



GRAND TOUR OF SRI LANKA

Sri Lanka

Beautiful beaches, lush forests, mountains and a land blessed with a rich and vibrant culture that dates back to thousands of years. This would be a good way to describe Sri Lanka, the paradise island. Rated by 'Lonely Planet' as the number one travel destination for 2019, Sri Lanka is truly a paradise like no other. Home to some of the worlds' most beautiful beaches, as well as both rainforests and dry zone forests and majestic mountain ranges, not forgetting the historical world heritage sites.



DETAILED ITINERARY

DAY -1: WELCOME TO SRI LANKA - !

AYUBOWAN-! Welcome to Sri Lanka, a land like no other, tour around the island exploring ancient history and culture, the lush green tea estates and waterfalls, the amazing wildlife, authentic foods and the beautiful golden sandy beaches.

DAY PLAN:

- Upon arrival at Colombo CMB airport, you will meet your tour leader and you will be transferred to your hotel (we can pick you up from any hotel in Colombo or Negombo as well). The first destination will be Negombo coastal town (20min away from the airport), which has long been known as the most popular beach in Sri Lanka, famous for its golden sandy beach, food, and fun.
- For day one, we haven't planned any activity, thus you are free to arrive in Sri Lanka at any time. If your flight arrives early in the day, relax at the beach and pool of your cosy hotel.
- Evening, you may have a walk along the seashore while enjoying the beautiful sunset and the pleasant evening atmosphere of the beachside.
- Overnight stay in a seafront hotel in Negombo.



Accommodation: Deluxe: Ruvisha Beach Hotel



Meal Plan: Breakfast



Approximate travel time from Airport to Negombo is 20 mins.



DAY -2: CULTURAL VILLAGE TOUR / SIGIRIYA ROCK FOTRESS

After enjoying a delicious breakfast with a hot cup of Sri Lankan tea or a coffee, you will take a wonderful journey across the stunning Sri Lankan countryside towards Dambulla city, which is the central point of the cultural triangle on the island.

DAY PLAN:

- **En-route to Dambulla, you'll visit the Millennium Elephant Foundation. Take the opportunity to feed them and give them a bath at the nearby river.**
- **Upon arrival at Dambulla, you'll enjoy a wonderful cultural village tour while exploring the beautiful countryside (ADMISSION FEES INCLUDED). It will start with a Bullock Cart ride, one of the most ancient and prime transportation systems in Sri Lanka, still used in some villages. While on the tour you will enjoy a canoeing boat ride across the lake and a pleasant TukTuk ride before reaching the farmer's house where you will experience the typical Sri Lankan countryside hospitality.**
- **Evening, you will visit the famous Sigiriya Rock Fortress (UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE), since it is the best time to witness and capture the sunset. King Kasyapa (477 - 495 BC) built his palace on the top of this rock and decorated its sides with colorful frescoes.**
- **Overnight stay in a nature-friendly resort at Sigiriya/Dambulla.**



Accommodation: Deluxe: Tropical Life Resort Or similar



Meal Plan: Breakfast / Dinner



Approximate travel time from Negombo to Siririya is 3 hours 20 mins.



