

Sri Lanka eVisa

General information

Who Can Apply?

All eligible nationalities planning to enter Sri Lanka, whether by air or sea, for the purposes of tourism, business, or transit.

Nationals of Nigeria, Cameroon, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Syria and North Korea are required to apply for a visa through the Sri Lankan embassy or through the Department of Immigration & Emigration, Sri Lanka. Below are the documents required:-

1. Police Clearance report.
2. If the applicant is coming from another country after staying for more than 6 months, are required to provide Police clearance from that country and copy of the Visa.
3. Certificate from a Sri Lankan guarantor & a photocopy of the guarantors NIC.
4. Affidavit from a Sri Lankan JP (Justice of Peace) or a Lawyer.
5. Accommodation information (Place of stay)

Nationals of Taiwan would need to select People's Republic of China (Special Administrative Region of China) as their nationality while applying for the eVisa.

Nationals of Kosovo are eligible for Visa On Arrival only.

Visa exemptions

On the basis of reciprocity, citizens of The Republic of Singapore, The Republic of Maldives, The Republic of Seychelles and The Czech Republic are exempt from the requirement of obtaining tourist standard 6 months eVisa to visit Sri Lanka.

All nationals are eligible for an eVisa waiver, if transiting from any of the Sri Lankan airports. Waiver is valid for a 2 day transit period only.

You can verify whether your nationality qualifies for exemption from applying for an eVisa based on the passport type and eVisa duration by accessing the provided link.

Refer Visa Exemption List from <https://www.srilankaevisa.lk/assets/docs/visa-exemption-list.pdf>

How to Apply for a Sri Lanka eVisa?

1. Visit the official website of Sri Lanka eVisa.
2. Create an account or log in if you already have one.
3. Fill out the online application form with accurate details.
4. Upload the required documents, including a scanned copy of your passport, a recent photograph, and any additional documents specified for your eVisa category.
5. Pay the eVisa fee securely online using the available payment options.

6. Once your application is submitted and payment is confirmed, you will receive an acknowledgment receipt and a unique application reference number.
7. Track the status of your eVisa application online using your reference number.
8. Upon approval, download and print your eVisa to present to the Immigration officer at the port of entry in Sri Lanka.

Sri Lanka eVisa Fees

The eVisa fee payment is the last step of your application process after submitting your details and the other mandatory documents. The eVisa fees to be paid are as below:

Main Visa Type	: Non Resident
Category	: Tourist Visa
Sub-Category	: Single Entry for 30 days
Validity	: 30 days
Entry Type	: Single
Eligibility	: Sightseeing/Holidaying, Visiting friends and relatives, Medical treatment including Ayurvedic and Yoga, Participating in sports events competitions, and activities relating to cultural performances
Visa Fees	: For China, India, Indonesia, Russia, Thailand, Malaysia, and Japan - 0 USD for arrival on or before 31st May. Rest of the world – 40 USD

Please note: All eVisa categories will be charged an additional 10 or 18.50 USD service fee. Does not include charges towards payment gateway, taxes and other transaction fees.

Please inform the Help Desk of the VFS through <https://www.srilankaevisa.lk/> if you encounter any suspended or unsuccessful transactions during the application process. Do not create a new application or make a new payment unless advised to do so by the Help Desk team.

Please visit <https://www.srilankaevisa.lk/information> for further information on **visa fees** and the **document checklist** based on the visa category.

Application Tracking for Sri Lanka eVisa

Upon submission of your eVisa application online, you will receive an acknowledgment receipt with a unique Web Reference Number. Utilize this reference number to monitor the progress of your eVisa application by accessing the 'Track Status' feature on the website. Enter your reference number and other necessary details to track the status of your application. The tracking system will provide regular updates on the status of your eVisa application via your registered email address. Notifications will be sent to inform you when your application is approved and available for download.

