

## 1. GENERAL INFORMATION ON VISAS

1.1 Every visitor to Sri Lanka should have:

- Sufficient foreign exchange at the rate of US\$ 30 per day;
- A return air ticket or funds for purchase of an air ticket ;
- Passport - validity of the Passport at least for six (6) months from the date of entry into Sri Lanka

1.2 Applicants should obtain a visa prior to visiting Sri Lanka. An application on the prescribed form, should be submitted. (Please see below for categories exempt from visa requirement).

1.3 The application should include:

- **The Passport,**
  - **Two (2) recent coloured passport-size photographs;**
  - **Your contact telephone number in Austria & in addition, clearly written postal address.**
  - **Flight details. (Confirmation of the travel arrangements)**
  - **Provide self-addressed stamped-envelope covering the postage for the return of your passport by Registered/Express Mail, as desired by you.**
- An applicant who wishes to have his/her passport returned to him/her by a recognized Courier Service, should personally make such arrangement.**

1.4 Persons requiring more than one entry into Sri Lanka should give reasons for such re-entry request.

1.5 Applications, which require clearance from Colombo (i.e. non-tourists purposes) should submit supporting documents in English.

## 2. VISA FEES & EXEMPTIONS

BONE FIDE TOURISTS from countries listed in (Schedule 'A') DO NOT require a prior visa to visit Sri Lanka (A visa will be issued on arrival in Sri Lanka), such tourists do not require payment of a visa fee, to visit Sri Lanka up to 30 days. Those who visit other than for tourist purposes should obtain a prior visit visa by paying relevant visa fees listed in (Schedule 'B') and Nationals of countries not listed in Schedule 'A' should obtain prior visas to travel to Sri Lanka for any purpose.

## **IMPORTANT**

**It should be noted that under no circumstances will the status of visa be changed after arrival in Sri Lanka.** For example, a person who visits Sri Lanka on holiday cannot engage in any business / profession, social work, charity or any other form of voluntary work or employment paid or unpaid without obtaining prior visas for such purposes. If such changes are required after arrival in Sri Lanka, the person should leave the country and apply for the appropriate visa from the nearest Sri Lanka Mission.

If you require further information please call Sri Lanka Embassy in Vienna.

For more information about the visa please visit the web side of the Dept. of Immigration and Emigration <http://www.immigration.gov.lk>

### **TOURISTS STAYING FOR MORE THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS CAN HAVE THEIR VISAS EXTENDED AT :**

Department of Immigration & Emigration  
No. 41, Ananda Rajakaruna Mawatha, Punchi Borella,  
Colombo 10, Sri Lanka.  
Tel: (0094)-11-5333365 / (0094)-11-5333162 / (0094)-11-5333164  
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