



## Enchanting Sri Lanka

8 Nights

May – October 2018



### Summary

Under the gaze of a tropical sun, the exquisite sand beaches and placid blue waters of Sri Lanka unfold. Add stopovers at the seaside colonial fort city of Galle. Variety is the spice of this island nation. Further east, in the rainforests and open grasslands of Yala national park, you're sure to spot elephants and crocodiles, among numerous other birds and beasts. A little to the north is the hill station of Nuwara Eliya, a place of swirling mists and verdant tea estates, memorable with every cup of Ceylon tea you will ever consume. In the mountains at the center of the country, Kandy is Sri Lanka's cultural capital, and home to one of Buddhism's holiest temples. Before heading back north to the capital Colombo, stop and climb the rock fortress of Sigiriya, the Lion Rock rising from forested plains.

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- A proven expertise in organizing successful holidays
- Experienced and knowledgeable staff
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### Overview

**Dates:** November 2017 – April 2018

**Interest:** couple, family, group

**Level of Comfort:** 5

**Minimum # of passengers:** none

**Maximum # of passengers:** none

### Information about the destination

**Currency:** Sri Lankan Rupee

**Language:** Sinhalese, Tamil and English

**Dialing Code:** 94

**Recommended vaccines:** Malaria risk exists throughout the year, except in the districts of Colombo, Galle, Gampaha, Kalutara, Matara and Nuwara Eliya. Always better to have a Malaria medication while visiting during the monsoons

**Banks & currency exchange:** many banks in the airport

will exchange currencies, all rates are similar

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**Day 01: Colombo**

Upon arrival at Colombo's International airport, met greet and proceed to Colombo  
Do a city tour in Colombo, visiting: Galle Face, Pettah Bazaar, Town Hall, Wolfendhal church, Gangaramaya temple, Independence square, Jami Ul Alfar Jumma Mosque  
Colombo city tour: You will drive through the commercial areas and drive past Pettah, a colorful Oriental bazaar with a mix of people, ancient vehicles, bargains, mosques and temples. You have a chance to see a Hindu Temple, Buddhist Temple (Gangaramaya temple) and the Jami Ul Alfar Jumma Mosque of Colombo. Today, you can also do a shopping tour, the Ceramic Corporation famous for its well-known brand "Noritake" and ODEL the renowned shopping centre. Your tour will end here and we will bring you back to your respective hotel. Overnight stay at the Hotel

**Day 02: Colombo – Pinnawala – Sigiriya - Dambulla**

In the morning, proceed to Dambulla. En- route visit Pinnawala Elephant orphanage  
Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage – set amongst the verdant hills of Kegalle is a unique orphanage, where the tiny tots weigh 60 kg or more. This is the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage, the world's first and only elephant orphanage established to feed, nurse and house young elephants lost or abandoned by their mothers. Visitors could see the baby elephants being fed milk from gigantic feeding bottles or bathed in the river which flows nearby – an unforgettable sight! Established in 1975, by the Wildlife Department and National Zoological gardens which subsequently led to a breeding program through which more than twenty five elephants have been born since 1984.  
In the evening, visit Sigiriya rock fortress.  
Sigiriya sometimes also referred to as the eighth wonder of the world dates back from over 7,000 years ago, through Pre-Historic to Proto-Historic to Early Historic times, then as a rock-shelter mountain monastery from about the 3rd century BC, with caves prepared and donated by devotees to the sangha. Sigiriya is a unique witness to the civilization of Ceylon during the years of the reign of Kassapa I. The site of the 'Lion Mountain' was visited from the 6th century AD, by passionate admirers.

**Day 03: Dambulla – Hiriwadunna**

In the morning, visit Hiriwadunna to do a village tour  
Hiriwadunne village in Habarana offers a unique village safari for tourists. Any traveller wanting to gain an insight in to the daily lives of the locals in this village can participate on their own volition in excursions, adventure safaris, agro tourism, night camping and Jeep safaris. Hiriwadunna is just 02 Km (05 minutes - drive from Habarana. The village trek begins with an awesome walk along a bund of a Wewa or manmade reservoir. The reservoir itself, the surrounding scrub jungle, marshland and village are a hive of early morning or an evening activity. The amazing birdlife, butterflies and possible sightings of crocodile only add to the charm of seeing the villagers as they go about their early morning tasks of fishing, or washing clothes at the periphery of the lake.  
Evening do an Elephant ride. Riding on the back of the amazing giant in the wild would be an incredible experience in life. An elephant ride Sri Lanka will be a great opportunity to be so close to the majestic beast, while enjoying the views of nature, wild life and traditional lifestyles of the people in rural villages in Sri Lanka. Moreover, an elephant ride in Sri Lanka would allow you to observe the surroundings in a closer proximity. More than all the facts mentioned above, may be the most precious experience of this activity is getting to share a day in the life of an elephant. Stay leisurely at the hotel

