



Official Name	:	Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.
Government Type	:	Republic
Location	:	Latitude 5° 55. to 9° 50. North, Longitude 79° 42. to 81° 52., 650km north of the equator.
Dimensions	:	430km North to South, 225km East to West.
Currency (code)	:	Sri Lankan Rupee (LKR)
Administrative Capital	:	Sri Jayewardenepura
Commercial Capital	:	Colombo
Highest Mountain	:	Pidurutalagala, 2,524m.
Highest Waterfall	:	Bambarakanda, 263m.
Population Density	:	309 people per sq km
Literacy Rate	:	Female 87.9 Male 92.5
Ethnic Groups	:	Sinhalese 73.8%, Sri Lankan Moors 7.2%, Indian Tamil 4.6%, Sri Lankan Tamil 3.9%, other 0.5%, unspecified 10% (2001 census).
Languages	:	Sinhala (official and national language) 74%, Tamil (national language) 18%, other 8%
		Note: English (a link language commonly) is used in government and spoken competently by about 10% of the population.
Religion	:	Buddhist 69.1%, Muslim 7.6%, Hindu 7.1%, Christian 6.2%, unspecified 10% (2001 census).
Time Zone	:	Sri Lanka Standard Time is five and a half hours ahead of GMT. (Allowance should be made for summer-time changes in Europe.).
International Dialling	:	+94
Electricity	:	230. 240 volts, 50 cycles AC. If you travel with a laptop computer bring a stabilizer.