HIGHLIGHTS ON DAY THREE



MILLENNIUM ELEPHANT CENTER



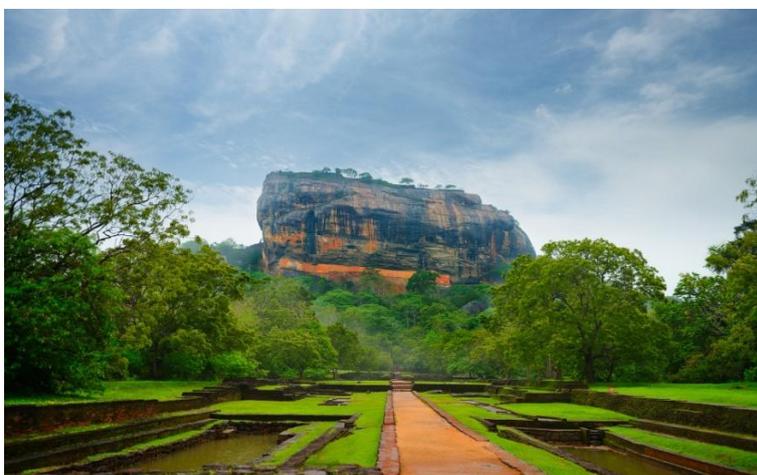
BULLOCK CART VILLAGE TOUR



LUNCH AT FARMERS HOUSE



CANOING BOAT RIDE



SIGIRIYA ROCK FOTRESS



VIEW FORM THE FOTRESS

DAY -3: KINGDOM OF POLONNARUWA / JEEP SAFARI

DAY PLAN:

- **Early morning**, join with the Pidurangala Rock hike to witness and take pictures of the sunrise (optional activity). Pidurangala rock hike, a perfect activity for those who prefer a non-touristic and peaceful experience; Climbing Pidurangala rock is a bit challenging, so you should not attempt it if you are not physically fit enough.
- **After breakfast**, visit Polonnaruwa (UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE), in 1070 King Vijayabahu chose this place as his kingdom, one of the most ancient in the history of Sri Lanka. Cycling through Polonnaruwa's ancient locations is a wonderful experience.
- **Afternoon**, you will be heading to Minneriya/Kaudulla National Park for an afternoon 4x4 jeep safari, since it is the best time to spot wild elephants in their natural habitat. If you're up for a serious rumble in the jungle, then Minneriya/Kaudulla is your ideal destination! Spreading over 8800 hectares, this park is mainly a sanctuary for elephants. It is always a pleasure to watch baby elephants playing at the lake under the evening sunset.
- **Thereafter**, head back to your cosy hotel and relax. If you are interested, you could experience an Ayurvedic herbal massage at your hotel.
- **Overnight stay** in a nature-friendly resort at Sigiriya/Dambulla.



Accommodation: Deluxe: Tropical Life Resort or similar



Meal Plan: Breakfast / Dinner



HIGHLIGHTS ON DAY THREE



POLONNARUWA BICYCLE RIDE



BULL CART VILLAGE TOUR



MINNERIYA SAFARI



AFTERNOON VIEW



PIDURANGALA ROCK



VIEW FORM THE ROCK

DAY -4: GOLDEN CAVE TEMPLE / SPICE GARDEN / HISTORIC KANDY

After breakfast, proceed towards Kandy, the capital of the last Sinhalese kingdom. It's set on a plateau surrounded by mountains, which are home to tea plantations and bio-diverse rainforests. Kandy is also famous for its sacred Buddhist sites, including the Temple of the Tooth Relic.

DAY PLAN:

- **En-route to Kandy, visit the Royal Cave Temple (UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE).** Dambulla has the largest and best-preserved cave temple complex in Sri Lanka. The rock towers 160 meters over the surrounding plains and houses 5 cave temples with some of the most unique and significant historical drawings.
- **Afterwards, you will visit Matale Spice Garden (ADMISSION FEES INCLUDED).**
- **Afternoon, visit the Temple Of Tooth Relic (UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE) and Kandy view point.**
- **Evening, you'll enjoy a walk around Kandy's city centre before engaging with a cultural dance show which is inspired by Sri Lankan arts, traditional dance and cultural heritage (ADMISSION FEES INCLUDED).**
- **Overnight stay in a mount view Hotel at Kandy**



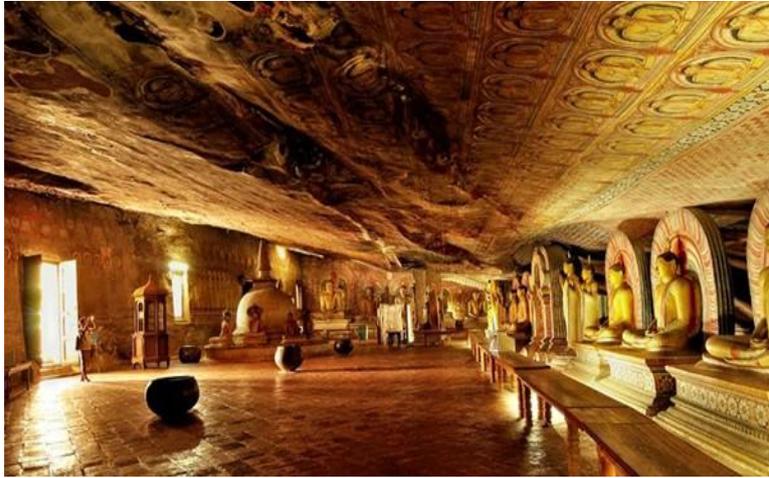
Accommodation: Deluxe: Topaz Hotel or similar