**Day 04: Dambulla – Matale - Kandy**

In the morning, proceed to Kandy. En route visit Dambulla Rock Cave temple.  
It is a world heritage site and is the most impressive of Sri Lanka's cave temples. The complex of five caves with over 2000 sq. meters of painted walls and ceilings is the largest area of paintings found in the world. The caves contain over 150 images of the Buddha of which the largest is the colossal figure of the Buddha carved out of rock and spanning 14 meters.  
Proceed towards Kandy. En route visit a spice garden to see the different spices that Sri Lanka is famous for.  
In Kandy witness a traditional Sri Lankan dance show



**Day 05: Kandy - Nuwara Eliya**

Today you will proceed to Nuwara Eliya

En route you visit a Tea plantation and a tea factory where one the best Tea in the world is produced. You will be told all about the process of manufacturing tea and also see how tea is graded. Taste a cup of pure Ceylon tea in the factory

**Day 06: Nuwara Eliya-Ella - Yala**

In the morning, proceed to Yala.

En- route visit Ella, witness the scenic beauty

**Day 07: Yala – Galle -Waskaduwa**

Early morning (around 5.30) be ready for a jeep safari at Yala National park

Yala – Sri Lanka's most known National Park is popular for Elephant, Leopard, Bear, Crocodile and Wild Boar. 97,800 hectares in extent, this is the second largest of Sri Lanka's National Parks. Its open undulating terrain made it famous for elephants for many years, but recently the park has also received much fame through publicity by National Geographic and the Discovery TV channels, which focused on a leopard that Yala National Park has the world's highest concentration of leopard per square kilometre. Vegetation is primarily grassland and shrub jungle with patches of dense growth while several salt and fresh water lagoons are a haven for a large variety of resident and migrant birds. Areas popular with leopard are rock strewn hillocks with dense shrub in which the animals hide.

Thereafter, proceed to Waskaduwa and en – route visit Galle city

En route do a city tour in Galle

Galle - The seaside town of Galle is 116 Km. from Colombo by road or rail, down the south-west coast. Both routes are picturesque, following the coastline closely for much of the way.

Today's town has grown greatly and spreads into the hinterland but the Fort is the slow-beating heart of Galle's history. The walled city has stood since the early sixteenth century, through the Colonial periods of the Portuguese, Dutch and British and in our present times is proclaimed as an Archaeological Reserve and been identified as a living World Heritage Site. Stay Leisurely at the hotel.

**Day 08: Waskaduwa**

Day at leisure

**Day 09: Waskaduwa - Airport**

Transfer to the airport for departure flight

**Selected hotels (or similar)**

Nights	Regions	Hotels
1	Colombo	Cinnamon Lakeside
2	Dambulla	Jetwing Lake
1	Kandy	Grand Kandyan
1	Nuwara Eliya	Araliya Green City
1	Yala	Jetwing Yala
2	Waskaduwa	Citrus Waskaduwa

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#### Prices Include

Round trip ticket to Colombo ( economy class )  
 Round trip transfer: airport – hotel – airport  
 8-night accommodation at hotels  
 Transportation in an A/C vehicle  
 English speaking driver/ guide  
 All tours and excursions as per the itinerary  
 Entrance fees to following sites: Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage, Rock Fortress in Sigiriya, Dambulla Cave temple, Temple of Tooth Relic, Peradeniya Botanical Garden, Elephant Ride, Minneriya half day Jeep safari & Elephant back ride  
 Assistance of our representative in Sri Lanka

#### Prices Exclude

Airport taxes  
 Fuel surcharge  
 DIP surcharge \$5/ticket  
 Optional Tours  
 Visa fees  
 Travel insurance  
 All other expenses

#### Starting price per person in US\$

Hotel	Period	Double	Single
5* Hotels	01/05/18 - 15/07/18	1720	2115
	16/07/18 - 31/08/18	1835	2310
	01/09/18 - 31/10/18	1720	2115

- Prices may change without prior notice and subject to availability at time of booking

#### Flight Schedule

From	To	Flight No	Departure	Arrival
Beirut	Doha	QR 419	01:35	05:35
Doha	Colombo	QR 654	07:35	15:20
Colombo	Doha	QR 665	11:25	14:00
Doha	Beirut	QR 420	15:00	19:20

#### Payment facilities available with CFC

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