

Ayubowan!
(May you have a long life)

Experience Serendipity



Sri Lanka offers you many small miracles. White sandy beaches, Serendipity at its best, lush greenery, exciting adventures, amazing wildlife and a rich heritage. The warm and friendly smiles of the people await you in the Isle of Sri Lanka.

Come experience and enjoy !

Facts at a glance



Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

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Country Name

Sri Lanka

Size

65,525 sq km



Capital

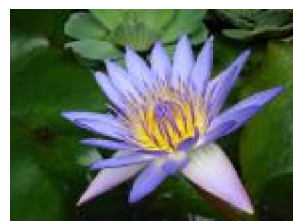
Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte

Commercial Capital

Colombo

National bird Wali kukula or Ceylon Jungle fowl (Gallus Lafayetti)

National Flower The Blue Water Lily (Nymphaea stellata).



Population	20,926,315 million
Population growth rate	1.3%
Population Density	309 people per sq km
Life Expectancy at Birth	74 female, 64 male
Literacy rate :-	87.9 female, 92.5 male
Highest waterfall	Bambarakanda 241 meters
Highest Peak	Piduruthalagala 2524 m
Longest river	Mahaweli 335 Km
Rainy Season	S W Monsoon(May to August) NE Monsoon (November -Feb)

Languages

Sinhala, Tamil and English are widely spoken throughout Sri Lanka, with the exception of remote villages where it might be Sinhala only or Tamil only.

Ethnic Groups

Sinhalese- 74 per cent; Tamil- 18 per cent; Muslim -7 per cent; Burgher (descendants of Dutch and Portuguese colonist) and others- 1 per cent

Religions

Buddhism- 70 per cent; Hinduism- 16 per cent; Christianity- 7 per cent; Islam-7 per cent

Climate

Low Lands tropical, average 27C

Central Hills cooler, with temperatures dropping to 14C. The south-west monsoon brings rain to the western, southern and central regions from May to July, while the north-eastern monsoon is from December to January. Sri Lanka climate is ideal for holiday-makers throughout the year.

GDP (nominal) \$39.604 billion Per capita \$1,972

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, meat

Currency

Sri Lanka follows decimal currency system in Rupees (Rs.) and cents (Cts.) with 100 cents equal to a rupee. Currency notes are available in the denominations of Rs.10,20,50,100,200, 50, 1000 & 2000.