Documents to be carried at the Airport

1. A printed copy of your eVisa approval letter issued by the Sri Lanka Department of Immigration and Emigration.
2. Your passport with at least six months validity from the date of entry into Sri Lanka.
3. A return ticket or proof of onward travel from Sri Lanka.
4. Applicants of the below nationalities need to submit a yellow fever vaccination certificate on arrival in Sri Lanka in order to comply with international health regulations.

Angola, Argentina, Benin, Bolivia, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Colombia, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, French Guiana, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Panama, Peru, Rwanda, Sao Tome And Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Suriname, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Venezuela, Zaire.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is an Sri Lanka eVisa?

The Sri Lanka eVisa is an online travel authorization that allows eligible travelers to enter Sri Lanka for tourism, business, or transit purposes.

2. What types of eVisa are available?

Sri Lanka offers different types of eVisas, including tourist, business and transit visas, depending on the purpose of your visit.

3. What is the eVisa website?

Please refer to <https://online.srilankaevisa.lk/>

4. How should I submit an application?

Please go to the Home Page and click on "How to Apply" an eVisa application.

5. Do I need a ticket before I apply for an eVisa?

eVisa can be obtained even before booking your ticket.

6. What are the general conditions of a Transit Visa?

If you are staying more than 24 hours to get your connecting flight, you have to apply for a transit visa. It is valid only for 48 hours.

Note: Travelers from eligible countries including India can apply for the Sri Lanka visa on arrival at the Bandaranaike International Airport.

7. Should the Indian tourists obtain a visa to enter in to Sri Lanka?

Yes. Indian tourists should obtain a visa (pre-visa or on-arrival visa) on a free-of-charge basis. *However, there will be a service charge for the VFS.*

8. How do I know if my eVisa is still valid for travel to Sri Lanka?

If you have applied for an eVisa, you can inquire through the eVisa website to find out its current status. You will need to enter your Reference Number in order to make this inquiry. You can also contact 24/7 dedicated eVisa call centre of VFS.

9. What can I do if I am unable to apply through the eVisa site?

If you are unable to apply through this site, please obtain the necessary instructions through the Help Desk of the VFS. (Indian tourists can obtain a visa on arrival).

10. Is my personal information safe?

This site operates under the principles outlined in the Privacy Statement. Only the data required to process your application will be collected. It will be used only for this purpose. Data in your eVisa application will be stored on our secured servers. Please see the Privacy Statement for more information.

11. What happens if I already possess a valid eVisa?

If you already possess a valid Residence Visa or Non-Residence Visa, a fresh eVisa application cannot be lodged until that visa expires or is cancelled.

12. Can I apply for a fresh eVisa while being in Sri Lanka?

You cannot obtain a fresh eVisa while being in Sri Lanka irrespective of whether your eVisa is valid or expired.

13. What happens if my application is not granted with an eVisa?

If your eVisa application is not approved please obtain the necessary instructions through the Help Desk of the VFS. (Indian tourists can obtain visas on arrival).

14. If my application for eVisa was unsuccessful can I get my eVisa fee back?

It is non-refundable and non-transferable.

15. What can I do if I make a mistake in my application?

Once an application is submitted processed and payment is made, you cannot cancel the transaction and the payment cannot be reimbursed. Therefore, please ensure that you enter your personal details correctly. If you have made an error, it is important that you correct it before confirmation. Once you have confirmed the details, your electronic payment card (credit card/e-commerce enabled debit card) will be debited for the non-refundable visa fee and service charge. If you find out later that you have made a mistake, then you will have to submit a fresh application and pay the relevant fee again.

16. Can I extend my Sri Lanka eVisa?

No You cannot extend your eVisa.

17. What documents do I need to apply for the Sri Lanka eVisa?

The required documents may vary depending on the type of eVisa you are applying for. Generally, you will need a valid passport, a digital passport-size photograph, and other supporting documents based on your visa category.

18. Is there a possibility of applying for group visas in the new eVisa system?

Groups of up to five individuals can apply together, but the details of each individual must be entered into the system separately. There is no option available for applying for group visas for more than five individuals at once.

