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INTRODUCTION

The travel review is about Sri Lanka, it is a one life opportunity to sightsee different locations and understand the theory behind how Sri Lanka got their independence also it is a holiday destination for everyone however I have only based this travel review for honeymoon couples as this is my motherland and a dream honeymoon destination you could ever imagine. As you read along the review it will get very interesting and you will be amused by the things you can do in Sri Lanka.

HISTORY

As Sri Lanka celebrates their 71 years of independence it is important to understand that there where many struggles made in the history of Sri Lanka for the cause of freedom. It is celebrated annually on the 4th February, as they gained independence on 4th February 1948. Besides, D.S. Senanayake became the first prime minister of Sri Lanka after getting independence from the British in 1948. He emerged as the leader of the Sri Lankan independence movement that leads to the establishment of self-rule in Sri Lanka. The legal head of State was Queen Elizabeth's governor at that time. The first President of Sri Lanka was William Gopallawa in 1972. This replaced the Governor's role. Until 1972, Ceylon was a Commonwealth realm with Queen Elizabeth II as the head of state and Queen of Ceylon (Lakpura LLC). According to the tour operator, it has stated that the celebration happens all over the country with flag-hoisting ceremonies, dances, parades and cultural performances. The main celebrations take place in Colombo (City of Sri Lanka) also the president raises the national flag and delivers a speech at a nationally televised event (Lakpura LLC). The president's speech states the achievements of the government during the past year, raises important issues and requests the people to join together in commemorating this historic day. as well as this the president also pays tribute to the national heroes of Sri Lanka, observing two minutes of silence in their memory (Lakpura LLC). A great military parade is also performed to show the importance of the power of army, police, air force, civil defence force and navy at the time of the civil war. They fought with bravery and had the determination to achieve peace and national unity for the Sri Lanka people. The Sri Lankan people always remember the heroes who struggled to secure their country and stand strong to the other countries. Also, it is important to know Sri Lanka is not a third world country any more, but it is a 'Developing nation' as there is a big difference to countries who have not developed from the 20th century to countries who are still developing and Sri Lanka is one usual and fascinating country, it will get very interesting as you read along.

INBOUND TRAVELLERS- UNWTO

As you can see the below image highlight's that there are a high number of international tourists visiting Sri Lanka in the past 3 years. According to the UNWTO, in the year 2016, there have been 2,051 tourists who have travelled to Sri Lanka. Looking carefully at the image comparing Sri Lanka to the Maldives you can see Maldives is a lot lower than Sri Lanka when looking at the number of internal tourists. This is because the Maldives only has one attractive place whereas Sri Lanka is always full of adventure as you read along you will understand it is one beautiful country everyone is welcome. Also, Sri Lanka is the third most visited county in South Asia according to the year 2016 buy the UNWTO, which is big happiness as there are still many international foreigners' wanting to go there.

The number of international receipts is also the third highest comparing to other countries in South Asia. This is because it is very cheap to spending on goods and services in Sri Lanka. As the current currency today in Sri Lanka is 1 Sri Lankan Rupee is 0.0043 Pound Sterling. The definition of tourism receipts is expenditures by international inbound visitors, including payments to national carriers for international transport. These receipts include any other prepayment made for goods or services received in the destination country (IndexMundi). This explains that someone who is a non-resident coming from an international state like London to spend their holiday in Sri Lanka is going to be surprised how the price of things he eats' and buys' is going to be very cheap but tasty and freshly made.

International arrivals

International receipts

South Asia		14,741	22,918	23,446	25,273	12.9	2.3	7.8	8.2	20,078	29,758	31,554	33,847	9.2
Afghanistan		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	86	84	82	49	0.0
Bangladesh	TF	303	125	..	..	-15.5	..	..	..	87	153	150	175	0.0
Bhutan	TF	41	133	155	210	14.9	16.2	35.1	0.1	40	84	94	90	0.0
India	TF	5,776	13,107	13,284	14,569	88.1	1.4	9.7	4.7	14,490	19,700	21,013	22,427	6.1
Iran	VF	2,938	4,967	5,237	4,942	4.2	5.4	-5.6	1.6	2,438	3,841	3,868	..	..
Maldives	TF	792	1,205	1,234	1,286	7.1	2.4	4.2	0.4	1,713	2,696	2,569	2,730	0.7
Nepal	TF	603	790	539	753	-0.9	-31.8	39.7	0.2	343	487	481	446	0.1
Pakistan	TF	907	965	..	..	70.8	..	..	..	305	282	317	323	0.1
Sri Lanka	TF	654	1,527	1,798	2,051	19.8	17.8	14.0	0.7	576	2,431	2,981	3,518	1.0

