit Visa Single Entry for 2 days	- FREE
Transit Visa Single Entry for 3-7 days	- US\$ 20

Working Week:

Sri Lanka works a five-day week, from Monday to Friday.

Business Hours:

Government offices 8.35 a.m. – 4.15 p.m., Monday to Friday

Banks:

9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. or 3.00 p.m. Monday to Saturday
(Nation Trust Bank working on Every Day)

Post Office :8.30 a.m.- 5.00 p.m.,

Monday to Friday 8.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. on Saturday.

Location:An island off the south-eastern cost shores of India, 880 km north of the equator, in the Indian Ocean.

It lies between 5° 55' and 9° 55' north of the equator and between the eastern longitudes 79° 42' and 81° 52'.

Feature:

Encompassed beautiful tropical beaches, verdant vegetation, ancient monuments and a thousand delights to please all tastes.

The relief features of the island consist of a mountainous mass somewhat south of the centre, with height exceeding 2,500 metres, surrounded by broad plains. Palm fringed beaches surround the island and the sea temperature rarely falls below 27°C.

Main tourist activities

Adventure Sports, Camping Sites, Elephant Safari, Ayurvedic & Medicinse, Safari Tours by Vehicles, Spa and Wellness, Spice Gardens, Whale and Dolphin Watching
Volunteering