



MY SRI LANKA

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Travel guide

EVERYTHING YOU NEED
BEFORE YOUR TRIP

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Welcome

When I first arrived in Sri Lanka,
I expected beautiful beaches.

What I didn't expect was
how deeply this island would
stay with me. This guide
contains everything I wish
I had known before my trip.

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Before you fly



Passport

Ensure your passport is valid for at least 6 months after arrival.



Visa

Some travelers may need an ETA or visa. Check the latest requirements



SIM card

Local SIM cards are easy to buy at the airport.



Money

Bring US dollars or euros for the best exchange rates.



Power adapter

Bring a universal travel adapter. Available at the airport if needed.



Health

Pack sunscreen, insect repellent and personal medication.



Getting around

Tuk-tuks, trains and scooter rentals make getting around easy.



Best time to visit

Weather varies across the island, so plan according to your itinerary.



Sri Lanka Travel Checklist

Documents

- ☐ Passport valid for at least 6 months
- ☐ Visa (ETA) approved
- ☐ Travel insurance
- ☐ Flight tickets booked
- ☐ Hotel confirmations
- ☐ Airport transfer arranged
- ☐ International driving permit (if renting a scooter/car)
- ☐ Passport copy
- ☐ Travel insurance copy
- ☐ Flight itinerary
- ☐ Hotel bookings
- ☐ Emergency contacts



What to Pack

Clothing

- ☐ Lightweight T-shirts
- ☐ Shorts
- ☐ Swimsuit
- ☐ Long pants for temples
- ☐ Light rain jacket
- ☐ Hat

Money

- ☐ Credit/debit card
- ☐ Cash for first day
- ☐ Notify your bank

Before Boarding

- ☐ Check weather
- ☐ Download offline Google Maps
- ☐ Download Grab/PickMe
- ☐ Save hotel address
- ☐ Check baggage allowance

Health

- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Mosquito repellent
- ☐ Personal medications
- ☐ Small first aid kit

Footwear

- ☐ Sandals
- ☐ Sneakers
- ☐ Flip-flops

Electronics

- ☐ Phone charger
- ☐ Power bank
- ☐ Camera
- ☐ Universal
travel adapter



Things tourists usually don't know

- ★ Don't drink tap water.
- ★ Buy Dialog or Mobitel SIM.
- ★ Pack a pair of socks for Sigiriya.
- ★ Carry cash.
- ★ Tuk-tuk prices vary.
- ★ Respect temple dress code.

Must-have Apps

Google Maps
PickMe
Booking
Uber
XE Currency
Google Translate
Offline Maps

Don't forget

- ☐ Check weather
- ☐ Download offline
Google Maps
- ☐ Download Grab/PickMe
- ☐ Save hotel address
- ☐ Check baggage allowance



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Things you can do:

Swim with Sea Turtles

Surfing

Safari

Hiking

Take a Sri Lankan
cooking class

Explore Local Markets

Watch a Tropical Sunset



Visit Ancient Temples

Explore Tea Plantations

Scenic Train Ride

Whale Watching

Sanctuary

Visit an Elephant

Visit a Turtle
Conservation Centre

...and so much more. The best memories often
come from the moments you never planned.



3 Common Myths About Sri Lanka

"It's a small island, so you can see everything in a few days."

