



## Absolute Sri Lanka Tour - 11 Days (#19769)

**Note:** Price printed on this PDF is valid until **13-01-2025** and is subject to change without notice due to Partner changes and currency fluctuations

### Overview

Sri Lanka.

Located in the Indian Ocean and popularly known as ‘the pearl of Indian ocean’ and ‘the wonder of Asia’, this small yet beautiful island named Sri Lanka has been declared by the National Geographic Channel as the second best place to visit in the world. Sri Lanka is one of the 34 biodiversity hotspots identified in the world possessing a high level of biodiversity and wildlife resources and contains six archaeological and two ecological world heritage sites. With its varied landscapes, tropical climate, vast stretches of golden sandy beaches, amazing wildlife, diverse ethnicity and unique culture, it is no wonder

Marco Polo claimed Sri Lanka to be the “best island of its size in the world”. Explore this magical land with our various Sri Lanka Tour packages.

### Trip Highlights

Wattala-Bentota-Yala / Tissamaharama-Nuwara Eliya-Kandy-Trincomalee-Sigiriya



## Detailed Itinerary

### Day 01

### Day 1 | Airport - Colombo (Wattala) (Travel Time - Approx. 30 Mnts / 30 kms)

A warm welcome awaits you at the arrival lounge of the Bandaranaike International Airport (BIA), Katunayake. Your designated guide will welcome you and transfer to Wattala

Arrive at the hotel, Check-In

Lunch at the hotel

Afternoon at leisure.

Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.

**Meal:** Lunch

### Day 02

### Day 02 | Colombo (Wattala) - Beach (Down South ) (Travel Time - Approx. 2 hr / 100 kms)

After breakfast leave for Down South (Kalutara / Bentota) Enroute set on a sightseeing tour in Commercial Capital, Colombo. The commercial capital of Sri Lanka. Tour of the colourful city walk takes you from its noisy bazaar to fashionable residential area passing places where grand colonial era buildings stand alongside modern office structure. The diversity of religion and ethnicity of the people in this city becomes very evident.

Arrive and check-In to the hotel.

Lunch at the hotel.

Afternoon at leisure.

Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner



**Day 03****Day 03 | Beach (Down South ) - Yala / Tissamaharama (Travel Time – Approx. 5 hrs | 240 kms)**

After early breakfast at around 08 am leave for Yala / Tissamaharama Enroute set on a sightseeing tour of the Galle Fort and ramparts enclosing a perfectly preserved old heritage town. A walk round the ramparts and bastions is the customary method of appreciating the magnificence of its structure, and of gaining a perspective of the town it encloses. Using a little imagination, this fort, a testament in stone, can yield up a corridor into the past, a journey down which later, sample the narrow, busy streets that reveal much about the life of the inhabitants. Admire the Dutch houses, the Dutch Reformed Church and the restored Dutch gate woke images of earlier times..

Lunch at the local restaurant.

Arrive, check into the hotel.

Afternoon set on a jeep safari at the Yala National Park. The Yala National Park is situated in the South East of Sri Lanka and offers wildlife enthusiasts an approach of life time to see wild boar, deer, leopards, crocodiles, monkeys in their national surroundings.

Return to the hotel for dinner & overnight stay.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

**Day 04****Day 04 | Yala / Tissamaharama - Nuwara Eliya (Travel Time – Approx. 5 hrs | 185 kms)**

After breakfast leave for Ella.

Ella where you could witness the beautiful sceneries from Ella Gap and the picturesque waterfalls.

Then board the train from the Ella Railway Station and proceed on a picturesque ride to Nuwara Eliya. A train journey is truly a rare experience and an adventure in itself! Apart from the breathtaking scenery of the tea country and picturesque waterfalls, it is a chance for you to mingle with the local people. \*\* Train ride - only on seats availability \*\* Arrive at the Nanu Oya Railway station and be met by your chauffeur guide and proceed to to Nuwara Eliya.

Enroute lunch at a local restaurant.

Arrive, Check-in to the hotel & Relax.

Dinner & overnight stay in Nuwara Eliya.



**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

**Day 05****Day 05 | Nuwara Eliya - Kandy (Travel Time – Approx. 21?2 hrs | 80 kms)**

After breakfast sightseeing tour Nuwara Eliya. Also visit a tea plantation and a factory. Here you will enjoy the absolute tea experience, taking you from the moment the young tea leaves are plucked from the plantation to being processed in the factory to make a steamy cup of tea.

Thereafter, leave for Kandy. Enroute lunch at a local restaurant.

Arrive and check-in to the hotel.

Afternoon, embark on a sightseeing tour in the city of Kandy. Kandy was the hill capital from 1514 to 1815 AD. Originally known as Senkadagala, the city eventually came to be known as Kandy. Kandy was declared as a UNESCO heritage site in 1988. The style and character of the Sri Lankan civilization at the time are well articulated in the heart of the city itself, with its lake, the temples, including the Temple of the Tooth Relic, and the well preserved ruins of the royal palaces.

