



Sri Lanka



SRI LANKA, the pearl of the Indian ocean is an island surrounded by beautiful beaches.

It is a fabulous holiday destination.

Tourism is very important to the economy.

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Sri Lanka was once known as British Ceylon, Britain ruled Ceylon from 1796 – 1948.

Sri Lanka is now a commonwealth country and every four years Sri Lanka takes part in the Commonwealth Games.





Sri Lanka's capital is Colombo , and has 4 religions which are; Buddhism , Christianity , Hinduism and Islam . The official languages are Sinhalese, Tamil & English.

Sinhalese and Tamil celebrate new year in April and they exchange gifts , wear new clothing and have fireworks and food.

Late Princess Diana's engagement ring has a 12 Carat oval blue Ceylon sapphire.

Sri Lanka is a tropical paradise, the garden of Eden . There are lots of exotic fruits. Animals such as Elephants , leopards , blue whales , and monkeys can be spotted.



## A lady picking tea leaves

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Sri Lanka is famous for:

spices,  
Ceylon tea,  
rubber,  
coconut,  
textiles  
and gems.





Buddha visited Sri Lanka three times and Buddhism is the most practised religion in Sri Lanka . Pictured below is a statue of Lord Buddha.

It has been carved from a single large [limestone](#) rock, and is considered to be the tallest ancient free-standing image in Sri Lanka, at a height of 37 feet 10 inches (11.53 m). -Wikipedia.



**Adam's Peak** or **Śrī Pāda** is a 2,243 m (7,359 ft) tall conical sacred [mountain](#) located in central [Sri Lanka](#).<sup>[1][2]</sup> It is well known for the "Śrī Pāda" ([Sinhala](#): ශ්‍රී පාද), i.e., "sacred footprint", a 1.8 m (5 ft 11 in) rock formation near the summit. In [Buddhist](#) tradition the print is held to be the [footprint of the Buddha](#), in [Hindu](#) tradition that of [Hanuman](#) or [Shiva](#) ([Tamil](#): சிவனொளிபாதமலை, [lit.](#) 'Sivanolipa athamalai'), i.e., "Mountain of [Shiva](#)'s Light", and in some [Islamic](#) and [Christian](#) traditions that of [Adam](#), or that of [St. Thomas](#).<sup>[3][4][5]</sup>

Sigiriya  
Fortress –  
Lion's Rock  
built in (477-  
495 AD)







Fishing vessel; Oruwa – National Maritime Museum Greenwich London

This traditional mask is a part of culture of dance rituals in Sri Lanka





# Cricket

This is a very popular sport in Sri Lanka and the national team won the cricket world cup in 1996.





TUK TUKs are three-wheel taxis.  
Tourists love them.

Thank you



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