

Sri Lanka



Heart of the India Ocean Your perfect get away

Located strategically in the middle of the East-West shipping routes Sri Lanka is one of the best cruise holidays destinations. Sri Lanka is perfectly positioned to attract travelers from all around the world with its wide-open areas and a plethora of amazing experiences.

With the plethora of amazing experiences, wide-open areas, not to forget the,

- Home to the highest density of waterfalls in the world
- more than 25,000 water bodies
- over 100 rivers
- 33% of the island being Forest area
- 26 National Parks
- 8 UNESCO declared heritage sites
- Magnificat beaches, walks along the misty tea trails and much more

Sri Lanka is a destination with diversity, authenticity, and compactness. For a truly authentic Asian experience with amazing weather all year around; Sri Lanka is a must visit.



Only in Sri Lanka you can travel to see whales, elephants, leopards, bears and wild buffalo all within a few hours of each other

Sri Lanka offers many advantages as a preferred cruise destination:

- **Easy Port Clearance** – The Sri Lankan Port Authority has simplified procedures to make it easier to clear both the vessel and the passengers.
- **Domestic Connectivity** – All four international ports on the island provide exceptional, dependable transportation at competitive costs.
- **Shopping** – Sri Lanka is a mecca for passionate shopping, with a variety of eccentric island crafts, precious gems and jewelry, available in everything from opulent malls to modest street markets.
- **Wellness** – Wellness is becoming increasingly experiential, and the Sri Lankan tourism product, with its Ayurveda and yoga traditions, rich heritage and culture, authentic and distinctive cuisine, warm and hospitable people, abundant flora and fauna, and a multitude of water-based activities, is perfectly positioned to curate authentic wellness experiences.
- **Cuisine** – Sri Lankan cuisine boasts a vast diversity of flavours and textures inspired by both the colonial past and centuries-long cultural friendships from East to West and North to South. Not to forget the world-renowned Ceylon tea – explore a tea factory and see how it's done.
- **Our People** – Sri Lanka's people are the best aspect of the country, and their warm grins and unending kindness to visitors make every experience as unique as the island itself.
- **Experiences** – Sri Lanka offers a feast of beautiful scenery, explosive flavors, and unrivaled experiences, whether you're a nature lover, an adrenaline junkie, a history buff, or a cultural expert. Because of the island's modest size, cruise holidays passengers can enjoy a variety of shore excursions in a short amount of time.

5 International Airports

12 domestic airports and

Multiple aerodromes and helicopter landing sites



Multiple international carriers fly into Sri Lanka daily, offering the most convenient connections from East Asia, the Middle East and the rest of the world.

4 Ports


Spread across the island along with multiple smaller harbours

Located on the western coast of the island **Colombo** port is the largest and busiest port. A mere 5 stroll to the old parliament building, some of the country's leading state offices, international hotel, local shopping district and a key highlight of Colombo; Galle Face Green which offers scenic views of the sunset and the Indian Ocean the port is positioned in the ideal location.

The commercial terminal of the Port is regarded as the busiest port in the entire South Asian region! Due to its strategic location in the Indian Ocean the port serves as an important terminal in Asia.

What to do

- Explore the colonial architecture of the Portuguese, the Dutch and the British. Plus, the Independence Square, the Colombo National Museum and the National Museum of Natural History is right at the heart of Colombo
- Visit the Colombo Fort to experience a melting pot of culture, trade and everything in between!
- Make a quick trip to the bustling street markets and bazaar area of Colombo – Pettah (Pro tip: Best explored on foot!)
- Visit an array of religious places of worship
- Indulge in some of Colombo's best fine dining restaurants AND be adventurous with numerous street food outlets.



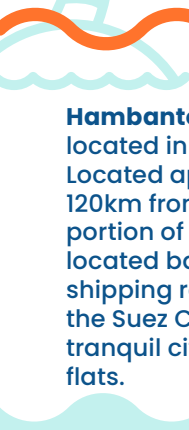
The **Trincomalee** Harbour is found safely located in Sri Lanka's largest natural harbour on the north east coast. Whilst gaining acclamation as one of the finest deep-sea natural harbours in the world, it also served as the homeport of the British Royal Navy East Indies Station during World War 2.

