



Welcome to the Sri Lanka. This tour introduces you to some of the most exotic sights that Sri Lanka has to offer.

Sri Lankan Discovery

12 Days / 11 Nights

Tour Highlights Colombo → **Kandy** → **Nuwara Eliya** → **Tissamaharama Bentota**



Day 1: Arrive Colombo

Meeting and assistance on arrival and transfer to hotel. Overnight at hotel.

Day 2: Colombo - Pinnawala - Kandy

(B)

Transfer from Colombo to Pinnawala

As you enter the 25 acre coconut property, do not be surprised to witness baby elephants being bottle fed or moving around freely causing absolutely no harm to anyone. It is rightly a sincere sight to observe how these gentle giants - orphaned and sometimes three-legged - are taken care of since 1975 at Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage. Up to date, over 20 calves have been born here, and it is surprising to hear

that some of its inmates have even seen their grand children during the past few decades! Watch as they feed at 9:15 am, 1:15 pm & 5:00 pm and take a river bath twice a day at 10:00 am & 2:00 pm respectively for an experience that could never be felt anywhere else on earth!

Transfer from Pinnawala to Kandy

Last ruled by King Sri Wickrama Rajasinghe - before it was brought under the British rule in 1815, Kandy - the World Heritage Site & last royal capital of Sri Lankan kings - crafts an array of culture, history and heritage in the minds of visitors across the globe. Experience an ancient Kandyan legacy engraved around its crown jewel, the temple of the sacred tooth relic of Lord Buddha. A stroll across this small lakeside town - cradled among the misty hills - will feature the Kandy City Centre - bundled with latest and world class brands, bazaar, an arts & crafts centre, as well as a gem museum & lapidary. Walk in color as you glide through fresh fruits and vegetables in the Kandy market. Fine tune your evening by stepping to the beat of traditional music & drumming amplified by a cultural show enhancing the rich and vibrant culture of the Wonder of Asia, Sri Lanka.

Overnight at hotel.

Day 3: Kandy - Tea Plantation - Nuwara Eliya

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Transfer from Kandy to Tea Plantation

Sri Lanka, Tea and Tourism are words which cannot be separated. Take a tour to the cold & misty hills that take pride of an ultimate tea tour, covering lush green blankets of tea plantations. Or just step into a tea factory processing the prestigious brand of Ceylon Tea, to observe a rich tradition kept alive up to date. As you observe the hissing and swishing of machines, inhaling the heavenly scent arising from these facilities, make sure to end your day in style over a perfectly blended cup of pure Ceylon Tea.

Transfer from Tea Plantation to Nuwara Eliya

Misty steep roads, twisting through lush green blankets of tea bushes in a cool climate, remind visitors that they are within the range of the renowned British colonial retreat, Nuwara Eliya. Augmented by an English countryside atmosphere, the city of light - once governed by English & Scottish planters - is still studded with colonial bungalows, hedgerows & one of the finest 18-hole golf courses in the world. A hike through the green grass and red-brick walls should present breathtaking views of a buzzing countryside hamlet. Drive through green valleys of the hill country pierced by endless waterfalls & dotted by tea pluckers draped in bright-colored saris. Or rent a bike for a gentle ride along the banks splashed by the waters of Lake Gregory.

Overnight at hotel.

Day 4: Nuwara Eliya

(B)

Free day at leisure to relax and enjoy the beautiful surroundings. (no transport services)

Overnight at hotel.

Day 5: Nuwara Eliya - Ella - Tissamaharama

(B)

Transfer from Nuwara Eliya to Ella

Optional Trekking at Little Adam's peak.

A quaint hill side village offering the most amazing view in all of Sri Lanka, Ella is ideal for leisurely treks. Trudge through tea plantations, temple sites and waterfalls through the day. Welcome the night with clear skies, twinkling stars and the distant glow of light houses in the Southern Coast. Though there are just a handful of guesthouses and hotels

here, Sri Lanka's warm and friendly signature hospitality is more than available at every place.

Transfer from Ella to Tissamaharama

Bordering the buzzing wilderness of Yala National Park, the importance of Tissamaharama bundles up to greenish paddy fields tossing and turning in thin air, alongside a massive snowy-white dagoba which extends to heaven, shading the faith and respect of visitors since 200 B.C. Take a gentle walk along the bank of Tissa Wewa – the irrigation masterpiece - and observe hundreds of egrets roost around trees that shade its calm waters. Or walk into a small museum packed with an extraordinary collection of treasures that hinder the beauty of an attraction of nature and culture.

Overnight at hotel.

Day 6: Tissamaharama - Yala - Tissamaharama

(B)

Transfer from Tissamaharama to Yala

Spreading into a vast 1259 Km² Yala - with its glory spinning around vast grasslands, shrubs, tanks and dunes - rightfully is the heartland of wildlife in Sri Lanka. As your jeep rumbles through the giant gates of Yala, you are not only stepping into the most visited national park in the country, but also the lands of a civilization which thrived during the reign of Sri Lanka's kings. You name it, and Yala has it! Its usual inmates cover herds of elephant, sloth bear, spotted deer, jackal, extensively populated birdlife as well as the highest density of leopards in the world that garnish the park to be one of the finest destinations in the country. Feel the rough track as your jeep thunders over rocks and swish passing narrow bends for an exhilarating experience blended with the cries of wilderness under the tropical sun.

Transfer from Yala to Tissamaharama

Overnight at hotel.

