



Ayubowan!

(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.

Sri Lankan Round Tour 13 Nights (14 Days)

DAY 1:	Airport / Negombo
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Arrival at Colombo International Airport: Here, you will be met by a professional chauffeur guide from Hayleys Tours. After the formalities at the airport you will be escorted to your air conditioned vehicle.

Next, transfer to Negombo.

(Airport to Negombo: Approx 30 – 45 Mins)

Overnight stay at Goldi Sands or similar.

DAY 2:	Negombo / Pinnawala / Dambulla
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After Breakfast Check-Out the hotel and proceed to Dambulla. En-route visit Millennium Elephant Foundation

(Negombo to Pinnawala: Approx 2 – 2 ½ Hrs)

Millennium Elephant Foundation (MEF) a family run non-government organization (NGO) which is dedicated to improving the welfare of domestic elephants throughout Sri Lanka. It houses elephants rescued from aggressive mahouts, and elephants retired from working in temples. Be aware that though elephants are well-cared for here they are chained for quite long periods and elephant rides are offered. Elephant Walk is the new and exclusive home for Elephant lovers, elephant rides for tourists is an alternative option.



On completion proceed to Dambulla and Check – In to the hotel

(Pinnawala to Dambulla : Approx 2 – 2 ½ Hrs)

Dinner & Overnight stay at Fresco Garden or similar.

DAY 3:	Dambulla / Sigiriya / Minneriya / Dambulla
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In the morning visit Sigiriya (World Heritage Site)

(Dambulla to Sigiriya: Approx 30 min)

Referred by locals as the Eighth Wonder of World, this ancient palace and fortress complex has significant archeological importance and attracts thousands of tourists every year. The palace is located in the heart of the island between the towns of Dambulla and Habarana on a massive rocky plateau 370 meters above the sea level. Sigiriya rock plateau, formed from magma of an extinct volcano, is 200 meters higher than the surrounding jungles. Its view astonishes the visitors with the unique harmony between the nature and human imagination.



In the afternoon visit Minneriya National Park

(Sigiriya to Minneriya: Approx 40 min)

Minneriya is yet another haven for the elephants that migrate from surrounding jungles to enjoy the lush grass fields on the banks of the Minneriya reservoir, during the dry season. Reports of elephant sightings range from a mere 100 to an astounding 700. The central feature of the park is the ancient Minneriya Tank (built in 3rd century AD by King Mahasena). This tank is generally known as a place to observe the elephants that come to bathe and graze on the grasses as well as the huge flocks of birds that come to fish in the shallow waters.



On completion return to the hotel

Dinner & Overnight stay at Fresco Garden or similar.

DAY 4:	Dambulla / Matale / Kandy
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After Breakfast Check-Out the hotel and proceed to kandy. En-route visit Spice Gardern

(Dambulla to Matale: Approx 45 Mins – 1 Hrs)

Sri Lanka has always been renowned for its spices. Over 15 different spices call Sri Lanka home and many of them are traded in the international spice market. Cinnamon especially is endemic to Sri Lanka, and highest quality 'true cinnamon' can be obtained here. The A9 Hwy between Matale and Dambulla is famous for its spice gardens, with over 30 dotted along the road. All offer free tours of their gardens with an English-speaking guide who can explain the merits and health properties of herbs, spices and plants including cocoa, vanilla, cinnamon, cloves, coriander, coffee, nutmeg, pepper, cardamom, aloe vera, iriweriya and the henna plant.



In the afternoon visit Temple of the Tooth Relic (A World Heritage Site)

(Matale to Kandy: Approx 45 Mins - 1 Hrs)

In the crown jewel of the city, Kandy is the famed Sri Dalada Maligawa, also known as the Temple of the Tooth. The golden-roofed Temple of the Sacred Tooth houses Sri Lanka's most important Buddhist relic – a tooth of the Buddha. The entire complex is over three centuries old at least, and has seen many a king's rise and fall. It has seen bloody wars and peaceful reigns and is one of the most historical places still standing in the island. The entire temple complex, from peaked tiled roofs to white walls with large airy windows, is built using classical Kandyan architecture.



Dinner & Overnight stay at Oak Ray City Hotel or similar.

DAY 5:	Kandy / Peradeniya /Udawattakele / Kandy
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In the morning visit Royal Botanical Gardens, Peradeniya

Located in Peradeniya near Kandy, the gardens are noted for its rich and varied collections of tropical woody plants. Occupying 59 hectares (146 acres), it has about 4,000 species of plants. The most important specimens of the garden include palms, some of which are planted in impressive avenues. Significant, too, are the collections of orchids, gymnosperms, and flowering trees.



