

11 Nights 12 Days

Experience the Best of Sri Lanka's Heritage
and Paradise Island



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Explore the beautiful island of Sri Lanka.

This trip will be able to provide you with the experience of everything Sri Lanka has to offer you. This is ideal for if you are seeking to explore the culture, heritage and wildlife in a shorter amount of time.

Learn about Sri Lanka and its marvelous culture and history and travel through its most famous and lovely landmarks and monuments.

DAY 01

Airport – Negombo

Transfer Time - Approx :20mins 08km

A warm and heartfelt welcome awaits you at the arrival lounge of Bandaranaike International Airport (BIA), Katunayake, where your journey in Sri Lanka begins with a touch of hospitality.

Your personal, knowledgeable guide will greet you with a friendly smile, offering a brief introduction to your exciting adventure ahead. They will then escort you on a scenic drive to the **coastal town of Negombo**, known for its charming beaches and laid-back atmosphere.

Upon reaching your hotel, check in to your comfortable room and unwind. The rest of the day is yours to relax and enjoy at your own pace, whether you wish to stroll along the beach, explore the surroundings, or simply indulge in a peaceful retreat.

Arrive, check - in relax

Dinner and overnight stay

DAY 02

Negombo – Sigiriya

Transfer Time - Approx: 3hrs 10mins 148km

Breakfast at the hotel, thereafter proceed to Sigiriya. En route, make a stop at the **Millennium Elephant Foundation** (OPTIONAL - PAY DIRECT), where you can learn about elephant conservation efforts and interact with these gentle giants. The foundation focuses on providing care and rehabilitation for elephants, offering visitors a chance to feed, bathe, and experience these majestic animals up close.

Arrive and check-in

In the afternoon climb the exciting **Sigiriya Rock Fortress (Lion's Rock)**, one of the most extraordinary artistic complexes of its time (477 – 498 AD). Declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1982, this magnificent citadel allures artistic and architectural curiosity from around the globe.

Dinner & overnight stay.

Sigiriya

After breakfast, proceed on a **Hiriwaduna Village trek and cooking demonstration** with lunch. Hiriwaduna village trek is an opportunity to be immersed in the nature and culture of real Sri Lanka Village. Tour begins with a Bullock cart ride or tractor ride near to the village pond & at there you will experience a catamaran boat ride to the next side of the rural village. After short walk within the paddy fields & vegetable cultivation you can reach village house. At the village house you will have an opportunity witness the traditional way of cooking in Sri Lanka & enjoy an authentic Sri Lankan Lunch.

Return to the Hotel

In the late afternoon Proceed to **Pidurangala rock** to climb to the top of the rock to view the sunset. Discover one of Sri Lanka's most talked-about places of interest, the Pidurangala. Located in close proximity to the Sigiriya Rock Fortress, Pidurangala has a proud ancient heritage. You could enjoy and experience everything, from the rich history to the adventurous climb and glorious views at the peak!

Please note: **Pidurangala rock climbing requires a decent degree of fitness and mobility because it involves moderate physical exertion and is a challenging path**

Return to the Hotel.

04

Sigiriya - Kandy

Transfer Time - Approx : 2hrs 40mins 90km

After breakfast, proceed to Kandy. Enroute to visit three temple - **Gadaladeniya, Lankathilaka, and Embekke Devalaya.**

Located in the Central Highlands, just a few kilometres to the south-west of Kandy, a 7km (4mi) path links the Embekke, Lankathilake, and Gadaladeniya temples. The path takes you past fertile rice fields and through small bustling towns lined with colourful houses and the sight of local women swathed in vibrant saris. Along the way, chat to friendly locals and sip tea at tea stalls.

Arrive - check in

Late evening, visit Temple of **the Tooth Relic of the Buddha**, the founder of Buddhism. The sacred relic was brought to Sri Lanka in the 4th century A.D. The sacred relic has ever since been the symbol of sovereignty for its ruler and is always enshrined in great splendor. **Enjoy a typical Sri Lankan cultural performance.**

Dinner & overnight stay.



Kandy 05

Early breakfast, leave your luxury haven with the first rays of the sun and make your way through the terraced tea plantations before you enter the extravagance of the green forests of the **Knuckles**.

Trek with your guide through the refreshing lush green forest enjoying the richness of the flora. A moderately challenging trail leads you to a waterfall humming in peaceful solitude, lost in the middle of rich verdure.