Transfer from Tissamaharama to Galle

Galle, the epic Southern capital, is the intersection where classic Dutch architecture meets a tropical setting creating a vivid atmosphere in beauty. Walk the Dutch-haunted streets listening to the creaks of wooden saloon doors and observe how European architecture mingles with South Asian traditions today flooding cultural enthusiasts on a global scale. Its original ramparts and bastions preserved up to date showcase evidences of a heritage preserved for more than 3 1/2 centuries. Walk clockwise within the fort to observe the 'old gate' carrying the British coat of arms. Flanking the old gate is the Zwart bastion - the oldest of all - and the lighthouse standing 18 feet in its glory next to the Point Utrecht Bastion. This Dutch bliss is painted with streets that spread in a rectangular grid pattern pierced with houses carrying Dutch colonial style verandas. Hop into the Dutch Hospital Shopping Complex to be mesmerized by an array of souvenir selections. However, its hallmark stands a reality where the Dutch fort remains a working community with its usual buzz of administrative offices, court complex, commercial buildings, churches and Southern folks frequenting its streets bracing the air of the Elysium of architecture, Galle!

Transfer from Galle to Bentota

Bentota, undoubtedly has some of the best stretches of clean sandy beaches in the country boasting of numerous romantic settings carved by both the river & sea. This unique experience leads to nothing, but an enchanted gateway to bliss. Float into the ocean for some deep sea fishing or get wet with some serious rumble on the water with jet skiing, surfing, diving or body boarding. Finally, cherish the golden sun sink into the horizon as you sit back gently under a shady palm tree.

Overnight at hotel.

Transfer from Bentota to Balapitiya

Balapitiya is where one could just sit back and observe how ecology and culture combines under the sun! Cut through the clear water of Madu River - a lifeline of Balapitiya - and head towards Kotu Duwa, the small island housing a temple that dates back to ancient Sinhalese kings. Or, sail through tunnels of shady mangroves swaying alongside Madu River - hiding an ecological treasure - to witness the tranquility of this bio-diversity hot spot which boasts of reptiles, mollusks and over 70 species of fresh water fish. Today the region - which is strong in observing rural folk life in the island - does not only boast of cinnamon plantations in abundance, but also has a fine 'fish pedicure center' - one of the most potent & latest rejuvenation techniques. Apart from these amenities Balapitiya has also become a household name in the minds of bird watchers ensuring a thrilling offshore experience.

Transfer from Balapitiya to Kosgoda

Both locals and international volunteers battling it out for "Sea Turtles' Sake" is a common sight at Kosgoda. This vibrant tourist destination sitting calm along the Southern coast of Sri Lanka - apart from its traditional industries of fisheries and cinnamon cultivation - was later recognized by the Wildlife Protection Society who studded the region with a Sea Turtle Conservation Project which operates on a formidable scale today. Indirectly, this has become a watering hole of flipper & shell enthusiasts!

Transfer from Kosgoda to Bentota

Overnight at hotel.

Day 9: Bentota (B)

Free day at leisure to relax and enjoy the beach. (no transport services)

Overnight at hotel.

Day 10: Bentota -Colombo (B)

Transfer from Bentota to Colombo. Rest of day free at leisure to relax. (no transport services).

Overnight at hotel.

Day 11: Colombo (B)

Proceed on a half day shopping tour.

Overnight at hotel.

Day 12: Leave Colombo (B)

Transfer from hotel to Airport for flight back home.

*******TOUR ENDS*******

- **CHECK-IN TIME IS 14h00 & CHECK-OUT TIME AT ALL THE HOTELS IS 12 NOON**

RATES AND CONDITIONS

ACCOMMODATION:

City	4*+ Hotels	Number of nights
Colombo	Ozo	01
Kandy	Ozo	01
Nuwara Eliya	Heritance Tea Factory	02

Tissamahamara	Cinnamon Wild	02
Bentota	The Surf	03
Colombo	Ozo	02

PRICING per person for shared twin/double.ie 2 people per room

Rates are valid from 01 February 2018 to 20 March 2018

4* Package from:	R 37 920.00 per person sharing Inclusive of airfares ex Johannesburg
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Our Services include:

- Return airfares ex Johannesburg with airport taxes
- Accommodation in a shared twin or shared double room in selected hotels
- Meals as mentioned (B= Breakfast)
- Tours and transfers as mentioned by private air conditioned vehicle unless stated otherwise

Excludes:

- Visas
- Entrance fees to monuments, approx R 1900.00 per person
- Other meals than mentioned
- Personal expenses (drinks, laundry, telephone, tips etc)
- Travel insurance
- Laundry
- Tipping
- Other services not clearly indicated in the package inclusions above

All you need to know about our tours:

- The above itinerary is a guideline of what we can offer you in Sri Lanka. These tours are tailor made to suit you and can be chopped and changed to your liking.
- We personally ensure that the hotels we chose are up to South African Standards. We do not sell local trains or budget/3* hotels in Sri Lanka.
- Our Sri Lanka tours are all on a private basis so you will not be part of a group
- All our transfers and tours are conducted in private aircon vehicles with a driver, the driver will also serve as your guide

- Free time at leisure means you get to catch a tuk tuk or a taxi and explore the city at your own pace
- The best time to visit India weather wise would be from October to March.

Standard Terms & Conditions:

- Prices quoted are per person sharing in a Double/Twin room which means min 2 people have to share a room to avail the rate quoted
- Rates are a guideline only and is subject to change with no prior notice based on availability and currency fluctuations