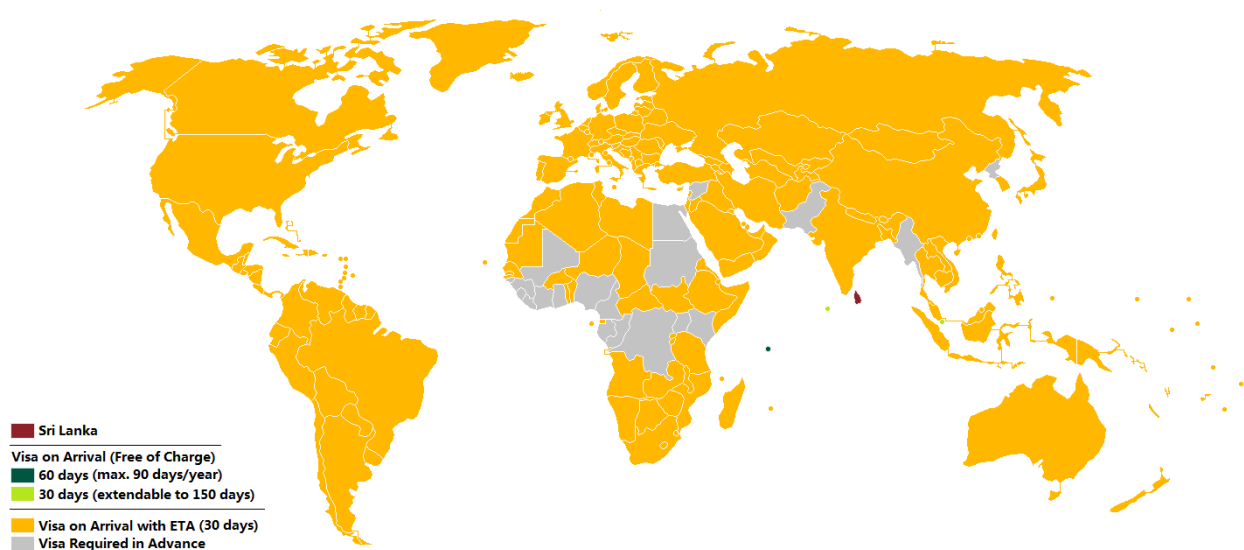





Visitors to **Sri Lanka** visiting for tourism purposes must obtain an Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA) prior to arrival or on arrival to Sri Lanka. Holders of ETA from all countries except the 3 exempt countries obtain a visa on arrival that is valid for 30 days. The Business purpose ETA can be obtained only from **Sri Lankan diplomatic missions** and head office of the Department of Immigration and Emigration.^{[1][2]} All visitors must hold a passport valid for 6 months. Nationals of **Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Nigeria, Pakistan, Somalia** and **Syria** must hold return or onward tickets.^[3] Visitors are strongly urged to use the online system to avoid lengthy delays at the port of entry.^[4]

Visa Policy Map






ETA exemption

On the basis of reciprocity, citizens of the following 3 countries are exempt from the requirement to obtain the Electronic Travel Authorization and can obtain a visa on arrival free of charge:^[5]

-  **Maldives** (30 days, extendable to 150 days)
-  **Seychelles** (60 days, up to 90 days in a single year)
-  **Singapore** (30 days, extendable to 150 days)

Citizens

of **Belarus**,^[6] **Chile**, **India**, **Indonesia**, **Iran**, **Kazakhstan**, **Nepal**, **Pakistan**, **Russia** and **Vietnam** also do not require a visa if holding a diplomatic or official (service) passport.

Visa waiver agreement for holders of diplomatic and official passports were signed with  **Philippines**^[7] and  **Bangladesh**^[8] and for diplomatic passport with  **Romania**^[9] but is yet to be ratified.

Citizens of the following 19 countries must obtain a visa in advance from one of the [Sri Lankan diplomatic missions](#):

-  Cameroon
-  Republic of the Congo
-  Democratic Republic of the Congo
-  Cote d'Ivoire
-  Egypt
-  Gabon
-  Ghana
-  Guinea
-  Guinea-Bissau
-  Kenya
-  Liberia
-  Mali
-  Myanmar^[10]
-  Nigeria
-  North Korea^{[11][12]}
-  Sierra Leone
-  Sudan
-  Syria
-  Uganda