

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 01

Airport | Negombo

Welcome to Sri Lanka!

Meet, greet and assist by our representative and transfer from Airport to Negombo. (Approximately 20 minutes' drive)

Negombo-Dubbed Sri Lanka's 'Little Rome', this beach town located just a few kilometers away from the Bandaranaike International Airport is full of surprises for wanderlusts. Negombo is a perfect choice to spend a few days in the company of the sun and sand. The diverse array of restaurants, pubs and accommodation choices this metropolis offer is a perfect reflection of this beach-town's exultant vibe. It is also a historically interesting location owing to the strains of Dutch-influenced architecture that remain intact in the town's landscape, not to mention the ancient Dutch Fort as well as several churches constructed during the Dutch Colonial era that are thronged by pilgrims daily. Among other amazing sightseeing options are the breathtaking sunsets, the bustling fish market as well as hand-made catamarans used by local fishermen that set sail in the evenings. Boat-rides are also available to explore the Dutch canals, mangrove forests or the nearby marshlands of Muthurajawela.



Arrive and check in at the hotel. Spend the day at leisure.

Overnight Stay in Negombo.

Day 02

Negombo | Dambulla

After breakfast leave for Dambulla. (Approximately 3 hours' drive), enjoy a village safari including a bullock cart ride, catamaran ride on the lake, lunch with a local family by the paddy field and a tuk-tuk ride.

Make a visit to a village in Sri Lanka. Make a cart ride through the village, rice fields. Later make a short walk (a about 15 minutes) to the tank, to make a boat ride of about 20 minutes to a nearby vegetable field of the village. Enjoy cookery demonstration at local village house.



Arrive and check in at the hotel. Evening relax at the hotel.

Overnight Stay in Dambulla.



Day 03

Dambulla | Sigiriya

After the breakfast transfer to Sigiriya for a climb up the Rock Fortress. (Approximately 30 Minutes' drive)

Sigiriya -The marvellous rock fortress of Sigiriya is a rare jewel among the many treasures in Sri Lanka. The site was the domain of King Kashyapa whose aim was to build an impregnable fortress and within it, a heavenly abode. Rising over the dry plains of the Dambulla district, the tough climb up this flat-topped monadnock ends with the most scenic bird's-eye view of the emerald plains and leafy villages below. The skeletal layout of the ancient city within the fortress marvels its observers with the grandeur and complexity of 5th century urban-planning of Sri Lanka. On the way to the top one can observe the famous Sigiriya frescoes of the buxom, wasp-waisted maidens bearing flowers, amidst the wilderness and ancient ruins. The smoothly glazed 'Mirror Wall' located a few steps away has sealed the expressions of ancient visitors, inspired by the vibrant frescoes.



Thereafter, return to hotel and relax.
Overnight Stay in Dambulla.

Day 04

Dambulla | Kandy

After breakfast leave for Dambulla Cave Temple.

Dambulla cave temple -Located in the Matale district, Dambulla is part of the cultural triangle and is home to the world famous Dambulla cave temples. The cave temples complex that lies atop a massive hill on the edge of the town is one of the eight UNESCO world heritage sites in the country and is renowned for its unique mural paintings and sculptures. If you are not a history-buff, fret not, because there is more to Dambulla.



Thereafter transfer to Kandy via spice garden. (Approximately 2 hours' drive)

Spice garden-Since time immemorial, this emerald isle has remained popular for its exotic spices, world over. To those who bear an interest in these rich elements that stirred the interests of many nations, the spice gardens located in



Kandy, Matale and Mawanella offer wonderful opportunities to view these spices up-close. The gardens are not only delightful spots for a stroll midst the fragrant greenery but also offer interesting perspectives into the local spices, as the visitors are educated on the diverse variety of spices available in the country as well as on how they are grown and processed.



Thereafter, proceed to Kandy.

Often referred to as the hill capital of Sri Lanka, Kandy offers a diverse variety of experiences to its visitors ranging from history, culture and simple scenic beauty coupled with a touch of urbanity. It was the last Sinhalese Kingdom that fell under British rule in 1815. The journey to this mellow weathered city can be quite enjoyable, particularly by train owing to the scenic delights that lie alongside. The city's colonial architecture has been preserved well even in the backdrop of rapid urbanization. Close to the city's centre is the prime landmark - Sri Dalada Maligawa that houses the sacred tooth relic of Buddha. Apart from the ancient monuments of the Kandyan era, the delightful jumble of antique shops and the bustling market in the city also make up for interesting places of visit.

