

10 Days Sri Lanka

Negombo-Jaffna-Trincomalee-Sigiriya-Dambulla-Kandy-Nuwara Eliya-Galle-Balapitiya-Colombo



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In the Indian ocean, south of India lies Sri Lanka. Perhaps the slightly less travelled roots of Southern Asia.

This idyllic Buddhist island resembles a place time forgot where cows roam the lands, ancient monuments and temples are to be found almost everywhere, and rugged landscapes is home to a wonderfully diverse range of animals, especially the elephants.

Great explorers were enticed by the lush greenery, the fragrant spices and its tropical lifestyle. Some wrote chapters about it, some wrote books, and some never left after falling in love with the island and its many hidden treasures. 2000 years of cultural history is recorded at ancient sites and temples some of which are now listed UNESCO World Heritage Sites. The recent past includes the rule of the Dutch and British over this sovereign island later gaining independence in 1948.

Today it's famous for its delicious tea, turquoise beaches, exotic wildlife, ancient monuments, and many more. An island so small, yet so unexpectedly diverse from every point of view.



EXPLORE

Sri Lanka is an out of this world tropical island which is blessed with an exciting piece of everything possible on earth. Escape to a paradise on earth where you can trot along the golden sands sipping a fresh king-coconut, safari through the lush jungle to see mighty elephants and elusive leopards and perfect your golf swing on a stunning green golf course.

This is an outdoor paradise somewhere to totally escape and fall completely off the grid. Buses, tuk-tuks and mopeds all noisily hurtling along the busy streets. Once known as Ceylon, Sri Lanka was a country that

Sri Lanka is a country whose Buddhist past is as prevalent today as it was thousands of years ago. So, with such a lengthy heritage there's a great array of temples, ancient monasteries and monuments to explore, both in the town and hidden away in the islands' dense forests.

Here you'll find local artists taking their inspiration from Sri Lanka's wildlife. Sri Lankan craftsmanship has a long and vibrant history. Over the centuries the islanders have produced everything from lace work, elaborate metal works & carvings in wood. Buddha's Hindu Gods, traditional Sri Lankan masks and elephants are among the most popular carvings.

The people in Sri Lanka are what makes this wonderful island what it is. The smiles, the ever-so-helpful attitude, the laid-back lifestyle and the rustic architecture all tastefully lingers in your mind every step of the way.

WEATHER & BEST TIME TO VISIT

The weather in Sri Lanka is dictated by two monsoon seasons which bring rain to the west and south-west coasts from May to September; and the east coast and northern region between October and February. The rest of the year is sunny and dry. Temperatures are constant year-round, with coastal regions enjoying average temperatures of 25-30C and the highlands 15-18C on average.

Sri Lanka is a year-round destination since there is something for every discerning traveler. From pilgrim experiences to adventure, culture, honeymoon, or even special interest experiences, there is something you can do in Sri Lanka anytime of the year. With recent weather pattern changes, it is hard to predict when it would rain and when the sun is out, however, making a note that Sri Lanka is a tropical destination and rain is to be expected anytime of the day, any time of the year; always helps.

Our recommended best time of the year to travel is between November to April. However, its best to keep in mind that this period is also quite expensive to travel as the European winters and the festive year end generally attracts a lot of travelers to Sri Lanka.

VISA

VISA can be obtained online via the government e-visa website – www.eta.gov.lk. If you are a citizen of Singapore, Maldives or Seychelles, you are exempt from the requirement of obtaining visa for 1 month. It could take up to 5 working days for a VISA to process depending on where you are from.

Day 01

Airport - Negombo

Arrive at Colombo International Airport. Here, you will be met by a designated chauffer guide from Esna Holidays. After the formalities at the airport you will be escorted to your air-conditioned vehicle and proceed to Negombo.

Check in to the hotel and relax

Day 02

Negombo - Jaffna

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

After breakfast at the hotel, you will proceed to Jaffna. En route visit Manavari Temple.

Manavari Temple Legend: Manavari is the first lingam installed and prayed by Lord Rama and till date this lingam is called as Ramalinga Shivan. Rameshwaram is the only other lingam in the world named after Lord Rama.

Visit Muneshwaram Legend: Lord Rama after his victorious battle left for Ayodhya in one of King Ravana's Vimanas. He felt he was being followed by Bramahathi Dosham as he killed King Ravana who was a Brahmin. He stopped the Vimana at this juncture because he felt at this place the "Bramahathi



Thirukoneshwaram, Thiruketheeswaram and Rameshwaram in India, as the only remedy to get rid of the Dosham.