FIGURE 2- UNWTO INTERNATIONAL ARRIVALS AND RECIEPTS



Sri Lanka is separated between two districts with Sinhalese in Colombo (City of Sri Lanka) and Tamil in Jaffna (Northern tip of Sri Lanka). The population is 21.4 million, with Buddhism (69%), Hinduism (16%), Islam (8%), Christianity (7%). the capital city is Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte whereas Columbo is the city. Here is an interesting fact: Sri Lanka was founded in the 14th century.

Sri Lanka is full of tropical resorts and beaches for newly wedded couples, it has attracted visitors from centuries with its natural beauty. The best thing about travelling to Sri Lanka is the delicious foods and like I said it is cheap but yummy! The Sri Lankan traditional food is rice with a variety of spicy and sweet curry and the most important and final finishing touch is desserts. The below images show the variety of curries and there will always be a sweet dessert at the end as your aware Sri Lankan food are spicy, but the traditional food is steamed rice, Paris (2018) states the best morning breakfast is a hopper as you can see below bottom right side. A traditional dish which is composed of a thin, crepe-like batter that's infused with coconut milk and spices or sugar and crisped into a bowl shape to hold fried eggs (The Daily Telegraph).



**FIGURE 2- TRADITIONAL FOOD
(RICE AND CURRY)**



**FIGURE 3- TRADITIONAL BREAKFAST
DESSERT (HOPPER)**

The Taprobane Island in Sri Lanka is a two-and-a-half-acre tropical fantasy for honeymoon couples, it is located just 100 metres off Sri Lanka's south coast and reached only by wading through knee-deep water or on the back of an elephant (yes, really). Once in the island, it is an oasis of palm trees, beach, infinity pool and an octagonal villa built in the twenties by an eccentric count. Looking into the history of the Island, it was built in the 1920s by the romantically-named but self-styled Count de Mauny-Talvande. The island is with a neo palladian mansion, as it started it only played as host to kings, queens, presidents, prime ministers, aristocracy, writers and eccentrics giving it a very colourful history, which guests can now share.

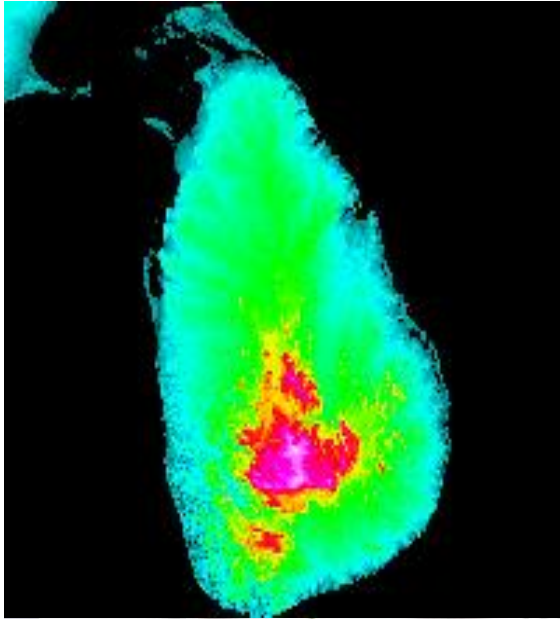


FIGURE 4- TAPROBANE ISLAND (DAY)



FIGURE 5- TAPROBANE ISLAND (NIGHT)

The Sri Lankan culture is followed by generation to generation and it is unique in their own identity. The key events happening are cultural drama, dance and art is also a part of cultural fusion. The hospitality is also one of the prominent characteristics of the culture, making Sri Lankans one of the friendly nations in the world. In Nuwara Eliya is one of the biggest and best tea producers of tea. Tea is an integral part of the culture since it goes hand in hand with hospitality, every household offers tea to guests every time, no exceptions. another interesting fact is, it has been said that the British Royal Family drinks Sri Lankan Tea. The wildlife in Sri Lanka is far most the best adventure and the best train ride from Kandy to Ella is also unforgettable.