Meal Plan: Breakfast / Dinner



Approximate travel time from Dambulla to Kandy is 2 hours 40 mins.

 **HIGHLIGHTS ON DAY FOUR****CAVE TEMPLE****GOLDEN BUDDHA STATUE****TEMPLE OF TOOTH RELIC****ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDEN****KANDY LAKE****CULTURAL DANCE SHOW**

DAY -5: ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDEN / FOREST ADVENTURES & RAFTING

In the morning, proceed towards Kitulgala forest, which is a major ecotourism venue in Sri Lanka. It is a real paradise for those who love adventures.

DAY PLAN:

- **En-route to Nuwara Eliya, stop at the Peradeniya Royal Garden, which is known as one of the best botanical gardens in Asia. You will walk through it by exploring the 300 varieties of orchids, a stately avenue of royal palms, the extraordinary, aptly named cannonball fruit tree and 40m-high Burma bamboo. Another big hit is the giant fig tree on the great lawn, with its colossal central trunk and umbrella-like canopy of branches.**
- **Upon arrival to Kitulgala experience White Water Rafting in the picturesque Kelani River. The river and its surrounding will make you feel enchanted, with a memorable experience during your River Rafting Tour in Kitulgala. This activity is for anyone above the age of 10 years with all the safety measures.**
- **Afterwards, trek to a natural rock pool, which is extremely beautiful and a gift of nature, where you will be able to experience sliding down an inclined 05-meter waterfall with safety gear into the rock pool.**
- **NOTE: ABOVE ACTIVITIES INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE**
- **Overnight stay in a nature-friendly small resort but not with deluxe facilities (river view, air-conditioned and clean room).**



Accommodation: Deluxe: Adventure Based Resort



Meal Plan: Breakfast /Dinner



Approximate travel time from Kandy to Kitulgala is 1 hours 50 mins.



WATERFALL



RIVER RAFTING



KANLANI RIVER



ABSEILING

DAY -6: HILL COUNTRY TEA PLANTATIONS AND WATERFALLS

After breakfast, you'll have a wonderful journey towards Sri Lanka's tea region of Nuwara Eliya. It is often referred to as "Little England" because many of the buildings in this city retain from the British colonial period, such as the Queen's Cottage, the General's House, the Grand Hotel, the Hill Club, and the Town Post Office.

DAY PLAN:

- **En-route to Nuwara Eliya**, while driving through the cold and misty hills that host lush green tea plantations, stop at a tea factory to observe the rich tradition of making Ceylon tea kept alive up to date. Make sure to end your factory visit in style over a perfectly blended cup of tea.
- **Afternoon**, you will walk through Nuwara Eliya city centre and the fruit and vegetable market.
- **Overnight stay** in a cosy Tea bungalow at Nuwara Eliya.



Accommodation: Deluxe: Jetwing Cottage Bungalow or similar



Meal Plan: Breakfast



Approximate travel time from Kitulgala to Nuwara Eliya is 2 hours 45 mins.



DAY -7: TRAIN JOURNEY INTO THE MOUNTAINS / MINI ADAM'S PEAK

DAY PLAN:

- **I**n the morning, you will enjoy a spectacular train journey from Nanu-oya station to Ella village. It is known as one of the most picturesque hill country train journeys in the world (Train tickets will be arranged at the station / Class category is subject to availability).
- **E**xplore the village; Ella is everyone's favorite hill country village due to the fact that it's a wonderful nature-friendly location. The Nine Arch Bridge, a major tourist attraction in Ella, is a massive bridge built entirely of solid rocks, bricks and cement without using a single piece of steel. Ella is an excellent place for walking and its most famous trekking route is "Mini Adam's Peak".
- **E**vening, you could chill out at the village center where there are lots of restaurants, pubs and evening entertainments.
- **O**vernight stay in a mount view hotel at Ella Village.



