

## **Visa Procedure to enter Sri Lanka**

Visitors to Sri Lanka must obtain an Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA) prior to arrival or On Arrival visa at the Colombo Airport.

### **OPTION 1 - ETA**

ETA is an official authorization for a Short Visit to Sri Lanka. ETA holders will be issued a 30-day Short Visit visa at the port of entry in Sri Lanka. In order to obtain an ETA please visit <http://www.eta.gov.lk/slvisa>

### **Business Purpose ETA**

A Business Purpose ETA is valid for 30 days and is issued to foreign nationals who visit Sri Lanka to

- Participate in business meetings and negotiations
- Participate in Conferences, workshops and seminars
- Take part in Short term training programs (less than one month)
- Participate in Symposium

### **Nationalities that cannot obtain ETA through online**

- Cameroon
- Nigeria
- Ivory Coast
- Ghana

The above nationals may obtain visa through the following channels

- Apply by approaching the nearest Sri Lankan Overseas Mission
- Apply through a Sri Lankan sponsor through the head office of the Department of Immigration and Emigration

### **ETA Exempted Nationalities:**

The following countries are exempted from ETA

- The Republic of Singapore.
- The Republic of Maldives.
- The Republic of Seychelles

### **ETA Fee:**

- SAARC Countries – USD 30.00
- Other Countries – USD 40.00

### **Mode of Payment for ETA**

Only American Express, Master and Visa cards are accepted

**Use the following details as the Sri Lankan Company Contact Details when applying for the ETA**

Company Name – Aitken Spence Travels (Pvt) Ltd  
Address Line 1 – No. 315, Vauxhall Street  
City – Colombo 02  
Telephone – 011 2 308 308

**Online ETA Process:**

- Visit the ETA site and select the Business Purpose ETA.
- Fill the application & submit the form by paying the applicable fee by credit card.
- If your application is successfully submitted, you will receive an acknowledgment immediately.
- Within 2 working days your ETA approval will be emailed to you.
- In the event of ETA being rejected, the system will send a referral notification to the applicant and he/she needs to contact the nearest Sri Lanka Overseas Mission for necessary assistance.
- Your Sri Lankan ETA visa is electronically linked to your passport number; hence you will not require a stamp, nor will one be issued. But please have a copy/printout of the ETA when travelling.
- An ETA holder is entitled to enter Sri Lanka within three months from the date of issue.
- The ETA charges are non-refundable and non-transferable

**OPTION 2 – Visa on Arrival**

For travelers who wish to visit Sri Lanka without prior ETA approval, a limited facility to obtain Visa at Bandaranaike International Airport (BIA) on arrival is available.

Steps to be followed:

- Upon arrival at the BIA, report to the Visa issuing counter and fill in the Visa application form and pay the relevant processing fee only in US\$. Only electronic payment cards (credit card/e-commerce enabled debit cards) and cash in US\$ are accepted.
- If your application is approved, the Visa will be issued for up to 30 days.
- Receive your Visa approval notice or referral notice. If referral notice is served, you will be refused entry and returned to your original destination.
- Once you have received your Visa, please proceed to the Immigration Counter and submit your passport.
- All nationals except Cameroon, Nigeria, Ivory Coast and Ghana can obtain Visa on arrival

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