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

**Hayleys Tours**  
Spirit of Sri Lanka





## 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.

## Round Tour 20 Nights ( 21 Days )

**15 Sep 2020**

**Airport / Negombo**

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.

**Overnight stay at Jetwing Sea or similar.**

**16 Sep 2020**

**Negombo**

After breakfast proceed to do a city tour of Negombo

Negombo is the fourth largest city. Negombo is also known as Little Rome is an exciting city in the western coastal belt. Easily being invaded by different nationalities, Negombo defines a multicultural society. The city is of a vivid combination of a range of cultures mixed within. From the people living to the architectural appearance, Negombo has always homed multi nationalities and religions for people of all types. The nightlife at the beach side in Negombo is splendid with more happenings than doings.

**Overnight stay at Jetwing Sea or similar.**

**17 Sep 2020**

**Negombo / Pinnawala / Kandalama**

After breakfast check out of the hotel and proceed to Kandalama

In the morning visit Millennium Elephant Foundation

(Negombo to Pinnawala: Approx 1 ½ - 2 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 Kandalama

**Dinner & Overnight stay at Heritance Kandalama or similar.**



**18 Sep 2020**

**Kandalama / Minneriya / Kandalama**

Breakfast at the hotel

In the afternoon visit Minneriya National Park

(Kandalama to Minneriya: Approx 45 Min – 1 Hrs)

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 Heritance Kandalama or similar.**

**19 Sep 2020**

**Kandalama / Dambulla / Kandalama**

Breakfast at the hotel

Optional visit to Sigiriya Rock Fortress

(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.



Thereafter visit Dambulla Rock Cave Temple

The beautiful Royal Rock Temple complex sits about 160m above the road in the southern part of Dambulla. Five separate caves contain about 150 absolutely stunning Buddha statues and paintings, some of Sri Lanka's most important and evocative religious art. Buddha images were first created here over 2000 years ago, and over the centuries subsequent kings added to and embellished the cave art. From the caves there are superb views over the surrounding countryside; Sigiriya is clearly visible some 20km distant



**Dinner & Overnight stay at Heritance Kandalama or similar.**

**20 Sep 2020**

**Kandalama**

Breakfast at the hotel

Enjoy the stay at Leisure

**Dinner & Overnight stay at Heritance Kandalama or similar.**

**21 Sep 2020**

**Kandalama / Matale / Kandy**

After breakfast check out of the hotel and proceed to Kandy

In the morning visit Spice Gardern

(Kandalama to Matale: Approx 1 ½ - 2 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.





Check-In to the hotel and relax

**Dinner & Overnight stay at Amaya Hills or similar.**

**22 Sep 2020**

**Kandy**

Breakfast at the hotel

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 Temple of the Tooth Relic (A World Heritage Site)

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 Amaya Hills or similar.**

Breakfast at the hotel

In the morning visit Kandy City

Kandy is a lovely city, the Hill Capital and last stronghold of the Sinhala Kings retains an aura of grandeur, which time has not affected. Encircled by hills, with a tranquil lake in its center, it is the site of the renowned "Temple of the Tooth". Kandy and its satellite villages is the center of the island's handicraft industry and its traditional dances are the most spectacular in the country. Since ancient times, the relic has played an important role in local politics because it is believed that whoever holds the relic holds the governance of the country. Kandy was the last capital of the Sinhalese kings and is a UNESCO world heritage site partly due to the temple.



In the late afternoon visit Cultural Dance

These classical dance forms are associated with the performance of various rituals and ceremonies which are centuries old and are based on the folk religion and folk beliefs going back to times before the advent and acceptance of Buddhism by the Sinhalese people in the third century B.C. These rituals and ceremonies reflect the values, beliefs and customs of an agricultural civilization of Sri Lanka.



Return to the hotel and relax

**Dinner & Overnight stay at Amaya Hills or similar.**



**24 Sep 2020**

**Kandy / Nuwara Eliya**

After breakfast check out of the hotel and proceed to Nuwara Eliya by train

The Kandy to Nanuoya train journey is one of the most scenic, epic train journeys in not only just Sri Lanka but the world. 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 scenery changes throughout the trip, from an entire green view to a woodland forest. The train also passes through a multiple tunnels. Hanging out of the train gives you the best views and is an awesome feeling. The Kandy to Nanuoya Train is just one of many bucket list items to add to your itinerary, you are not going to regret it.



**Dinner & Overnight stay at Grand Hotel or similar.**

**25 Sep 2020**

**Nuwara Eliya**

Breakfast at the hotel

In the morning 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.



**Dinner & Overnight stay at Grand Hotel or similar.**



**26 Sep 2020**

**Nuwara Eliya**

Breakfast at the hotel

Enjoy the stay at Leisure

**Dinner & Overnight stay at Grand Hotel or similar.**

**27 Sep 2020**

**Nuwara Eliya / Ella**

Today after breakfast Check-out the hotel and proceed to Ella

**Dinner & Overnight stay at 98 Acres Resort or similar.**

**28 Sep 2020**

**Ella**

Breakfast at the hotel

In the morning visit Little Adams Peak, Nine Arch bridge and explore Ella Gap

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.



