

**BRITISH THEMATIC ASSOCIATION
4TH ONE-PAGE COMPETITION, 2025
ENTRY APPLICATION FORM**

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Age, if 17 or under: 16 years

Please include proof of age as a separate file

Exhibit title

1st exhibit:

The most desirable island in the world

2nd exhibit*:

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**Please note 2nd entries may not be accepted if more than 100 exhibits are received.*

How did you hear about this competition?

I am a member of the philatelic society of our school.

The MIC of that society told me about this competition.

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The most Desirable Island in the world

Sri Lanka has risen from last year's eighth place to take gold in one of the Awards most thrilling turn around. Known as the pearl of the Indian ocean, the nations history comes to life through spectacular monuments such as Sigiriya Rock, the cave temple of Dambulla and ancient ruins of Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa – **Wanderlust magazine (England)**

❖ Sri Lanka is a small island located in the Indian ocean near to the equator referred to as the "Pearl of the Indian ocean". It is famous around the globe due to its rich cultural heritage, stunning landscapes and biodiversity. It offers a unique blend of ancient traditions, natural beauty, modern attractions making it must-visit destination.

❖ Sri Lanka has a history of 2500 years. Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa ancient cities evidenced for that. There are stupas temples, lakes and ancient ruins reflect the strong Buddhist roots. Sigiriya rock fortress stands as a testament to the architectural and artistic achievements. Also, annual Esala procession attracts thousands of visitors to Sri Lanka.

❖ Sri Lankan geography ranges from golden beaches to misty mountains and tea plantations. Coastal regions like Mirissa and Arugambay attract surfers and sunseekers while the highlands like Ella and Nuwara- Eliya offer cool climate and scenic views of tea estates. In National parks like Yala and Udawalawa, tourists can see elephants leopards and rare birds.

Also there are three hundreds of waterfalls and rainforests like Sinharaja.

Sri Lanka faced big challenges like Tsunami in 2004 and prolonged civil war ended up in 2009. Despite those, Sri Lanka has shown remarkable resilience. Its tourism has rebounded strongly and named as most desirable island in the world by wanderlust magazine 2024.

Why it becomes a global designation?

Sri Lanka offers something for everyone, Adventure seeking, history buffs, native enthusiasts and beach lovers. You can experience activities like hiking, surfing, wild life safaris and exploring ancient ruins. Visitors can cover multiple attractions within short period of time. Because of that it continues to inspire and attract visitors from around the world making it a jewel of the Indian ocean.



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There are various types of food like rice and curry, hoppers, kottu roti, String, hoppers and different sambols. Ingredients like coconut spices and fresh sea food play a key role and every meal is a sensory experience. Also, Sri Lankan have warm hospitality, friendliness and generosity.