In the afternoon visit Udawattakele

Udawatta Kele Sanctuary, often spelled as Udawattakele, is a historic forest reserve on a hill-ridge in the city of Kandy. The sanctuary is famous for its extensive avifauna. The reserve also contains a great variety of plant species, especially lianas, shrubs and small trees. There are several giant lianas. Many of small and medium size mammals that inhabit Sri Lanka can be seen here. Several kinds of snakes and other reptiles might be seen.



Dinner & Overnight stay at Oak Ray City Hotel or similar.

DAY 6:	Kandy / Nuwara Eliya
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After Breakfast Check-Out the hotel and proceed to Nuwara Eliya. En-roye visit Tea plantation and factory

(Kandy to Nuwara Eliya: Approx 2 ½ - 03 Hrs)

Pure Ceylon Tea is regarded as the finest tea in the world and visiting a tea estate will be an unforgettable experience for any visitor to Sri Lanka. There is an oasis of calm and quiet in the middle of a tea estate. Tea estates in Sri Lanka are wonderful places to chill out and breathe in the fresh mountain air while enjoying great views of the surrounding mountains and valleys. Tea plucking is an initial step in the tea making process. It is a delicate act that is artfully done by hand in order to eventually produce the finest quality tea. If desired, the visitor can join the tea pluckers, collecting unforgettable memories to take back. The heart behind the tea process is the tea factory. It is a vast building where all the miracles happen to help create the perfect cup of tea.



In the afternoon visit Nuwara Eliya City Tour

Nuwara Eliya is a mountain station at 1,868 m (6,128 ft) of altitude, in a splendid landscape. The city is particularly well-kept and neat, and the design of the locality exudes an air of "colonial British style". Nuwara Eliya was built entirely during the 19th century and its architecture mimics that of an English country town, with red-brick walls, country house like hill club and mock-Tudor half-timbering. Blessed with salubrious climate, breathtaking views of valleys, meadows, mountains and greenery; it's hard to imagine that Nuwara Eliya is only 180 Km from the hot and humid Colombo.



Check-in to the hotel

Dinner & Overnight stay at Horton Towers or similar.

DAY 7:	Nuwara Eliya / Nanu Oya / Ella
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Today Early morning Check-out the hotel and proceed to Nanu Oya railway station to catch your Train from Nanu Oya To Ella. *(Train tickets are on highly subject to availability)*

The train routes in Sri Lanka are some of the most beautiful in the world. Travelers dream of taking the train to the hill country, through old pine forests and foggy tea estates. The Nanu Oya to Ella train journey is one of the most scenic, epic train journeys in Sri Lanka. The views on both sides of the rail are breathtaking. The train winds through the mountains overlooking farms and villages and of course vast tea plantations. The train also passes through a multiple of tunnels. You don't want to miss this beautiful opportunity.



Dinner & Overnight stay at Ella Gap or similar.

DAY 8:	Ella / Yala
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Early breakfast at hotel and check-out and proceed to Yala. En-route visit Little Adams Peak

(Ella to Little Adams Peak: Approx 15 – 30 Mins)

Little Adams Peak, also known as Punchi Sri Pada, is found in Ella Sri Lanka, a region best known for its spectacular mountain ranges, tea plantations, waterfalls and hiking trails. It is the easiest and closest hike in Ella with a sensational view. The trail to Little Adam's peak takes approximately 20 – 40 minutes one way, depending on how fast you walk and how many photos you take. It begins with a moderate incline as it winds through tea plantations. There are some great photo opportunities early in the hike so keep your eyes peeled.



On completion proceed to Yala

(Ella to Yala : Approx 2 - 2 1/2 Hrs)

Dinner & Overnight stay at Oak Ray Lake Resort or similar.

DAY 9:	Yala Jeep Safari
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In the morning visit YALA NATIONAL PARK for a jeep safari

The second largest national park in Sri Lanka, Yala is situated in the Southeast part of the island in the dry, semi-arid climate region, bordering the Indian Ocean. The number of mammals recorded at Yala is as high as 44 while it also boasts of one of the highest leopard densities in the world. None other than the majestic Sri Lankan elephant and the leopard take pride of place at this amazing national park.



Dinner & Overnight stay at Oak Ray Lake Resort or similar.