19. What are the general conditions of a Visit Visa?

You should not engage in any form of employment, paid or unpaid, or in any trade or business other than that specified in the visa during the period of your stay in Sri Lanka.

20. What are the details related to the Tourist visas and Business Visas?

Sr No	Main Visa Type	Category	Sub-Category	Validity	Entry Type	Eligibility	Visa Fees
Tourist Visa							
1	Non Resident	Tourist Visa	Single Entry for 30 days	30 days	Single	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sightseeing/Holidaying • Visiting friends and relatives • Medical treatment including Ayurvedic and Yoga • Participating sports events competition and activities relating to cultural performances 	For China, India, Indonesia, Russia, Thailand, Malaysia, and Japan - 0 USD for arrival on or before 31st May. (No decision has been taken for the extension of this period) Rest of the world - 40 All in USD
2	Non Resident	Tourist Visa	Standard Visitor Visa	6 months with 60 days stay limit	Double	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sightseeing/Holidaying • Visiting friends and relatives • Medical treatment including Ayurvedic and Yoga • Participating sports events competition and activities relating to cultural performances 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAARC Countries: USD 35 • Non- SAARC Countries: USD 75
Business Visa							
1	Non Resident	Business Visa	Standard Visitor Visa (SAARC countries)	6 months with 60 days stay limit	Double	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in business meetings and negotiations • Participate in Seminars, Conferences and Workshops • To take part in short term training program (less than one month) • Participate in art, music and dance events • Participate in religious events 	USD 35

						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in symposium 	
1	Non Resident	Business Visa	Standard Visitor Visa (Non SAARC countries)	6 months with 60 days stay limit	Double	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in business meetings and negotiations Participate in Seminars, Conferences and Workshops To take part in short term training program Participate in art, music and dance events Participate in religious events Participate in symposium 	USD 75

21. On Arrival Visas :

i. What is the Sri Lanka visa on arrival?

The Sri Lanka visa on arrival is a travel authorization that allows eligible travelers to obtain a visa upon arrival at designated entry points in Sri Lanka.

ii. Who is eligible for the Sri Lanka visa on arrival?

Travelers from eligible countries can apply for the Sri Lanka visa on arrival. The eligibility criteria include nationality, purpose of visit, and meeting the requirements set by the Sri Lanka Department of Immigration and Emigration.

iii. What are the types of visas available for Sri Lanka visa on arrival?

The Sri Lanka visa on arrival is typically issued for **tourism, business, or transit purposes**, depending on the traveler's intention and eligibility.

iv. How long is the Sri Lanka visa on arrival valid for?

The validity of the Sri Lanka visa on arrival can vary depending on the type of visa and the traveler's nationality. It is typically valid for a short duration, such as 30 days.

v. Can I extend my stay in Sri Lanka with a visa on arrival?

No you cannot extend on arrival visa.

vi. Can I use the Sri Lanka visa on arrival for multiple entries?

The Sri Lanka visa on arrival allows for double entry within the validity period for tourist visas and multiple entries for business visas, subject to the conditions specified in the visa.

vii. Can I work in Sri Lanka with a visa on arrival?

No, the visa on arrival is not valid for employment or any form of paid work in Sri Lanka. If you intend to work, you will need to apply for the appropriate work visa.

viii. What should I do if my Sri Lanka visa on arrival application is rejected?

If your Sri Lanka visa on arrival application is rejected, you will need to comply with the decision and may need to leave the country within the specified period.

ix. Can I apply for a Sri Lanka visa on arrival on behalf of someone else?

No, the Sri Lanka visa on arrival must be applied for in person by the traveler at the designated visa on arrival counter at the airport or port of entry.

x. Can I apply for a Sri Lanka visa on arrival if I have a passport from a country not eligible for visa on arrival?

No, you cannot apply for a Sri Lanka visa on arrival if you hold a passport from a country that is not eligible for visa on arrival. In such cases, you will need to apply for a visa through the traditional visa application process at a Sri Lankan overseas mission.