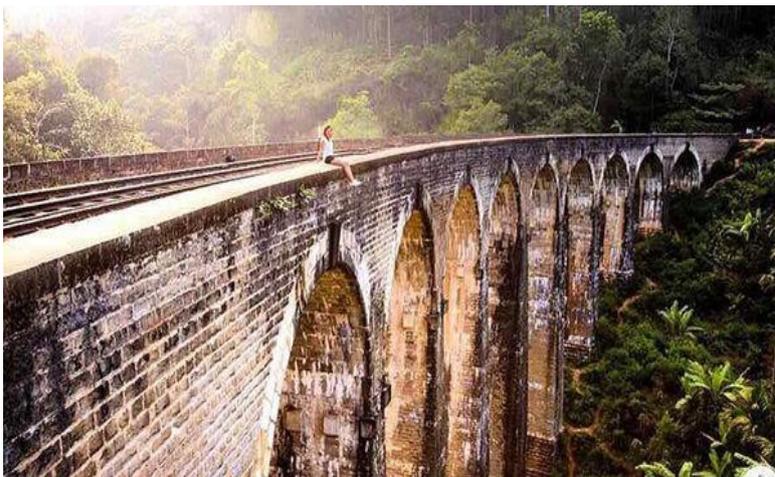
Accommodation: Deluxe: Flower Garden Hotel



Meal Plan: Breakfast



Approximate travel time from Nanu-Oya to Ella is 3 hours 15 mins.



NINE ARCH BRIDGE



MINI ADAM'S PEAK



ELLA WALA



TREKKING

DAY -8: YALA NATIONAL PARK LEOPARD TRAIL GAME DRIVE

After breakfast, depart from Ella towards Yala National Park, the largest and most stunning national park in Sri Lanka. Thanks to a river running through it, Yala National Park is divided into two sections. Because the river makes crossing to the other side difficult, Yala is really treated as two separate parks. But that doesn't change the fantastic offerings! Encompassing a range of diverse ecosystems, the park has an impressive variety of wildlife, including sloth bears, leopards, and lots of colorful birds.

DAY PLAN:

- Early morning, join with a trekking to Ella Rock to capture the sunrise (optional activity).
- After breakfast, depart from Ella towards Yala National Park, En-route to Yala, stop at Ravana waterfall, another popular sightseeing attraction in Ella.
- Afternoon, enjoy a 4x4 jeep ride searching for leopards hanging on trees or whispering through the bushes, crocodiles patrolling the river or baby elephants drinking water and playing around under the evening sunset.
- Overnight stay in a Safari Resort at Yala



Accommodation: Deluxe: Oga Reach Resort



Meal Plan: Breakfast



Approximate travel time from Ella to Yala is 1 hours 50 mins.





DAY -9: LEISURE DAY ON THE BEACH

After a fantastic journey through the coconut palms, mountains and waterfalls, you have finally arrived at the world-famous beachside of Sri Lanka. Mirissa/Dickwella is a delightful sandy beach that was a well-kept secret in the past, but now more restaurants and pubs are opening up to visitors. It's a magnificent place characterized by white sands and coconut palms growing right from the edge of the sea as if in imitation of a postcard of a perfect tropical beach. Upon arrival at your hotel, you may grab a towel to relax on the beach while enjoying a cocktail or a chill beer under the shade of a palm tree. Optional activities, Jet Ski, Banana & Tube Boating, Diving, Snorkeling, Surfing, Fishing & Deep sea fishing are few among the popular list



Accommodation: Dickwella Beach Resort or similar



Meal Plan: Breakfast / Dinner



Approximate travel time from to Mirissa is 3 hours 15 mins.