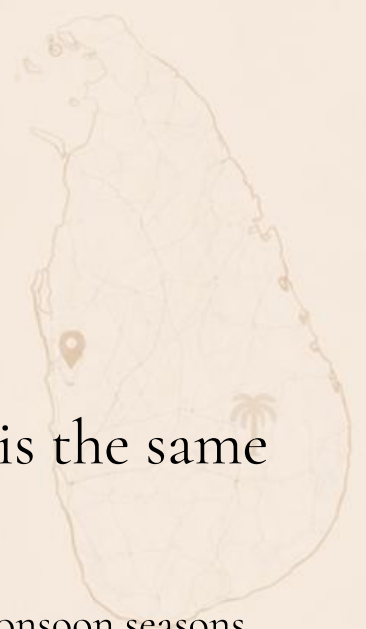
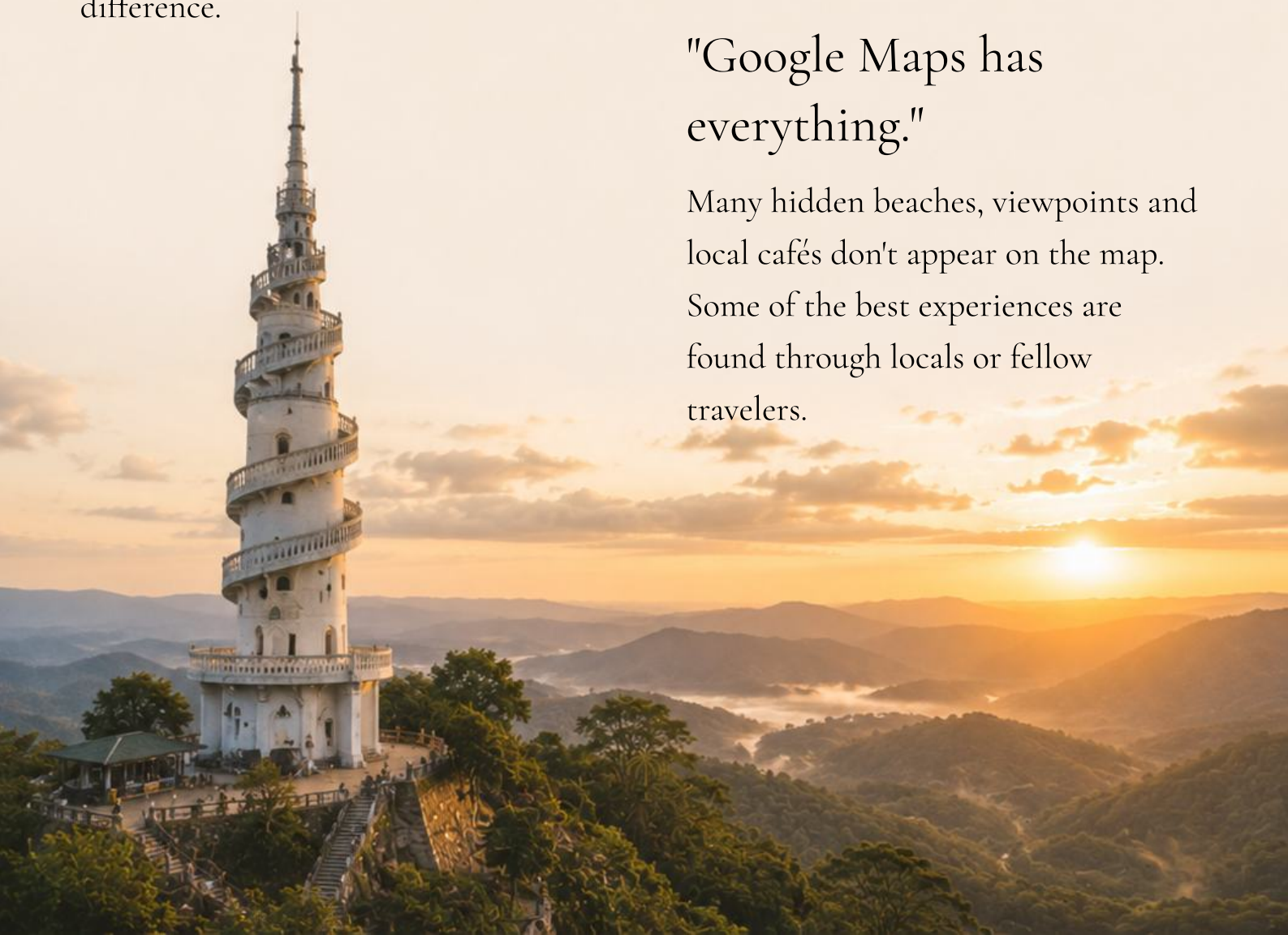
Although Sri Lanka looks small on the map, travel times are much longer than most people expect. A well-planned itinerary makes all the difference.

"The weather is the same everywhere."

Sri Lanka has two monsoon seasons, meaning one coast can be sunny while another experiences rain. The best time to visit depends on where you're going.

"Google Maps has everything."

Many hidden beaches, viewpoints and local cafés don't appear on the map. Some of the best experiences are found through locals or fellow travelers.



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Final Thoughts

If I could give only one piece of advice, it would be this: don't rush. Spend at least three nights in Mirissa. Watching the sunrise there is one of my favorite travel memories.

Enjoy your trip to
Sri Lanka! 🇱🇰

I hope this guide makes your Sri Lanka adventure even more memorable.

