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## Colombo



The beautiful Indian Ocean island of Sri Lanka, formerly Ceylon, has a wealth of attractions for the visitor - fabulous ancient cities, extravagant tropical vegetation, delightful hill stations, glorious white-sand beaches and a charming friendly people steeped in the Buddhist faith. Apart from hundreds of miles of the world's most beautiful palm-fringed beaches, Sri Lanka boasts no fewer than seven World Heritage Sites listed by Unesco, ranging from sacred cities, palaces and cliff-top citadels to colonial strongholds, spanning close to 3,000 years of history.





## **Currency**

Rupee (SLRs).

## **Location**

The island of Sri Lanka lies in the Indian Ocean, to the southwest of the Bay of Bengal and to the southeast of the Arabian Sea. It is separated from the Indian Subcontinent by the Gulf of Mannar and the Palk Strait.

## **Language**

Official Language is "Sinhala & Tamil"

"English" is the link language

## **Climate**

The climate of Sri Lanka can be described as tropical and warm. Its position between 5 and 10 north latitude endows the country with a warm climate moderated by ocean winds and considerable moisture. The mean temperature ranges from about 16 °C (61 °F) in the Central high lands, where frost may occur for several days in the winter, to a maximum of approximately 33 °C (91 °F) in other low-altitude areas. The average yearly temperature ranges from 28 °C (82 °F) to nearly 31 °C (88 °F).

## **Flying Time**

Flying time from Muscat : 5 Hours

## **Time Difference**

GMT +5.30 Hours

## **Visa**

Electronic Travel Authorisation will be compulsory from 1.1.2012 at [www.eta.gov.lk](http://www.eta.gov.lk)

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