DAY -10: WHALE WATCHING BOAT TOUR / BEACH RELAX

DAY PLAN:

- Early in the morning, hit back to the beautiful golden sandy beach and jump into a boat for an amazing ride on the sea to capture the blue whales and dolphins. Please note that whale watching is a SEASONAL activity.
- Thereafter, relax on the beach or by the pool of your cosy hotel.
- Optional activities, Jet Ski, Diving, Snorkeling, Surfing, Fishing & Deep sea fishing are few among the popular list.
- Evening, you'll definitely enjoy the stunning scenery of sunset and the pleasant seaside atmosphere. You may also pop into a seafront restaurant and try some authentic Sri Lankan seafood - a wonderful crab curry is likely to be on the menu.
- Overnight stay in a seafront hotel at Mirissa/Dickwella.



Accommodation: Dickwella Beach Resort or similar



Meal Plan: Breakfast / Dinner



DAY -1 1: GALLE FORT / RIVER SAFARI /TURTLE HATCHERY

After breakfast, you'll continue your journey along the beautiful south coast towards Galle, a city well known for its Fort (UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE). It is the intersection where classic Dutch and British architecture meets a tropical setting, creating a vivid atmosphere in beauty.

DAY PLAN:

- **En-roue** to Galle, stop at Matara to witness and take pictures of the most famous Sri Lankan stilt Fishermen.
- **Upon arrival** to Galle. walk through the Galle Fort listening to the creaks of wooden saloon doors and observe how European architecture mingles with South Asian traditions nowadays flooding cultural enthusiasts on a global scale.
- **Next experience** an amazing boat ride in "Madu" river through the mangroves (red water trees). Along the madu river on the boat you will arrive to Fish farm and if interested get to try Sri Lankan fish therapy.
- **Thereafter**, you'll visit a turtle hatchery centre where baby turtles learn to take their first swim and injured adults are rehabilitated back into the wild.
- **Evening**, check-in to your hotel and relax on the beach or by the pool.
- **Overnight stay** in a cosy seafront hotel at Mirissa/Dickwella



Accommodation: Tangerine Beach hotel or similar



Meal Plan: Breakfast / Dinner



Approximate travel time from Mirissa to Galle is 1 hours 50 mins.

 **HIGHLIGHTS IN GALLE**

STICK FISSING



GALLE FORT



GALLE LIGHT HOUSE



TURTLE HATCHERY



FISH FOOT THERAPY



MADU RIVER SAFARI

DAY -12: COLOMBO CITY TOUR / AIRPORT OR HOTEL DROP-OFF

After breakfast, you'll visit Sri Lanka's capital city of Colombo, which has an interesting history running back to the fifth century. Even in ancient times, this was an important port city in the East-West sea trade. Nowadays it has become a bustling modern town with a unique atmosphere. The colorful streets, restaurants and modern shopping malls attract hordes of locals and tourists alike.

DAY PLAN:

- Upon arrival at Colombo, you have the opportunity to visit all the highlighted places in the city such as Red Mosque, Gangarama temple, Independent square and so on..
- Afterwards, perhaps you may pop into a famous and internationally renowned restaurant in Colombo to end your trip over an unforgettable meal.
- Thereafter, proceed to the airport in time for your return flight or we drop you back to your hotel in Colombo or Negombo.



Meal Plan: Breakfast



Approximate travel time from Colombo to Airport is 1 hours 20 mins.





INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

INCLUSIONS OF THE TOUR

- Entrance fees to all above mentioned UNESCO heritage sites
- Free airport pick-up and drop-off on the first and last day
- 1Lt Complimentary bottle of water per person each day
- Cultural village tour with authentic local lunch in a farmer's house
- Catamaran boat ride in the lake to catch the amazing views of Sigiriya
- A spectacular train journey into the mountains
- A tour through Nuwara Eliya local markets
- Confidence jump in natural rock pool
- Bicycle tour in Polonnaruwa
- Kitulgala River Rafting
- Kitulgala Jungle Canyoning
- Kandy city tour and viewpoint
- Turtle Hatchery centre
- Local curry cooking class
- Mini Adam's Peak Trekking
- Tour of Galle city and Fort
- Colombo city and shopping tour
- Nine Arch Bridge & Ravana Waterfall
- A cultural dancing show
- A visit to a tea factory
- Organic Spice Garden
- Government tax / No hidden charges
- 24 hours emergency contact

