

Sri Lanka

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

It is a fabulous holiday destination.

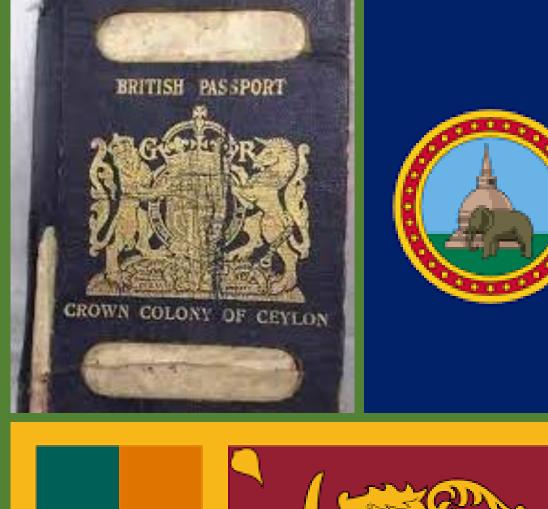
Tourism is very important to the economy.





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

Sri Lanka is famous for:

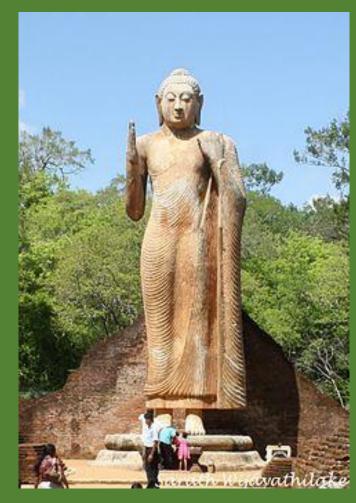
spices, Ceylon tea, rubber, coconut, textiles

and gems.



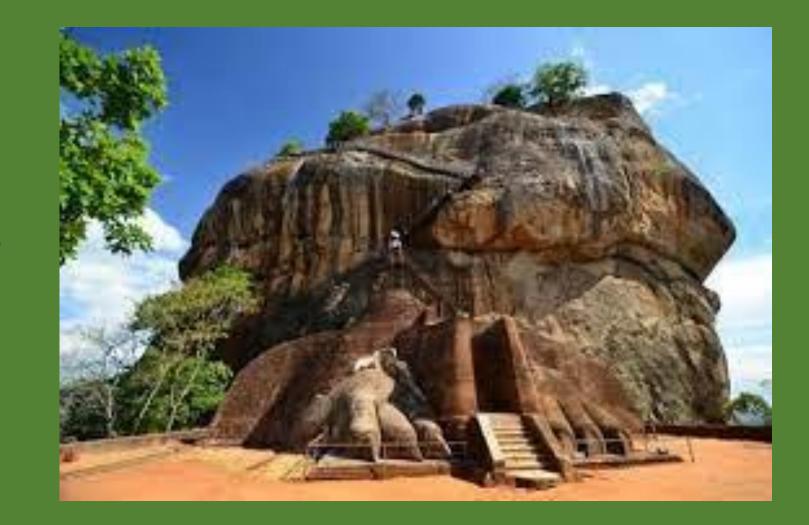
Buddha visited Sri Lanka three times and Buddhism is the most practised religion in Sri Lanka . Pictured below is a statue of Lord Buddha.

It has been carved from a single large <u>limestone</u> 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.^{[1][2]} It is well known for the "Śrī Pāda" (Sinhala: ශ්රී පാද), i.e., "sacred footprint", a 1.8 m (5 ft 11 in) rock formation near the summit. In <u>Buddhist</u> tradition the print is held to be the footprint of the Buddha, in Hindu tradition that of Hanuman or Shiva (Tamil: சிவனொளிபாதமலை, <u>lit.</u> 'Sivanolipa athamalai'), i.e., "Mountain of <u>Shiva</u>'s Light", and in some <u>Islamic</u> and <u>Christian</u> traditions that of <u>Adam</u>, or that of <u>St.</u> Thomas.^{[2][3][4]} Sigiriya Fortress – Lion's Rock built in (477-495 AD)

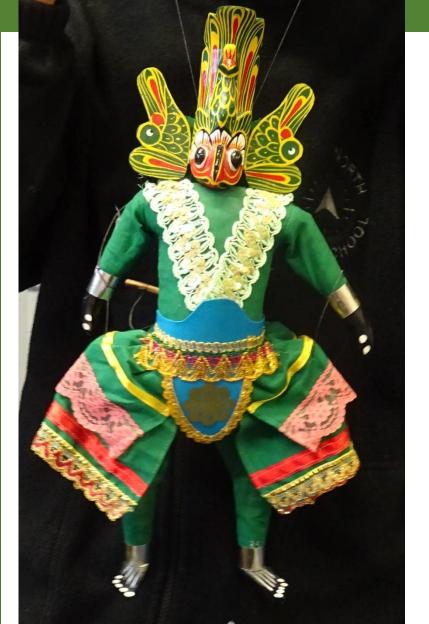






Fishing vessel; Oruwa – National Maritime Museum Greenwich London

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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