If you are heading out to the Knuckles range, trekking a little further to see this beautiful waterfall is the perfect addition to your adventures!

Return to the Hotel

Dinner & overnight stay



DAY 06

Sigiriya - Mahinyangana

Transfer Time - Approx : 2hrs 15mins 107km

After an early breakfast, proceed to Mahiyangana.

En route experiencing the **Dambana Vedda village tour**. 'Vedda' means "people of the forest" and this indigenous community have inhabited the Dambana forest for centuries. Observe the fascinating lifestyle of a forest dweller and how they have adapted to changing times.

Arrive - check in

Spend the rest of the day at leisure.

Dinner & overnight stay



DAY 07

Mahinyangana – Nuwara Eliya

Transfer Time - Approx : 2hrs 35mins 95km

After an early breakfast, proceed to Nuwara Eliya

En route, visit to a **tea plantation**, here you will have a complete tea experience, from the moment the young tea leaves are plucked from the plantation, to their processing in the factory, to a delicious and steamy cup of tea. If you are interested, the tea factory is the best place to purchase good quality tea.

Arrive and check in

Later, visit the **Seetha Amman Temple**, a peaceful site linked to the Ramayana. It is believed to be where Sita was held captive. Enjoy the calm atmosphere and beautiful temple design.

Return to the hotel



Dinner & overnight stay

08

Nuwara Eliya – Ella - Tissamaharama

Transfer Time - Approx : 4hrs 155km

Breakfast at the hotel

Thereafter proceed to Ella by train.

Train Journey to Ella (ON AVAILABILITY). A train journey is truly a rare experience and is an adventure itself! The train in Sri Lanka is considered one of the more comfortable modes of travel by the locals. In addition to the breathtaking scenery of the tea country and picturesque waterfalls, it is a chance for you to mingle with the local people.

Afterward, continue the journey to Yala. Enroute to Yala Village Tour. The first stop is a **local pottery (OPTIONAL - PAY DIRECT)**, where visitors can try their hand at making a clay pot on a traditional wheel, learning the techniques from a skilled artisan.

Next, they'll visit a local house to discover the process of **curd production (OPTIONAL - PAY DIRECT)**, and have the chance to taste the fresh, creamy curd drizzled with honey.

Arrive and check in

Dinner & overnight stay



DAY 09

Tissamaharama

Breakfast at the hotel

Spend the morning at leisure

Afternoon on a guided game drive exploring the dynamic wildlife and the most luxuriant plant life in **Yala National Park**. Being one of the largest parks in Sri Lanka, it is the ideal place to sight the rare leopard

Return to the hotel

Dinner & overnight stay

DAY 10

Tissamaharama - Bentota

Transfer Time - Approx : 3hrs 15mins 200km

After breakfast, proceed to Bentota.

En route, visit the **stilt fishermen** and see the unique way they fish while standing on wooden stilts in the shallow water.

Next, Visit **Galle Fort and its Fortifications**. This is a city that exudes an essence with a perfect blend of past and present. Declared as an UNESCO heritage site in 1988, the presence of Portuguese, Dutch and English is very evident in the fascinating architectural styles of the Galle Fort.

Return to the hotel

Dinner & overnight stay

DAY 11

Bentota

After breakfast, visit the **Kosgoda Turtle Hatchery**. Turtles, ancient creatures that travel vast distances across the ocean to lay their eggs, are sadly endangered due to habitat loss and pollution. Conservation efforts like those at Kosgoda play a crucial role in protecting them

Return to the hotel

Dinner & overnight stay

DAY 12

Bentota - Airport

Transfer Time - Approx : 3hrs 20mins 98km

It's your last day in Sri Lanka.

Check out after breakfast

It is advisable to be at the airport 3 hours prior to your flight.

Your transfer to the airport will be arranged per your departure flight information.

END OF THE TOUR!

HOTELS

| Date | Location | Standard Hotels |
|-------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Day 01 | Negombo - BB | Goldi Sands Hotel or similar |
| Day 02 – 03 | Sigiriya – HB | SigiriyaJungles or similar |
| Day 04 - 05 | Kandy- HB | Earl’s Regency or similar |
| Day 06 | Mahinyangana- HB | Kevan’s Casa or similar |
| Day 07 | Nuwara Eliya - HB | Mirage Kings Cottage or Similar |
| Day 08 - 09 | Tissamaharama- HB | Elephant Reach Hotel or similar |
| Day 10 - 11 | Bentota - HB | Thaala Bentota or similar |