DAY 10:	Yala / Bentota
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After breakfast check-out the hotel and proceed to Bentota for your beach stay

(Yala to Bentota: Approx 4 1/2 - 5 1/2 Hrs)

Dinner & Overnight stay at Temple Tree Resort or similar.

DAY 11:	Bentota/ Galle / Kosgoda /Bentota
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After breakfast proceed to Galle for a day excursion

(Bentota to Galle: Approx 1 1/2 - 02 Hrs)

Dutch Fort at Galle, close to the island's southernmost point, 173km from Colombo, has the distinction of being the best-preserved sea fort in South Asia. A living heritage site, this 90 hectare (222 acre) attraction is a superb blend of

architecture, with fortifications that resemble those in the coastal areas of Portugal. When it comes to fortified towns, nothing can compete with the Dutch Fort in Galle. This World Heritage Site on the south coast was the main port of call for ships sailing between the East and Europe.



In the afternoon visit Turtle Hatchery

(Galle to Kosgoda: Approx 45 Min – 1 Hrs)

The Kosgoda Sea Turtle Conservation Project follows a sustainable model operated by a very friendly owner. The place is run by the locals, with international volunteers helping out throughout the year. They aim to protect sea turtle eggs and increase hatching rates while also treating disabled turtles. If you're lucky, you will get to experience a turtle release, and a hatching if you get there just before 6 PM.



On completion return to the hotel

Dinner & Overnight stay at Temple Tree Resort or similar.

DAY 12:

Bentota

Breakfast at the hotel

Spend the day at leisure

Dinner & Overnight stay at Temple Tree Resort or similar.

DAY 13:	Bentota / Colombo
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After breakfast check-out the hotel and proceed to Colombo

(Bentota to Colombo: Approx 2 – 2 ½ Hrs)

In the afternoon visit Colombo City Tour

Colombo is the largest city and former capital of Sri Lanka. It is located on the west coast of the island and adjacent to Sri Jayawardenapura Kotte, the capital. Colombo is a busy and vibrant city with a mixture of modern life and colonial buildings. The main city is home to a majority of Sri Lanka's corporate offices, restaurants and entertainment venues. Colombo is a shopper's paradise! Choose from the many branded wear available at a fraction of the price.



Overnight stay at Great Southern Hotel Hotel or similar.

DAY 14:	Colombo / Katunayake
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Today after the Breakfast you will be transferred to the Colombo Airport via Express way to catch your flight back home accompanied with all the happy memories of the tropical isle; Sri Lanka once known as **TAPROBANE**.

(Colombo to Airport : Approx 45 Mins – 1 Hr)

END OF SERVICES



General Package for the period (Valid from 25th May - 30th June 2020)

Location	Hotels	Nights	Meal Plan	Room Type
Negombo	Goldi Sands	1	BB	Standard
Dambulla	Fresco Graden	2	HB	Superior
Kandy	Oak Ray City Hotel	2	HB	Superior
Nuwara Eliya	Horton Towers	1	HB	Deluxe
Ella	Ella Gap Hotel	1	HB	Superior
Yala	Oka Ray Lake Resort	2	HB	Deluxe
Bentota	Temple Tree Resort	3	HB	Superior
Colombo	Great Southern Hotel	1	BB	Superior

Period	25 th May - 30 th June 2020
	Based on 01 Pax
Cost Per Person in a Single room	USD 1540/-

Package includes:

- Accommodation in Half Board Basis and Bed & Breakfast Basis in Negombo and Colombo or in hotels of a similar standard.
- Air conditioned Car with services of an English speaking Chauffeur Guide throughout the Round tour.
- All applicable current local taxes, but subject to change at the time of booking.

Package excludes:

- Any meals not mentioned in the inclusions list.
- 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 (Per person)

Udawattakele	: USD 06
Yala National Park	: USD 25
Turtle Hatchery	: USD 04
Temple of the Tooth Relic	: USD 11
Tea plantation and factory	: USD 03
Sigiriya (World Heritage Site)	: USD 30
Royal Botanical Gardens	: USD 11
Minneriya National Park	: USD 25
Millennium Elephant Foundation	: USD 20

Train tickets from Nanu Oya to Ella (*Train tickets are highly on subject to availability*)

- Transport fees to

One JEEP at Minneriya National Park : USD 35 per jeep

One JEEP at Yala National Park : USD 35 per jeep

One BOAT at Bentota River Safari : USD 20 per boat

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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