

Sri Lanka

14 Days / 13 Nights



DAY 01

AIRPORT / NEGOMBO

- OVERNIGHT IN NEGOMBO

Arrive in International Airport Colombo. Transfer to hotel in Negombo. Rest of the day at leisure.

Negombo; A characteristic fishing town north of Colombo, it is a mere 6km from the Katunayaka International Airport, and popular for both tourism and fishing. Set amid lush groves of coconut palms, it breathes the spirit of the sea.

It is a gourmet's paradise with sea food in plenty. Old world fishing craft like the outrigger canoe and the catamaran bring seer, skipjack, herring and mullet, pomfret and amber jack, while lobsters and prawns are caught in the lagoon.

You can see the admirable sunsets at the Negombo beach. Also you can see fishermen pulling fishing nets to the shore, and catamarans returning in the evenings after fishing during the day.

The majority of the population is Catholic and Negombo is known as "Little Rome". There are many interesting remnants of Portuguese and Dutch visitors who ousted Moors and took possession of the Negombo coast.

Arthur C. Clarke, one of Sri Lanka's most celebrated residents, described it thus;

".....and always it is the same; the slender palm trees leaning over the white sand, the warm sun sparkling on the waves as they break on the inshore reef, the outrigger fishing boats drawn up high on the beach. This is alone real; the rest is but a dream from which I shall presently awake....."

Overnight in Negombo.

DAY 02

NEGOMBO

- OVERNIGHT IN NEGOMBO

Breakfast at hotel. Full day at leisure in the beautiful beaches of Negombo..

Overnight in Negombo.

DAY 03

NEGOMBO / ELEPHANT ORPHANAGE @ PINNAWELA / KANDYAN DANCE (CULTURAL SHOW) / KANDY

- OVERNIGHT IN KANDY

After breakfast proceed to Kandy via Elephant Orphanage at Pinnawela.

Elephants young and old are given sanctuary in a natural habitat at the government run Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage. Abandoned or injured baby elephants are reared here and are trained to eventually become working animals. Bottle feeding of the baby elephants, and bathing time in the river provide the best opportunities to admire the animals' close-up.

Lunch at Pinnawela (Optional). On conclusion continue to Kandy.

Kandy; Nestled in the foothills of the hill country at 1,600 feet elevation, on the banks of a lovely tree lined lake, The City of Kandy is the center of traditional Sri Lankan culture. Perhaps more than anywhere else in the island, this comfortably cool home to nearly 100,000 people represents the living past. A journey through spectacular scenery to this famous city of Sinhalese history, culture, religion and pageantry reaches the heart and soul of the country.

The sacred tooth of the Lord Buddha, symbolic sovereignty over the island, is preserved here in its own temple “Dalada Maligawa”. Traditions of Sinhalese Music & Dance, Arts & Crafts flourishes in this hill city.

Check-in at hotel. Leisure. Evening view a Kandyan Folkloric Dance performance. (Cultural Show).

Overnight in Kandy.



DAY 04

KANDY CITY TOUR / ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS @ PERADENIYA / KANDY - OVERNIGHT IN KANDY

After breakfast tour the City of Kandy including visits to the Art and Crafts Centre, Gem Museum and Lapidary and the world famous “*Temple of The Sacred Tooth Relic Of Lord Buddha*”.

Later visit the century old Royal Botanical Gardens at Peradeniya. The 60-hectare [147-acre] garden is the largest in Sri Lanka. Here you find a Spice Garden, a Herb Garden, an Orchid House, a Cactus House and a glass house of Anthuriums, Begonias, African Violets and other species. Enjoy the great variety of flowers, plants and mature trees, and make sure that you don’t miss the giant Javan fig tree which covers an impressive 1,600 sq meters.

The gardens were the setting for the South East Asia Command Headquarters during World War II, when Lord Mountbatten was in charge of operations.

Lunch at Peradeniya (Optional). Later return to hotel. Rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight in Kandy.

DAY 05

KANDY / HILL COUNTRY SIGHTSEEING & WATER FALLS / TEA PLANTATION & FACTORY / NUWARA ELIYA - OVERNIGHT IN NUWARA ELIYA

After breakfast proceed to Nuwara Eliya. *This beautiful town in the hills nestling below Pidurutalagala, Sri Lanka’s highest mountain offers beauty unlimited. It is easy to see why the early British settlers fell for it. The journey will take you through some of Sri Lanka’s beautiful scenic locations. Enjoy the drive through green carpeted areas of tea plantations, and beautiful waterfalls.*

View the beautiful “*Ramboda Falls*” at Ramboda.

Visit a Tea Plantation & Factory at “*Labukelle Estate*”, Labukelle. Witness how the famous “Ceylon Tea” is brewed. Taste a fresh cup of Ceylon Tea.