**Dinner & Overnight stay at 98 Acres Resort or similar.**

**29 Sep 2020**

**Ella**

Enjoy the stay at Leisure

**Dinner & Overnight stay at 98 Acres Resort or similar.**

**30 Sep 2020**

**Ella / Tissamaharama**

Today after breakfast Check-out the hotel and proceed to Tissamaharama

**Dinner & Overnight stay at Chaarya resort and spa or similar.**

**01 Oct 2020**

**Yala National Park**

Breakfast at the hotel

Proceed to do a 4x4 half day jeep safari at Yala National Park - Early morning or afternoon

(Tissamaharama to Yala: Approx 30-45min)

Yala National Park is located in the south eastern region of Sri Lanka and extends over two provinces of Hambantota district of southern province and Monaragala district in Uva province. The gateway to Yala National Park is Tissamaharama. A 20 km drive via Kirinda takes the visitors to the Palatupana. At Palatupana, the well-designed visitor center provides the information to the tourists and assign a tracker to all incoming vehicles. The park provides jeeps with soft-tops which gives the opportunity to view wild life. Dawn and dusk bring about the best timing for Safari tours in the Yala National Park. Being located in one of the arid regions of Sri Lanka, the Climate of Ruhuna National Park is usually hot and dry. Yala National Park that consists of five blocks is the most visited and second largest national park in Sri Lanka.



**Dinner & Overnight stay at Chaarya resort and spa or similar.**

**02 Oct 2020**

**Tissamaharama / Galle**

After breakfast check out of the hotel and proceed to Galle

In the afternoon visit Dutch Fort Galle

(Tissamaharama to Galle: Approx 02 – 02 ½ 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.





**Dinner & Overnight stay at Amari Galle or similar.**

**03 Oct 2020**

**Galle / Mirissa / Galle**

**Optional Excursion:**

Early this morning proceed to Mirissa along with breakfast packets, for whale watching.

( Leave the hotel around at 05.10 am. as the whale watching boat leaves 06.00 am. in the morning )

(Galle to Mirissa: Approx 40 min)

Catch a glimpse of some of the largest creatures on earth in an exhilarating whale watching boat ride, with unforgettable memories from the Indian Ocean. Whale and dolphin watching is one of the most exciting excursions you can do during your visit to Sri Lanka. During whale watching season, you will be able to witness groups of whales while on an organized boat ride to the middle of the ocean. Get ready to spot sperm and blue whales, false orcas, spinner and bottlenose dolphins during this excursion. Whilst this tour may take approx. 3 - 5 hours, there's a 98% chance of spotting of Blue Whales swim freely. Whale watching season runs from November - April in the South Coast and May - September in the East Coast



**Dinner & Overnight stay at Amari Galle or similar.**

**04 Oct 2020**

**Galle**

Breakfast at the hotel

Enjoy your beach stay

**Dinner & Overnight stay at Amari Galle or similar.**

**05 Oct 2020**

**Galle / Airport**

Breakfast at the hotel

In the evening 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**.

( Late check out till 06.00 pm )

**\*END OF SERVICES\***



**General Package for the period (15 Sep 20 - 05 Oct 20)**

Location	Hotels	Nights	Meal Plan	Room Type	Website
Negombo	Jetwing Sea	2	BB	Superior	<a href="http://www.jetwinghotels.com/jetwingsea">www.jetwinghotels.com/jetwingsea</a>
Kandalama	Heritance Kandalama	4	HB	Superior	<a href="http://www.heritancehotels.com/kandalama">www.heritancehotels.com/kandalama</a>
Kandy	Amaya Hills	3	HB	Superior	<a href="http://www.amayaresorts.com">www.amayaresorts.com</a>
Nuwara Eliya	Grand Hotel	3	HB	Deluxe	<a href="http://www.thegrandhotelnuwaraeliya.com">www.thegrandhotelnuwaraeliya.com</a>
Ella	98 Acres Resort	3	HB	Standard	<a href="http://www.resort98acres.com">www.resort98acres.com</a>
Tissamaharama	Chaarya resort and spa	2	HB	Deluxe	<a href="http://www.chaaryaresorts.com">www.chaaryaresorts.com</a>
Galle	Amari Galle	3	HB	Deluxe Ocean View	<a href="http://www.amari.com/galle-srilanka">www.amari.com/galle-srilanka</a>

Period	15 Sep 20 - 05 Oct 20
	Based on minimum of 02 Pax
<b>Cost Per Person in a Sharing a Double Room</b>	<b>USD 2675/-</b>

**Package includes:**

- Accommodation in hotels specified in the itinerary or in hotels of a similar standard.
- Meal plan in on Half Board basis except Negombo
- Late check out till 06.00 pm at Amari Galle
- Air conditioned transport with services of an English speaking Chauffeur Guide throughout the Round tour.
- Entrance fees to

Yala National Park  
Temple of the Tooth Relic (A World Heritage Site)  
Royal Botanical Gardens, Peradeniya  
Minneriya National Park  
Millennium Elephant Foundation  
Little Adams Peak  
Kandy to Nanuoya Train Experience  
Dambulla Rock Cave Temple  
Cultural Dance



- Transport fees to

One Jeep At Minneriya-Jeep  
One Jeep At Yala National Park

- 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 to

Sigiriya Rock Fortress : USD 30 Per person  
Mirissa Whale Watching : USD 50 Per person

#### **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.
- Please note that Hayleys Tours shall not be held liable for any claims arising from missed international flights, due to delay of seaplane/speedboat transfer caused by adverse weather conditions, force majeure and acts of God. In such situations the clients are expected to find their own accommodation in Male at their own expense.

#### **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 country, 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. ( Poya falls on 01<sup>st</sup> Oct 2020 )
- 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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