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*(Typical Sri Lankan way of wishing the recipient a long life, as a greeting or a goodbye)*





## Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka is a lush, tropical island paradise, known to Arab traders as Serendib – hence "serendipity", meaning discovery by happy accident. Set in the Indian Ocean in South Asia, the tropical island nation of Sri Lanka has a history dating back to the birth of time. It is a place where the original soul of Buddhism still flourishes and where nature's beauty remains abundant and un-spoilt.

There are 8 world Heritage sites in Sri Lanka. The 3 ancient and magnificent cities of Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa and Sigiriya were inscribed in the UNESCO World Heritage list in 1982 followed by Galle, Kandy, and the Sinharaja Forest Reserve in 1988. The Golden Temple of Dambulla in 1991 and finally the Central highlands were added in 2010. These places of historical and natural significance are not to be missed for any visitor to Sri Lanka.

Having a history marked by four centuries of colonial rule, the country still manages to safeguard remnants from the past in their original grandeur. Some of the more renowned historic sites are the Galle Fort built originally by the Portuguese, Colombo Harbour and the ancient city of Polonnaruwa all confirm Sri Lanka's ancient and colourful past. The rock temple of the Buddha, Gal Vihara is one of the finest examples of the religious heritage. Temples play an important part in everyday life and a visit to one should be a must for all visitors.

Sri Lanka's wildlife is as varied as the island itself, ranging from elephants and leopards to Whales – it is the only place in the world to find all three in such close proximity. Sri Lanka is ranked amongst the world's best biodiversity hot spots. As a country with a high rate of endemism, it has many groups of animals including birds, mammal, reptiles and amphibians which can't be found anywhere in the world. With over 12 per cent of the country designated for wildlife protection it is easy to get a taste of Sri Lankan wildlife.

Being an ancient kingdom, Sri Lanka has preserved its most precious treasures, its culture and tradition. An integral part of this is its cuisine. Sri Lankan cuisine has many influences from varied destinations such as North and South India, Persia, Malaysia, Holland and Portugal. Rice, which is usually consumed daily, can be found at any special occasion, while spicy curries are a favourite dish for lunch and dinner. Fish curry is a particular specialty.

**Transportation Package for the period from 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019 to 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020 - Based on a van for 02 Adults + 02 Children**

This would be calculated from the time of pick up at Colombo Airport on 25th Dec 2019 to drop at the airport on the 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020 ( 18 Days )

- Cost of an A/C van with the service of an English speaking driver guide for a maximum of **1800 km for 18 days and 08 hrs service per day : USD 950/-**

- Driver accommodation : **US\$ 15.00 per day/-** if the hotel doesn't provide accommodation for the driver guide ( Normally most of the hotels provide driver accommodation on FOC )

- Additional km would be charged at : **US\$ 0.30/-**

- Entrance Fees of the sites are not included in the package

**Package includes:**

- Transportation in an A/C van with the service of English speaking driver guide for 18 days
- All applicable current local taxes, but subject to change at the time of booking.
- The quotation is based strictly on the above Itinerary and any deviations from the same will be subject to additional charges.

**Package excludes:**

- Any meals not mentioned in the inclusions list.
- Accommodation
- Expenses of personal nature.
- Cost of optional excursions.
- Cost of beverages throughout the tour.
- Tips and Portages.
- Visa fee <http://www.eta.gov.lk>
- Entrance Fees

## **Notes**

- Please note that standard check-in time is 1400hrs and standard check-out time is 1200hrs.
- This is only an offer without any obligation on the hotel rooms, until such time the tour is confirmed and availability is checked.
- When making payment, kindly ensure that the entire amount given in our offer (finally in our invoice) is made without any deductions to us. All bank charges to be borne by remitter. As such total amount in our final invoice to be credited to our account without any deduction please. In the event of any deductions, such differences are to be collected in cash on arrival of the guests.
- If required, you may reach out to your Chauffeur / Guide for comfort stops and photo opportunities while en-route.
- If payment is to be made via credit card, then a 2.75% to be added on top of the quote we made in our offer and represented in our final invoice for payment.

## **Cancellation Policy**

- Cancellation within 29 days of arrival full cancellation will be charged.
- Cancellation before 30 days of the arrival date free of charge.

## **Good to know**

- On Arrival at the Airport, you will first reach Immigration, then to collect your ‘checked-in’ baggage. Once you clear customs, our representative will page you and meet you just outside the arrival hall. In an unlikely event if you are unable to locate him, you may kindly proceed to our flagship hotel counter THE KINGSBURY and report your arrival in Sri Lanka.
- Sri Lanka being a tropical county, ideal clothing would be cotton and comfortable clothing. Shorts and T shirts are ideal other than when visiting the temples. Ladies are required to cover the shoulders as well.
- Temperature throughout the year in lowland areas ranges between 25 to 35 C and in hill country between 20 to 25 C during day time. During the nights it can drop little below 15 C in certain months of the year.
- Liquor will NOT be served on Poya days and on any other Religious holidays. These are considered dry days. There is a Poya day for each calendar month.
- All major credit cards will be widely accepted in all reputable outlets (restaurants / shops etc.)
- Tipping is customary, but not obligatory. But if you are keen to know what is acceptable in local terms, it ranges between US\$.5/- per day up to US\$.25/- per day depending on the level of satisfaction of your driver when it comes to individual / family travel. For group travel other than the guide, the coach crew is to be tipped too. The amount for a day can vary depending on group size, but the recommended amount is US\$.15/- to 40/- per day.

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