Have Lunch at a Restaurant.

Then visit Jaffna Fort.

Jaffna Fort - Jaffna Fort is a fort built by the Portuguese at Jaffna, Sri Lanka in 1618 under Phillippe de Oliveira following the

fort in the country, due to the presence of only government and military buildings within its ramparts, it was garrisoned by a detachment of the Ceylon Army.

On completion check-in to the hotel and relax the rest of the day.

Day 03

Jaffna - Jaffna

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Today, after breakfast visit Nagapoosani Temple.

Nagapoosani Temple (Nainatheevu), Jaffna: The Nagapoosani Temple (Nainatheevu) is a must visit while Sightseeing in Jaffna. This ancient temple is resided by a 5 headed cobra. This shrine was constructed by the Nagas. The Nagapoosani Temple (Nainatheevu) in Jaffna was built to worship

Have Lunch at a Restaurant



Nallur Temple, In 948 A.D. Bhuvanekabhahu, the chief minister to Chola Kulangai Arya, built the Nallur Temple in Kurukkal Valavu in the town of Nallur for the first time to worship Lord Kumaran. However, in 1450, the General of Parakramabahu, Senbaha Perumal conquered Jaffna and demolished the temple. To make amends for his action he rebuilt the temple in 1457 in Muthirai Chanthai. When Jaffna was invaded by the Portuguese the temple underwent demolition. Later it was built for the third time in Muthirai Chanthai. When Jaffna was under the rule of the Dutch, the **Nallur**

Temple, and Jaffna was built in the original site that is in Kurukkal Valavu by Krishna Subbiah and Ragunatha Mapana Muthaliyar.

Keerimalai Naguleswaram Temple which is also known as Keerimalai Naguleswaram Kovil is dedicated to main deity in Shaivism namely Lord Siva. This temple is one of the five ancient Sivan temples in Sri Lankais situated close to the well-known mineral water spring called Keerimalai springs which believed to have healing power. This temple has a bitter history of Portuguese occupation in Sri Lanka. Transfer to Hotel.

On completion return to hotel and relax the rest of the day.

Day 04

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Jaffna - Trincomalee

After breakfast, you will check out the hotel and proceed to Trincomalee.

the Temple of the Thousand Pillars and Thiru-Konamamalai Maccakeswaram Kovil) is a Hindu temple in Trincomalee, Eastern Province, Sri Lanka venerated by Saivites throughout the continent. It is built atop Swami Rock, a rocky promontory cape overlooking Trincomalee, a classical period harbour port town. Visit Shankari Temple The famed SHANKARI Temple, in Sri Lanka, is one of the 18 Devi Temples (Ashta Dasha Shakti Peethas). Many have heard

the Ashtadasha Shakti Peetha Shloka starting with LANKAAYAAM SHAANKARI DEVI.composed by Sri Adi Shankara which means Shankari in Lanka. This Shloka enumerates the list of places of Devi temples which are considered to be part of the 18 Devi Peethas.

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Thereafter visit Kanniya Hot Springs.

The Kanniya Hot Springs is a site with hot wells located in Trincomalee, Sri Lanka. There are seven wells in a square shape. Wells are only 3–4 feet deep and you can clearly see the bottom. The temperature is considerably high but vary slightly from one spring to another. Wells run out of water, when 10-15 buckets of water are taken out.

On completion check-in to the hotel and relax the rest of the day.

Day 05

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

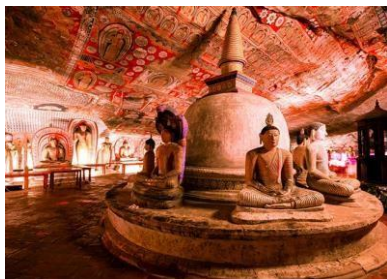
Trincomalee – Sigiriya - Dambulla

Today after breakfast you will proceed to Dambulla. En route Photo Stop at Sigiriya Rock Fortress.

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Sigiriya Rock Fortress: Called by many names including "The Lion Rock" for its initial name of "Sinhagiri", Sigiriya is near the town of Dambulla and is a colossal column of rock nearly 200m high. It was a royal citadel for 18 years (477-495) when it was fortified by King Kasyapa. The architectural and irrigational technologies of Sigiriya, such as the Water Gardens, still baffle engineers. The climb up steep steps of metal with railings passes a wall decorated with frescoes of bare-breasted women. Art experts consider them unique.