The map shows an identification of the topographic view in Sri Lanka. As you can only see the centre part of Sri Lanka has the topographic attraction's like mountains, lakes and ocean as you may also know it is surrounded by the Indian ocean. Also, Nuwara Eliya is an example of a topographic hill of Sri Lanka. It is often named as 'Little England'. The green highland community with rose-tinted, giving the British country village feel to the tourist with luxuries bungalows, hotels and pretty garden as you go past them in the train. The most interesting fact is Sri Lanka has always been the warmest country I have ever visited but Nuwara Eliya is favoured cool-climate escape for the hard-working and hard-drinking English and Scottish pioneers of Sri Lanka's tea industry (Nuwara Eliya).

FIGURE 6- TOPOGRAPHIC SRI LANKAN MAP



FIGURE 7- TUK-TUK OF ASIA

The Lonely Planet states Sri Lanka has endless beaches, timeless ruins, welcoming people, oodles of elephants, rolling surf, cheap prices, fun trains, famous tea and flavourful food make Sri Lanka irresistible (The Lonely Planet). This is all true, I promise everyone you will have an amusing holiday with the help of tour guides and the most important transportation you can get is a tuk-tuk 3-wheel transport, easy to find and quicker to get to places also cheap. Besides some tuk-tuk are more advanced with a small cool fridge and top roof open like the many cars to allow fresh air coming in. The music of horns and songs makes you dance along the ride. The driver uses short cuts and cut through small gaps and bus drivers helping them out to see if any cars are coming this is all one dream come true!

Believe it or not? It is very special to see elephants roaming around their natural habitat. Akhtar mentions that there are over 6,000 Sri Lankan elephants calling the island home, and you'll find them in national parks marching across grasslands, chomping on trees and bathing in rivers. You might even catch baby elephants being reared by their mothers or getting bottle-fed at the Elephant Transit Home in Udawalawe National Park (TUI). Come and visit the elephants and have a day with them in the Yala National Park. Below you can see how beautiful and natural the elephants are also the Sri Lankan national animal is a Lion like in the flag. The Lions are the most celebrated animal for Sinhalese people, symbolising heraldry. A heraldry symbolises courage, royalty, and strength for the country because historically it has been regarded as the "king of beasts". The national sport is Cricket and it is very popular in Sri Lanka and they have been to international events, competing with foreign countries like Germany, London and many more.

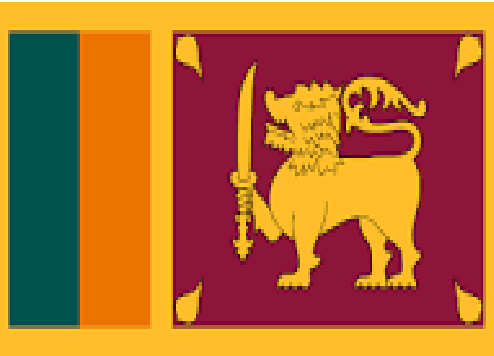


FIGURE 8- ELEPHANTS IN UDAWALAWE

FIGURE 9- SRI LANKAN FLAG

NATIONAL PARK

The historical and cultural heritage of Sri Lanka are From enormous dagobas (dome-shaped structures) and remains of ancient buildings in the ruined cities of Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa, to the awesome stairway to the temple at Dambulla and the sensual frescoes of heavenly maidens at the palace at the rock of Sigiriya, visitors can experience these World Heritage Sites within a compact area called the Cultural Triangle (The Lonely Planet). In the hill country lies the former royal capital of Kandy, home to the Dalada Maligawa or Sacred Temple of the Tooth, which houses the sacred tooth relic of the Buddha. With its distinctive architecture, art and music, Kandy is a bastion of traditional culture (The Lonely Planet). These are some the historical attractions but there are many more as it is relaxing and peacefully to go with your loved ones on a adventure cruise. As you go by there will be street food and drinks available for your health and if you forgot at home then it is always available. These are small snacks to snack on your journey. The best thing about adventuring is getting lost and finding your way, it is like a maze. It is full of caves and everything has a meaning to the past and it is important to understand it.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion Sri Lanka is a beautiful destination to visit with family or as couples, there are a lot to see and taste while your there but more importantly understand the history of how Sri Lanka gained independence as you may have read, they have faced many struggles. The adventure can be a week or month trip to enhance the beauty of the country. Also, as you read along you will find the fascinating things to do in Sri Lanka. There are a lot of topographic places in Sri Lanka as it is a cultural and historical heritage. I hope I have concnened you to come Sri Lanka.

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