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Information for applicants

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Sri Lanka is an island nation in the Indian Ocean with a population of roughly 20.8 million. Due to its location, the island has always been a strategic hub for shipping between the Near East and South-East Asia. Sri Lanka is known for producing and exporting tea, coffee, rubber and coconuts, and is now also a tourist destination thanks to the natural beauty of its landscapes.

Climate and sights

Tropical, humid and hot, with varying levels of precipitation due to the monsoons; high humidity, 28 to 30 degrees Celsius; January is the coldest month, and May the hottest.

Medical care

There are no vaccination requirements for persons who have only been resident in Germany before travelling to Sri Lanka, but the standard vaccinations are recommended.

Medical services in the major cities and tourism hubs are adequate to good and reach a high level in some areas in Colombo.

Accommodation and quality of life

Sri Lanka has eight world heritage sites, and the government's cultural policy promotes the Buddhist traditions and folklore performances.

The cost of living is far lower than in Europe, and comfortable houses and apartments can be rented for as little as € 300.00.

Shops and services

Business hours are from Monday to Friday, 9:00 to 17:30, and 9:00 to 13:00 on Saturday.

The staple foods are rice and curry, and a wide range of fruits and vegetables are available. The water is not fit for consumption. Please do not drink it.

Sri Lanka is known for its tea and its crafts, as well as its precious gems and silver works.

Accompanying partners and children

German citizens require passports and visas in Sri Lanka. The Sri Lankan mission abroad is responsible for issuing longer-term visas.

The education system is good, with international schools and universities.

Good to know

Sri Lanka is a politically insecure country, and you will need to speak English.

Find out more

<https://www.srilanka-botschaft.de/sri-lanka/the-land.html>

<https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/aussenpolitik/laenderinformationen/srilanka-node>

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