

**Ayubowan! Vanakkam! My name is Sri Lanka but I used to be called Ceylon back in the day. I live in the Indian ocean just below my neighbour India.**



I am shaped like a teardrop and greener than the grinch. My capital city is bustling Colombo and 21 million people proudly call me their home. I speak Sinhalese, Tamil and English mainly. I am famous for my delicious tea and cinnamon which I am pretty sure is sitting in most of your houses. I am also known for semi precious gemstones!💎

My favourite food is rice and curry, pittu, kiribath, string hoppers, appam, kottu and the ever yummy watalappan. 🍴



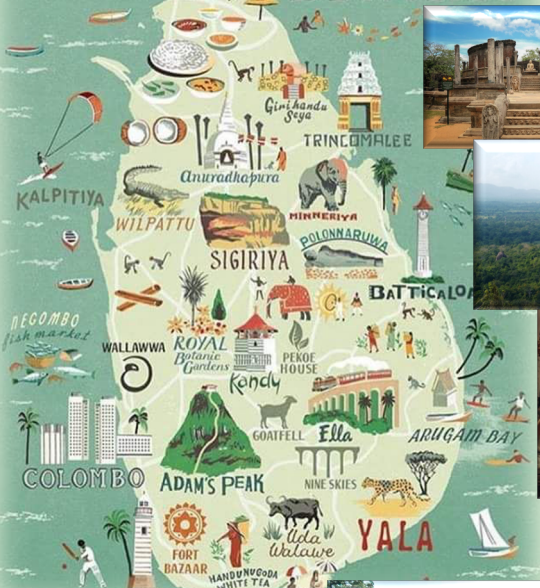
**Tourism is another huge part of my economy. We love to celebrate our festivals such as Sinhalese and Tamil new year, Esala Perahera, Easter, Deepawali and Christmas.**



*Did you know?  
Sri Lanka had the world's first woman Prime Minister in 1960 Mrs. Sirimavo Bandaranaike!*



# SRI LANKA



I have many sights to offer, a few being the famous Sigiriya rock fortress, Sri Dalada Maligawa (The temple of the sacred tooth relic), Dambulla Cave Temple, Galle fort, the ruins of Polonnaruwa, Ella, Adams Peak, Yala National Park, beautiful tea country Nuwara Eliya and so on. Pidurutalagala is my highest peak at an elevation of 2524m/8281ft.

*Did you know?  
The oldest living tree planted by man is said to be in Sri Lanka- Sri Maha Bodhi in Anuradhapura and has been tended to over 2000 yrs!*

I am also home to over 90 species of mammal (including The Asian elephant, leopard, bear and monkeys), hundreds of butterflies, over 80 snake species (including deadly cobras and vipers), and about 435 species of birds.



The beautiful Nil Manel/Blue water lily is the national flower symbolizing truth, purity and discipline, often seen in Buddhist temples

**Last but not the least I have one of the worlds best cricketing teams with some legendary cricketers!**



*Hope to see you soon in our beautiful island of Sri Lanka!  
Bohomasthuthi! 🙏*