

SRI LANKA



M	D	HOLIDAYS
1	*	Duruthu Full Moon Poya Day
2	4	National Day
2	*	Navam Full Moon Poya Day
3	*	Maha Sivarathri Day
3	9	Milad un-Nabi (Birth of the Prophet)
3	*	Medin Full Moon Poya Day
4	10	Good Friday
4	*	Bak Full Moon Poya Day
4	*	Sinhala and Tamil New Year
4	*	Tamil Thai Pongal Day
5	1	May Day
5	*	Vesak Full Moon Poya Day
6	*	Poson Full Moon Poya Day
7	*	Esala Full Moon Poya Day
8	*	Nikini Full Moon Poya Day
9	*	Binara Full Moon Poya Day
9	21	Eid al-Fitr (End of Ramadan)
10	*	Vap Full Moon Poya Day
10	18	Deepavali
11	*	Il Full Moon Poya Day
11	27	Eid al-Adha (Hadji Festival Day)
12	*	Unduvap Full Moon Poya Day
12	25	Christmas Day

CAPITAL	SRI JAYEWARDENEPURA KOTTE
CURRENCY	SRI LANKA RUPEE
POPULATION	20,900,000 (2007)
TIME ZONE (GMT)	+5.5
SUMMER TIME (GMT)	NONE
COUNTRY CODE	94
GDP:	US\$27.4 billion (2006)

Religion:

Buddhist majority (70%), with Hindu, Christian and Muslim minorities.

* Date to be confirmed

JAN

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Note:

Poya holidays are observed on the day of each full moon. In general, Hindu and Buddhist festivals are declared according to local astronomical observations and it is often only possible to forecast the approximate time of their occurrence.

Some public holidays are followed by an additional holiday for banks only.

Muslim festivals are timed according to local sightings of various phases of the moon and the dates given above are approximations. During the lunar month of Ramadan that precedes Eid al-Fitr, Muslims fast during the day and feast at night and normal business patterns may be interrupted; however, since Sri Lanka is not a predominantly Muslim country restrictions (which travellers may experience elsewhere) are unlikely to cause problems.