

Sri Lanka

US State Dept Travel Advisory	The US State Department 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+ Travelers	https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html
Telephone Code	94
Local Emergency Phone	119 Police
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 types(s): D, G <div data-bbox="506 919 609 1037" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="646 919 748 1037" data-label="Image"> </div>
Major Languages	Sinhala, Tamil, English
Major Religions	Buddhist, Hindu, Muslim, Roman Catholic, other Christian
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