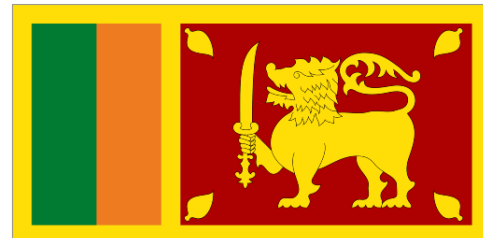


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## SRI LANKA: Electronic Visa Application Process for Short Stay Visas

<https://eta.gov.lk/etaslvisa/etaNavServ?payType=1>



For a Short Visit to Sri Lanka, travellers should obtain an ETA with effect from 1st of January 2012.

A traveller visiting Sri Lanka for a short stay for any of the following purposes, must obtain ETA prior to arrival.

### Visit Categories

#### TOURIST

- Sightseeing, holidaying
- Visiting friends and relatives
- Medical treatment including Ayurvedic and yoga
- Participate in sporting events, competitions and activities relating to cultural performance

#### BUSINESS

- Participate in business meetings and negotiations
- Conferences, workshops and seminars
- Short term training programs
- Participate in art, music and dance events

#### TRANSIT

- Transiting through Sri Lanka

All foreign nationals intending to visit Sri Lanka for purposes other than Short Visit must obtain a visa prior to arrival.

Diplomatic and Official passport holders are exempt from ETA processing fee, only when their applications are submitted through the state agencies such as Ministries, Statutory Bodies, Sri Lanka Overseas Missions etc.

The ETA is initially limited to 30 days validity from the date of arrival although it may be extended for up to six (06) months.

## General Instructions

An intended traveller planning a holiday visit, a short business trip or to transit through, needs to apply and obtain an ETA prior to arrival in Sri Lanka.

The types of ETA:

- ETA for Tourist purpose with double entry for 30 (thirty) days
- ETA for Business purpose with multiple entry for 30 (thirty) days
- ETA for Transit for 07 (seven) days. (First 48 hours free of charge.)

Steps to be followed:

- Submit the application.
- Receive the acknowledgement.  
Receive ETA approval or a referral notice.

If a referral notice is served, you may contact Department of Immigration and Emigration for the necessary ETA.

## Steps to be followed:

Click on the Apply button and fill in the ETA application.

Pay the relevant ETA processing fee using your electronic payment cards (Visa, Mastercard & American Express)

If your application is successfully submitted, you will receive an acknowledgment promptly.

To check your ETA application status you may log onto the ETA website or contact 24/7 dedicated ETA call centre on 0094 71 99 67 888

It is advisable to keep a copy of the ETA approval with you to be produced at the port of entry in Sri Lanka. All ETA holders should fulfil the following requirements at the port of entry.

1. A passport valid for not less than 6 months from the date of arrival.
2. A confirmed return ticket.
3. Sufficient funds to meet the expenses during the stay.

For more information, visit <http://www.immigration.gov.lk>

On the basis of reciprocity, citizens of The Republic of Singapore and The Republic of Maldives are exempt from the requirement of obtaining ETA to visit Sri Lanka.

Working flight/ship crew members do not need an ETA.

Children under 12 are exempt from the fee.