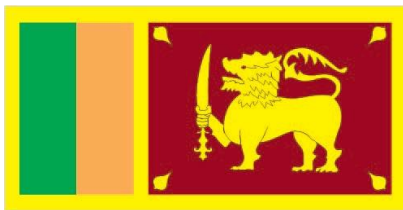


Sri Lanka

Travel Facts



US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens exercise increased caution in Sri Lanka due to civil unrest, and terrorism. <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the U.S. State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>

US Embassy/Consulate

[94] (11) 249-8500; US Embassy Colombo, 210 Galle Road, Colombo 03, Sri Lanka; colomboacs@state.gov;

<https://lk.usembassy.gov/>

LGBTQIA+, Women, and Travelers with Special Needs

When venturing abroad, LGBTQ+ travelers can face unique challenges since laws, attitudes, and legal protections vary from country to country. Consult the website via the link below to learn what precautions to take before and during your trip.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html>

Telephone Code

94

Local Emergency Phone

119

Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Sri Lanka: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, yellow fever, Japanese encephalitis, rabies, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, COVID-19, and influenza. <http://www.who.int/>

Climate

Tropical monsoon; northeast monsoon (December to March); southwest monsoon (June to October)

Currency (Code)

Sri Lankan rupees (LKR)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): D, G



Type D



Type G

Major Languages

Sinhala, Tamil, English

Major Religions

Buddhist, Hindu, Muslim, Roman Catholic

Time Difference

UTC+5.5 (10.5 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water

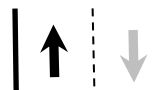
Opt for bottled water

International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

Left



Tourist Destinations

Sigiriya Rock Fort; Yala National Park; Galle Fort; Adam's Peak; Temple of the Tooth; Arugam Bay; Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage; Gal Vihara

Major Sports

Volleyball, cricket, rugby, athletics (track and field), soccer, netball, tennis

Cultural Practices

It is common practice to remove one's shoes before entering someone's home. Sri Lankans generally socialize before a meal. It is best not to arrive to a Sri Lankan's house feeling hungry as you may not eat until a few hours later. Try to accept any refreshments offered, as refusing them is considered impolite.

Tipping Guidelines

Tipping 10% is customary in restaurants; if a service charge is included, leave a few extra rupees. Tip bar staff 100 rupees as you leave. Conventionally, 50-100 rupees is a good tip for hotel staff, including porters, room cleaners, and room service personnel. Tip taxi drivers 10% of the fare.

Souvenirs

Carved masks, precious gems, teas, spices

Traditional Cuisine

Kottu roti — roti (a round flatbread) is placed on a grill and chopped and combined with additional ingredients including spices, vegetables, eggs, cheese or meat

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