The visit Dambulla Cave Temple



Buddha, many paintings on the ceilings and walls that emphasize the artistic talent of ancient days. The history of the caves, rock and temple dates from the 1st century BC. The fascination of these caves is not only the statues but also the many intricate and delicate paintings that cover the ceiling and walls, created with indigenous traditional paints. Because of the history, archaeological and artistic implications, the premises were declared as one of the UNESCO World Heritage sites in 1991.

The temple has been in use for over 22 centuries and still holds a sense of benevolence and spirituality.

On completion check into the Hotel and Relax.

Day 06

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Dambulla – Kandy

Today after breakfast you will proceed to Kandy via Matale. En route visit the Spice Garden.

peppercorn, and other flavorful delights. Learn about the process of growing these natural products using ecologically friendly methods. At the end of your visit, stop in the souvenir shop to purchase some exotic spices from the source. The attraction offers free transport wherever needed between the city and the estate. Note that the law strictly forbids harming

cinnamon trees.

Have Lunch at a Restaurant.

On completion to Kandy visit The Sacred Temple of The Tooth Relic.

The Temple of the Sacred Tooth (Sri Dalada Maligawa) was originally built by the Kandyan Kings in 1595, to house and honor the sacred tooth relic of the Buddha. Attracting crowds of white-clad pilgrims bearing lotus flowers for means of worship, the Maligawa features a myriad of intricate carvings that speak volumes of the architectural values of Kandy. Today the City of Kandy is a UNESCO World Heritage Site in part because of the Temple of the tooth relic.

Later evening you will see a unique cultural dance act. The Kandy Cultural Show gives an opportunity to experience some of the traditions of Sri Lanka. Enjoy this hour-long extravaganza as some of the most popular art forms of the island take to the stage. Be wowed by fire dancers and sword dancers. Watch the colorful Kandyan dancers take to the air to the thrumming primal beat of the drums.

On completion check into the hotel and relax

Day 07

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Kandy – Nuwara Eliya

Today, after breakfast you will proceed to Nuwara Eliya. En route visit Sri Bhaktha Hanuman Temple.

Sri Bhaktha Hanuman Temple: According to the legend, this is where Hanuman searched for Sita in the jungles above and behind the temple. There is also said to be a pond - the 'Sita Tear Pond' - here, which was formed from Sita's tears. The temple itself is one of the more enterprising establishments devoted to this legend and contains a granite statue of Lord Hanuman that is said to be over 40 feet tall. It is believed that Lord Hanuman was searching for Sitadevi from

Then visit Ramboda Falls

Ramboda Falls is 109 m (358 ft) high and 11th highest waterfall in Sri Lanka and 729th highest waterfall in the world.

Have Lunch at a Restaurant



occasionally of the various specialties of that factory.

Learn about the Productions of Tea in Sri Lanka: The production of tea involves a tedious procedure of plucking, withering, rolling, oxidizing and drying – a process that requires heavy machines and plenty of manpower. Once in the tea factory, you would generally start out in the plantation itself to learn about how tea is cultivated, then visit the factory where ancient machines pre-dating the industrial revolution wither, roll and dry the tea. There is normally a little time at the end of the tour for a tea tasting, either of one specific type of tea or

Explore the city of Nuwara Eliya. Visit the highland city that was the premium holiday resort town of the British in the 19th and early 20th centuries. Enjoy walking through the streets with their

a memory in the old red-bricked post office as you purchase a postcard to take home or send to your friends. Relax at Queen Victoria Park or on the shores of Lake Gregory.

Thereafter, Check-in to the hotel and relax the rest of the day.

Day 08

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Nuwara Eliya – Galle

Today, after breakfast, check out the hotel and proceed to Galle via Ella. En route visit Seetha Amman Temple.



hanuman transforming himself into any size.

On completion to Galle, visit The Galle Dutch Fort.

Seetha Amman temple the stream that runs from the hill, catered to the needs of Sitadevi during her stay at Ashok Vatika. She is said to have bathed in this stream. About a century ago of three idols was discovered in the stream, one of which was that of Sita. It is believed that the idols have been worshipped at this spot for centuries. Now there is temple for Lord Rama, Sitadevi, Luxshmana, and Hanuman by the side of this stream. It is interesting to note that footprints akin to Lord Hanuman's are found by this river and some are of small size and some are of large size, which tells us of the immense powers of



breeze and endless blue waters.

