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Sri Lanka

One island, many experiences — beach, wildlife, culture, tea country and adventure within short distances.

About Sri Lanka

Official name
Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (formerly Ceylon)

Population · Area
Approx. 21.8 million · 65,610 km²

Main gateway
Bandaranaike International Airport (CMB), approx. 35 km north of Colombo

Road connectivity
Expanding expressway network links the airport, Colombo and the southern beach resorts

Currency · Payments
Sri Lankan Rupee (LKR). Major credit cards accepted at most hotels, restaurants and shopping centres; ATMs widely available

Languages
English, Sinhala & Tamil — English widely used in tourism. Russian-speaking guides available through DTH Travel

Religions
Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam & Christianity — a rich multicultural heritage

Time zone
GMT +5:30

Beach · Wildlife · Culture · Nature · Wellness · Adventure · Luxury

Why Sri Lanka?

Year-round tropical destination
Different coasts offer great beach conditions at different times of the year.

One island – many experiences
Beaches, wildlife, culture, tea country, mountains, wellness and adventure on one compact island.

Over 3,000 years of history
Ancient kingdoms, sacred cities, temples, colonial heritage and living traditions.

8 UNESCO World Heritage Sites
Including Sigiriya, Kandy, Galle, Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa and the Central Highlands.

Exceptional wildlife & safaris
Elephants, leopards, sloth bears and endemic birds — Yala is renowned for its high leopard density.

World-class whale & dolphin watching
Sri Lankan waters host 26 cetacean species, including blue whales, sperm whales and dolphins.

Nearly 1,600 km of tropical coastline
Golden beaches, calm bays, water sports, surfing and beach resorts around the island.

Warm & genuine hospitality
Friendly people and a strong tradition of personalised service.

Best time to travel

South & west coast
Nov – Apr

South-east coast & Yala
Dec – Apr

North-east coast
May – Oct