

Zone (DMZ) is a fascinating experience. Due to security issues, however, this tour must be arranged in advance.

SRI LANKA: November to February is the best time for a visit to this teardrop-shaped island nation off the southeast coast of India. Although one will probably not dwell long in



the capital of Colombo, Kandy's Temple of the Tooth and the extensive ruins at Anuradapura, Polonnaruwa and Sigirya all draw plenty of tourists. Several days of touring in Sri Lanka combined with a relaxing beach holiday in the nearby Maldives would make a terrific two-destination holiday.

TAIWAN: Best visited in April-May and October-November, Taiwan is a land of contrasts. Its well-stocked national museum contains a number of treasures. On the other hand, in the alleys of Taipei one can witness local men chugging down fresh snake blood, which they believe will render them more virile. Unfortunately, Taiwan is another destination which is not on the map of most travelers originating in Egypt.

THAILAND: Best visited from November to February, this ancient kingdom has a rich culture. There is plenty of history to see not only in Bangkok but also in the former capital at Ayyuthaya to the north. Now that adventure holidays are all the rage, the northern centers of Chiang Mai and Chiang Rai have become very popular. The well-developed beach resorts at places like Phuket and Ko Samui can become quite crowded during peak travel periods.



VIETNAM: The best months to travel to this long and narrow country are from November to February. The primary tourist destinations are Ho Chi Minh City (formerly known as Saigon), Hanoi, and the central region where Danang and the former capital of Hue are situated. Because exotic Vietnam is very inexpensive, shopping there can easily turn into an extravaganza!

TWO COUNTRIES IN THE NEAR EAST:

JORDAN: Although it can be visited year-round, the very best months for visiting Jordan are April and October. The primary tourist site is Petra in the south. The second most