The natural geography, with the entrance of the harbour being guarded by two headlands with an entrance 500 meters wide, and its strategic location in the Indian Ocean has shaped recent history with many battles being fought to conquer the harbour with the Portuguese, Dutch, French and the English each conquering it in turn. The bay also includes the first of a number of submarine canyons. In 1942 the Japanese Imperial Navy attacked the Trincomalee harbour and sunk three British warships anchored there.

The town is built on a peninsula, on either side of which is an inner deep-water harbour for anchorage (the 5th largest in the world) and white sandy beaches bordered by the Indian Ocean.

What to do

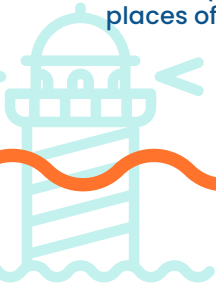
- A must-see religious shrine - Koneswaran Temple
- Pay a quick visit to Fort Fredrick, built on the foundation of the original shrine
- If adventure is calling your name - snorkeling trip to Pigeon Island and deep-sea diving among the shipwrecks are must dos!
- Sunbathe and hop in for a quick dip in clear blue waters of the area.



Hambantota is Sri Lanka's only manmade port located in the Southern coast of the country. Located approximately 241km south of Colombo, 120km from Galle, the port is at the southern-most portion of the island which is also strategically located barely 30 minutes deviation from the key shipping routes between the Malacca Straits and the Suez Canal, which links Asia and Europe. The tranquil city is known for its dry landscape and salt flats.

What to do

- Visit Sri Lanka's largest salt flats
- In for a wild ride? Hambantota has 3 national parks in close proximity Bundala National Park, Yala National Park and Kumana National Park
- Make a quick trip to the Buddhist and Hindu places of Worship in Kataragama.



Sri Lanka's only natural harbour in the southern coast, the **Galle** Harbour is one of the most active regional ports in the country. Widely known for the facilities provided for pleasure yachting, it is a highly acclaimed location by international yacht societies. The harbour is also located in close proximity to the world-renowned Galle Fort in the Bay of Galle, which immediately transports you many centuries back to the Portuguese and Dutch colonial periods of rule in Sri Lanka.

What to do

- Take a peek at the colonial architecture in the ancient city of Galle. Enclosed behind the majestic walls of the Fort, the Dutch style old town is now a World Heritage Site!
- Get a glimpse of life in the early 20th century at the Martin Wickramasinghe Folk Museum Complex
- Kataluwa Temple has paintings of the British royalty – a sight not to miss
- Tea factory visit is a must if you come to Sri Lanka
- Take a boat trip in the lagoon and Koggala Lake to see many of the small islands
- Relax by the picturesque Unawatuna Beach



Bandaranaike International Airport

Airport to Ship in under an hour

Also known as the Colombo International Airport (CMB), it provides primary air connectivity into the country. It is one of the busiest airport hubs in South Asia, but provides passengers with some of the best amenities in the region. Located 35km (22miles) from Colombo. The airport is the hub for National Carrier SriLankan Airlines and Mihin Lanka, the budget airline of Sri Lanka.

Mattala International Airport

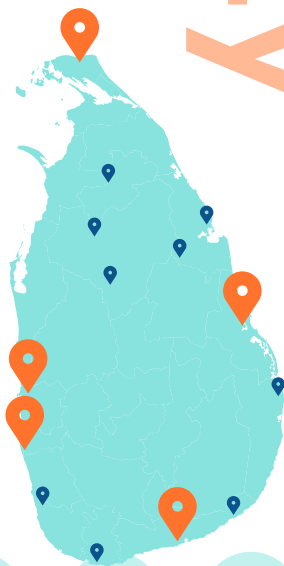
The Mattala International Airport is an international airport serving tourist needs of the southeast of Sri Lanka. It is the second international airport in Sri Lanka. The airport also supports air-sea cargo transshipment in conjunction with the Hambantota Port, which is approximately 24km away and accessible in under an hour.

Regional Airport and Domestic Flights

A network of 14 domestic airports and numerous other locations that can land seaplanes and helicopters connects Sri Lanka. Point to point any destination across the island is reachable in under an hour.

 International Airports

 Domestic Airports



Connectivity