EXCLUSIONS OF THE TOUR

- Any entrance/excursions fees not stated as included
- Airfare, travel insurance and visa fees
- Any personal expenses
- Late check-out & early check-in charges

OPTIONAL EXTRAS

- Tour can be merge with a 2,3, or 5 nights Maldives tour (flight included)
- Free private tour upgrade
- Pre and post-tour accommodation
- Post-tour accommodation for relaxing beach stay
- Tour can be customized (Itinerary/Activities/Hotels/Days)
- B'Day/Anniversary-celebrations arrangements
- Triple Room discount on request
- Hot air-balloon tour (need to be pre-booked)
- Ayurvedic herbal treatments
- Yoga sessions can be arranged
- Snorkelling & other water spots

TOUR LEADER

A friendly and professional tour leader tasked with ensuring the smooth operations of the tour, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the entire trip. His role primarily includes assisting with accommodation and transportation between locations while sharing the knowledge about social and cultural splendour of Sri Lanka. Also, our customer support team will be there to provide 24/7 support during & after your trip, as well as help with all of your onward travel.

DRIVING HOURS

General driving hours between one location to another is 2 ½ hours, but kindly bear in mind that driving in Sri Lanka is unique when compared with other countries. Therefore, even though Google Map shows the hours accordingly from one location to another, in practice it will not be the same due to weather, traffic and unavoidable reasons.

FAMOURS TRAIN JOURNEY

There is no procedure to pre-book the train tickets in Sri Lanka. However, we can assure you a seat in the Train, but we cannot guarantee the class category of the train ticket.

INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT

International transfer flights are not included. Thus, you can organize your flights separately with your preferred airline at any point (Arrival airport: Colombo Bandaranayake International airport). We organize 24/7 FREE airport pick-up and drop-off on the first and the last day of the tour. (Alternatively, flights can be booked with TourRadar by login to <https://www.tourradar.com/flights>).

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CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

Sri Lanka is a year round holiday destination with two monsoon seasons so there is a lot of confusion around when is the best time to visit. The weather doesn't run like clockwork here! However, there will rarely be weather so dramatic that it will stand in the way of a brilliant holiday with plenty of warm weather and sunshine. The temperature is constant at around 27°C on the coast, both the air and the water! whereas the temperature of the mountains is around 10-15°C.



IMPORTANT NOTES

ENTRY PROCEDURE TO THE COUNTRY

Fully Vaccinated Travellers:

- Travelers who have completed the recommended doses of COVID-19 vaccination arriving after 2 weeks of completion of vaccination will be considered as fully vaccinated travelers.
- All tourists should undergo a PCR test on arrival at the first hotel in Sri Lanka.
- Stay at a Certified Safe & Secure Level-1 hotel until the on-arrival PCR test is performed (for 24 hours).
- Upon a negative on arrival (Day 1) PCR test report, vaccinated travelers can leave the bio-bubble. The respective Safe & Secure L1 Hotel doctor will issue a "Discharge Document" upon verifying the status of vaccination and PCR test results.
- Unvaccinated children between 1-18 years are allowed to leave the bio-bubble with fully vaccinated parents upon a negative on arrival PCR test.

THINGS TO KNOW

- Most sight visit entrance fees and activity fees you will pay in local currency. We suggest you to keep some local currency at hand while on the tour. You can exchange- money at CMB airport or even the tour leader can assist to exchange at local banks.
- Religious places have a strict protocol when it comes to clothes and people should cover themselves up. However, other than that you can wear almost anything that goes with the warm climate.
- Appropriate shoes and clothing for adventure activities and a rain jacket.
- Sun protection, mosquito repellent, sun glasses and a hat can be very useful during your tour.
- The official check-in time at all hotels will be at 02:00 pm.
- The official check-out time at all hotels will be at 11:00am.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Hotel early check-in, late check-out, connecting or adjoining rooms are subject to availability and are not guaranteed.
- Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors allowed.
- No refund for unused services.
- Please note that local conditions prevalent at the time of travel may result in modifications to tour contents without prior notice.