Galle is a historical jewel to Sri Lanka wonderful to explore on foot. Among the endlessly exotic old trading port blessed with imposing Dutch-colonial buildings, ancient mosques and churches, grand mansions and museums the ancient Dutch fort which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site attracts the hearts of tourists. Stroll around the ancient city where you will find a gourmet of fancy restaurants and coffee shop to chill and relax. The beach side is surely a bliss which will make you want to lock yourself up in this sun kissed island and indulge in the sea



Thereafter, Check-in the hotel and relax in Bentota

Then visit one of the most iconic scenes you're bound to see in Sri Lanka is stilt fishing. An old tradition around Sri Lanka, stilt fishing had disappeared after the devastating tsunami that hit the country and other parts of the Indian Ocean, but soon the people returned to their customs,

Day 09

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Galle - Balapitiya – Colombo

Today after breakfast you go for Boat Ride and Witness some Beautiful Turtles.

Madu River Ride - Enjoy a scenic cruise along the Madu River, a

islets forested with mangroves and can appreciate the timeless natural rhythms of rural life. You cruise in canopies, outboard motors powered boats, en route take in the view of a 200-year-old temple and watch the locals cultivating cinnamon. You may also see traditional fishing techniques in action and can view demonstrations of coir manufacture and rope making. You can also see 46 species of birds reside in the area including 14 aquatic

varieties. You will also spot huge water lilies and colorful butterflies

Have Lunch at a Restaurant

Turtle Hatchery - Sri Lanka has a couple of places on the island

turtle hatchery -where turtle eggs are being hatched and small and

On completion Proceed to Colombo, check into the Hotel & Relax.

Day 10

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Colombo – Airport

Today after breakfast check-out the hotel, go for a city tour and for some shopping in Colombo

The city tour of Colombo a drive through the city taking you to the busy commercial areas as well as the tree lined residential, Cinnamon Gardens, Visit Fort, the former British administrative centre and military garrison, Sea Street - the Goldsmiths quarters in the heart of Pettah, the Bazaar area, where is also a Hindu Temple with elaborate stone carvings, and the Dutch Church of Wolfendhal dating back to 1749. Also visit the BMICH, see the

Have Lunch at a Restaurant

Thereafter do some shopping in Colombo.



Colombo Shopping - The 5-hectare ribbon of beach stripe, the Galle face green is now the largest open space in Colombo that attracts hundreds of tourists and locals alike. Cotton Collection, House of Fashion and Odel, the largest departmental store in the island offers you stylish clothes to cute souvenirs with elegant Sri Lankan touch, also Beverly Street, visit bargain market in Colombo Pettah.

Have Dinner at a Restaurant

After dinner drive to the Airport for your departure flight back home with all the memories you had in this beautiful island

Tour Ends...

Hotels

Location	Hotels	No of Nights
Negombo	The Covanco	1 Night
Jaffna	Valampuri	2 Nights
Trincomalee	Skandig Beach Resort	1 Night
Dambulla	Sigiriana Resort & Spa	1 Night
Kandy	Hotel Topaz	1 Night
Nuwara Eliya	Alpine Hotel	1 Night
Ahangama	Garton's Cape	1 Night
Colombo	Hotel Sapphire	1 Night

2 Pax	4 Pax	6 Pax	8 Pax	Single Supplement	
USD 822	USD 716	USD 672	USD 631	USD 270	

Tour Includes

- Accommodation in hotels specified or similar.
- Meals on Full Board Basis.
- Transportation in **PRIVATE A/C Vehicle** as specified
- Service of English-Speaking Chauffer or National Guide.
- Entrance fees to Kandy Temple Tooth Relic, Dambulla Cave Temple, Stilt Fishing, Madu River Boat Safari & Turtle Hatchery.
- All the government taxes.

Tour Excludes

- International Flights & VISA (Visit www.eta.gov.lk for VISA)
- Tips and Porterage.
- Any and all beverages.
- Camera & Video Permit Charges if applicable.
- Any other expense not mentioned in the includes section.

Complimentary

- 1 Liter Bottle of Water Per Person Per Day.

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