Visit Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic and Witness a cultural show in the evening.



Arrive and check in at the hotel. Evening relaxes at the hotel.
Overnight Stay in Kandy.



Day 05

Kandy | Nuwara Eliya

After breakfast proceed to Nuwara Eliya by train. **(Seats subject to availability)** (Approximately 2 ½ hours' drive)

Kandy Train Ride-Board your train from a quaint colonial station and embark on one of the most scenic train journeys in the world. Journey past waterfalls, little villages and up through the mountains on the scenic railway to this town in the cool highlands, once popular with British plantation managers. Look down over a sweeping vista filled with bright green tea bushes and vegetable gardens.



Arrive and check in at the hotel. Evening relaxes at the hotel.

Overnight Stay in Nuwara Eliya.

Day 06

Nuwara Eliya

After breakfast, do the Nuwara Eliya city tour.

Nuwara Eliya-Dubbed the 'Little England of Sri Lanka', Nuwaraeliya is located in the thick, misty hills of this paradise isle, 180 km away from Colombo. The summer resort of Sri Lanka, it is one of the few areas where the colonial atmosphere is preserved, still resembling a British countryside complete with rose gardens, hedges and red-roofed bungalows. Although the town-center has receded from its old-world charm, the lush tea-plantations, the racecourse, the English country house-styled Hill Club and the beautifully kept golf course instantaneously rushes its visitors back to the colonial times.



Thereafter visit tea plantation and tea factories.

Tea Plantations – tea was first planted in Sri Lanka in 1824 at the Royal Botanical Gardens in Peradeniya, when a few plants were brought from China. More were introduced from Assam in 1839. In 1867, a Scottish planter named James Taylor planted tea seedlings in 8 hectares of forestland in the Loolecondera Estate. In 1873, the tea export industry of Sri Lanka began with



a modest 23 lbs being shipped to London. Today more than 200,000 hectares in highlands and other areas are under tea and around 300 million kilograms (nearly 25% of world tea exports) are exported by Sri Lanka as the world's second largest tea exporter. Tea grows only on rolling terrain and is classified by elevation into Low Grown, Medium Grown & High Grown.



Thereafter, return to hotel and relax.
Overnight Stay in Nuwara Eliya.

Day 07

Nuwara Eliya | Tissamaharama (Yala)

After the breakfast leave for Tissamaharama. (Approximately 4 hours' drive)

Do the Yala National park jeep safari.

Yala National Park - Yala National Park is famous for big herds of elephants, large number of leopards, spotted deer, sambar, crocodiles, mongoose, wild boars, wild buffaloes and many other animals. More than 130 bird species have been recorded which include the resident birds and winter visitors. The common birds found here are spot-billed pelicans, cormorants, egrets, spoonbills, herons, storks, ibises, bitterns, Indian moorhens, white-breasted water hens.

Arrive and check in at the hotel. Evening relaxes at the hotel.



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Overnight Stay in Tissamaharama.



Day 08

Yala | Galle | Beruwala

After breakfast leave for Beruwala via visit Galle. (Approximately 5 ½ hours' drive)

Galle Fort-in the Bay of Galle on the southwest coast of Sri Lanka, was built first in 1588 by the Portuguese, then extensively fortified by the Dutch during the 17th century from 1649 onwards. The fort has a colourful history, and today has a multi-ethnic and multi-religious population. The heritage value of the fort has been recognized by the UNESCO and the site has been inscribed as a cultural heritage UNESCO World Heritage.



Thereafter proceed to Beruwala.

Beruwala is quite a short drive away from Colombo, located just 53 km from the capital. This small, beach town is ideal for a day trip where one can absorb the daily life of locals. The wide, alluring coastal line richly embedded with coconut groves are only part of its charm. The Beruwala fishing harbor is loaded with interesting sights in the wee hours of the morning as the fishing boats come ashore with the day's catch. The stark white minarets of the Kachimalani Mosque located at the Northern edge of the town also make up for perfect snapshot views.



Arrive and check in at the hotel. Evening spend relax at the hotel.
Overnight Stay in Beruwala.

Day 09

Beruwala

Breakfast in the hotel
Full day leisure at the hotel
Overnight Stay in Beruwala



Complimentary

- Flower garlands on arrival
- Farewell gift on departure

General Terms & Conditions

- Children under 12 years sharing room with parents will pay 50% of the “Per Person Sharing Double Room” price and other supplements.
- Prices for tours falling into (two) different rate slabs will be invoiced at the higher rate.