Arrive in Nuwara Eliya. Check-in at Hotel. Lunch (Optional). Leisure. Late afternoon sightseeing tour of Nuwara Eliya.

Overnight in Nuwara Eliya.



DAY 06

**NUWARA ELIYA / HORTON PLAINS - WORLD'S END & BAKER'S FALL (OPTIONAL) / NUWARA ELIYA
- OVERNIGHT IN NUWARA ELIYA**

After an early breakfast proceed to Horton Plains.

Horton Plains, a windswept plateau over 2000 meters (6500 feet) high, forbidding and awesome, interspersed with forest and Lanka's second and third highest mountains, "Pattipola" & "Totapola" *(2357 Metres / 7740 feet). This misty, silent grasslands streaked with icy rivulets, offer some excellent walks, the most famous being to "World's End".

Nature lovers will revel in this wide, Patna - grass covered plain, the haunt of many wild, yet harmless animals and home of many species of birds. Bridle path will take you to the precipice known as World's End. A sheer drop of 1050 meters. Lie on your stomach & peep over the ridge, the view when it is clear of mist, is magnificent. On your way back view the "Baker's fall", which is situated midway to the entrance.

Return to hotel for lunch (Optional). Rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight in Nuwara Eliya.

DAY 07

**NUWARA ELIYA / "RAVANA ELLA" WATERFALLS / TISSAMAHARAMA / YALA NATIONAL PARK / YALA
- OVERNIGHT IN YALA**

After breakfast proceed to Yala via Tissamaharama. The journey will take you through some of Sri Lanka's beautiful scenic locations. Enjoy the hill country of Sri Lanka set against beautiful backdrops of mountains, valleys, waterfalls and tea plantations.

En route visit "Ravana Ella" Waterfalls at Ella. The falls have been named after the legendary Hindu character *Ravana*, which is connected to the famous Indian epic, the *Ramayana*. According to legend, it is said that *Ravana* (who was the king of Sri Lanka at the time) had kidnapped princess *Sita*, and had hidden her in the caves behind this waterfall, now simply known as the "*Ravana Ella Cave*".

Arrive in Yala. Check-in at hotel. Lunch. (Optional).



After lunch visit "Yala National Park", host to herds of wild Elephant in a 4 wheel drive guided by an experienced and a professional tracker to watch the magnificent lords of the jungle in their natural habitats. This sanctuary covers an area of 1300 square kilometers, and is the largest national park in the country.

Overnight in Yala.

DAY 08

YALA / SALT PANS @ HAMBANTOTA / MIRISSA

- OVERNIGHT IN MIRISSA

After breakfast proceed to Galle via Hambantota, which is famous for its buffalo curd, claims to be the best in the country. Hambantota's other big industry is the ancient method of salt making, and you will see many evaporating salt pans by the roads in and out of town.

Arrive in beautiful beach resort at Mirissa popular for its pristine beaches, crystal clear waters, and whale watching !

Overnight in Mirissa.

DAY 09 / DAY 10 / DAY 11 / DAY 12

MIRISSA @ LEISURE

- OVERNIGHT IN MIRISSA

Breakfast at hotel. Full day at leisure in the beautiful beaches of Mirissa.

Overnight in Mirissa.



DAY 13

MIRISSA / STILT FISHERMEN @ WELIGAMA / SOUTHERN FORTRESS CITY; GALLE / COLOMBO CITY TOUR & SHOPPING / COLOMBO

- OVERNIGHT IN COLOMBO

After breakfast proceed to Galle.

En route view "Stilt Fishermen" at Weligama. Arrive in at "The Southern Fortress City; Galle". Sightseeing.

Galle, is the most important town in the Southern Province of Sri Lanka. It has an old world charm. Its natural harbor was a famous fort in days gone by. In 1505 a Portuguese fleet set sail to intercept Moorish vessel carrying cargoes of spice, but it was driven off course and landed at what was to become the gateway to the south.

Later proceed to Colombo; "The Capital" of Sri Lanka. Check-in at hotel. Leisure.

Colombo the spirited maritime capital, spread along the Indian Ocean for some nine miles, is where business and commerce begin and end in Sri Lanka. Most of the colonial remnants found in Colombo today are the legacy of the British. They drove the Dutch out in 1796, and held the upper hand here until Ceylon was granted its Independence in 1948.

Later time at your disposal for shopping etc. Visit some of the famous shopping arcades like "One Galle Face", "Colombo City Centre", "The Majestic City", "Liberty Plaza", "House of Fashions", "Odel" etc.

Overnight in Colombo.

DAY 14

COLOMBO / AIRPORT

- DEPARTURE

Breakfast at hotel. Later transfer to the Airport for the departure.