General Cancellation Policy –

- 22 to 30 to days prior to arrival date – 25% of the full price (excluding weekends and international holidays)
- 15 to 21 days prior to arrival date – 50% of the full price (excluding weekends and international holidays)
- Less than 15 days prior to arrival date – 100% of the full price
- No Shows and Early Departure – 100% of the full price

Important

- Check in time at all hotels is 1400 hrs
- Check out time at all hotels is 1200 hrs

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TRAVEL TIPS

Tips, porter age & Gratitude

We always encourage our clients to offer drivers tips or gifts for satisfactory services (USD 10 to USD 20 Per day), if they wish. Tipping drivers/ guides is accepted practice, and it is especially beneficial on long tours when drivers may be away from home for long periods. However, drivers must under no circumstances insist on a tip or gift for work undertaken on our itinerary.

Language of measurement

Most of Paradise Island’s foundation was set during the British rule of this tiny nation of islanders. As a result, Sri Lankans mainly use the Metric system: centimeters, meters, grams, kilograms. However, when regarding height and area this may vary between imperial as well: square feet, inches and feet.

Sunshine Island

Sri Lanka is known for its fun in the sun and most locals brave the sun’s rays fearlessly, however, visitors are recommended to wear their preferred sunblock and sun-hats whenever possible, and to stay hydrated during their travels. Adventurers are recommended to have an intake of 3 liters of water per day, at the least.

Summer chic

Given the tropical weather and natural humidity, the most comfortable clothing while traveling Sri Lanka would be made of cotton or linen, pair this with a chic open-toed sandal and your beach or party ready for the tropics

Little inhabitants



Dab on a little insect and mosquito repellent, especially around dusk/ late evenings, as Sri Lanka is home to variety of them to avoid itchy bites

Electronics

In Sri Lanka the standard voltage is 230V and the frequency is 50Hz. Most electric appliances can be used in Sri Lanka, as both two-pin and three-pin - circle and square adapters are used locally.

Respect and Responsibility

When visiting places of worship and ancient ruins, visitors are encouraged to wear modest clothing that are preferably white or light in color.

Sri Lanka is picturesque to say the least, and is a great place to create a beautiful picture-scape of your travels; be prepared however, for rules on photography and especially flash photography around ancient sites and in-and-around places of worship. Permits may be required at specific locations before you can take photos.

Many historic sites request the purchase of entrance tickets that are available only from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. These tickets cover charges for photography, recording and parking. Rates are quoted in US Dollars and rupee parities are subject to fluctuation.

Poya days are religious holidays providing to Sri Lanka's residents throughout the year. Poya days usually fall on full moon days and are considered as public, bank and mercantile holidays. Throughout the nation, many people observe religious practices and refrain from eating meat and drinking alcohol.

The sale and purchase of alcohol as well as fresh meat is prohibited on these special religious holidays.

When traveling around Paradise Island, make sure to look for designated smoking areas especially when out and about, as smoking in public places is prohibited by law.

Exceptional Service

When indulging at most of Sri Lanka's luxury and semi-luxury hotels, cafes, restaurants and nightclubs, you'll find that at the end of the night your total bill includes taxes and a "service charge" which technically is considered as the tip you would generally give your waiter. As such it isn't necessary to provide a tip should you wish not to, but as islanders we love to show our appreciation in gratitude, praise and just a little bit of an extra tip before ending our night, especially when we've experienced exceptional service.

Generally, 10% of your total bill value is the accepted norm globally for tipping, with the minimum at LKR 100/.

Time and place

Paradise Island is marked at GST +5.30 and most visitors tend to experience even a little bit of jet lag, as such it's always best to make sure you have plenty of time to recuperate and be awake during your travels. Most often than not, there are many adventures to be had whilst traveling the paths in Sri Lanka.

Medical aid

Sri Lanka is well known for its easily accessible, acclaimed, affordable medical care throughout the island. Whether a teaching hospital, general/ government hospital or a private clinic, Sri Lanka is host to several well-stocked and staffed clinics and hospitals. Pharmacies can also be found every 1km even when traveling along the path less taken.

Currency

The rupee is the currency of Sri Lanka, and one [01] rupee is divided into 100 cents. It is issued by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka and abbreviates into LKR to distinguish between other rupee currencies.