Late afternoon, visit the Temple of the Tooth Relic of the Buddha, the founder of Buddhism. The sacred relic was brought to Sri Lanka in the 4th century A.D. The sacred relic has ever since been the symbol of sovereignty for its ruler and is always enshrined in great splendour.

Return to the hotel for dinner & overnight.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

**Day 06****Day 06 | Kandy - Trincomalee (Travel Time – Approx. 4 1?2 hour | 180 kms)**

After breakfast leave for Trincomalee.

Enroute visit a Spice Garden in Matale, experience an Ayurvedic massage at the spice garden (05-10 minutes). Enjoy typical Sri Lankan rice and curry lunch at the spice garden.

Continue to Sigiriya visiting Dambulla Cave Temple enroute, the magnificent rock temple in Dambulla, a world heritage site built in the first century BC. It is recognized to be the largest cave sanctuary in the world with its 2000 m2 of walls and ceilings painted with more than 150 Buddha images, the largest of which is engraved in the rock and reaches 14 meters.

Continue to Trincomalee.



En-route lunch at a local restaurant.

Arrive and check-in to the hotel.

Dinner & overnight stay at Trincomalee.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

### Day 07

### Day 07 | Trincomalee

Breakfast and lunch at the hotel.

Afternoon, proceed on a sightseeing tour of Trincomalee.

Trincomalee is a port city on the northeast coast of Sri Lanka. Set on a peninsula, Fort Frederick was built by the Portuguese in the 17th century. Within its grounds, the grand Koneswaram Temple stands on Swami Rock cliff, a popular vantage point for blue-whale watching. The holy complex contains ornate shrines and a massive statue of Shiva. Nearby Gokanna Temple has panoramic views over the city and the coastline.

Dinner and an overnight stay at the hotel.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

### Day 08

### Day 08 | Trincomalee - Sigiriya (Travel Time – Approx. 2 hour | 100 kms)

After breakfast leave for Sigiriya.

Arrive and check-in to the hotel.

Lunch at the hotel.

Afternoon, climb the Sigiriya Rock Fortress (Lion's Rock), one of the most extraordinary artistic complexes of its time (477–498 AD). This magnificent citadel, declared as a UNESCO heritage site in 1982, allures artistic and architectural curiosity from around the globe.

Arrive and check-in to the hotel.

Dinner & overnight stay at Sigiriya.



**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

**Day 09****Day 09 | Sigiriya - Polonnaruwa (Travel Time – Approx. 1 hour | 60 kms)**

After early breakfast walk through Augandawa Village, visit the local temple, and evoke blessings from the Buddhist monk. Pass through the village, paddy fields and Chena cultivation, and stop by a small wayside tea shop to quench your thirst with a local tea or a king coconut.

Return to the hotel for lunch at the hotel.

Afternoon proceed to Polonnaruwa and set on a sightseeing tour of Polonnaruwa (UNESCO) (Optional: By Cycle). - the Medieval Kingdom from the 11th to the 13th century. Ethnic harmony prevailed between the Sinhalese and the Tamils during this period. Buddhist and Hindu Temples located in the same complex and many other ruins symbolizes this fact. The Palaces, Huge granite sculptures and the massive tanks and complex irrigation systems built by the Great Kings conveys the extent of development that existed in this middle history period.

Return to the hotel for dinner & overnight stay.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

**Day 10****Day 10 | Sigiriya - Minneriya (Travel Time – Approx. 45 Mnts | 35 kms)**

Proceed to Pidurangala early in the morning and climb to the top of the rock to view sunrise.

Discover one of Sri Lanka's most talked about places of interest; Pidurangala. Located in close proximity to the Sigiriya Rock Fortress, Pidurangala has a proud ancient heritage which is often overlooked by many who visit. From the rich history to the adventurous climb and glorious views at the peak, you'll find all that you need to know right here.

Return to the hotel for breakfast.

Lunch at the hotel.

In the afternoon, set on an exclusive jeep safari at the Minneriya National Park to witness the unique phenomenon of elephant gathering. During the dry season, from June to September, hundreds of elephants gather around the Minneriya Tank for water. Such a large number of elephants could not be sighted in one place, anywhere else in the world! \*\*Depending on the elephant migration patterns, the safari will be done in Minneriy or Kaudualla or Eco Park\*\*



Return to hotel for dinner & overnight stay.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

## Day 11

**Day 11 | Sigiriya - Airport (Travel Time – Approx. 3 1/2 hrs | 155 Kms)**

Breakfast at the hotel

Lunch at the hotel or at a local restaurant (depending on your departure flight time), thereafter, leave for the airport for your departure flight.

It is advisable to be at the airport 3 hours prior to your flight. Your transfer to the airport will be arranged as per your departure flight information.

~~~~~ End of Tour ~~~~~

**Meal:** Breakfast and Lunch

## Inclusions

Accommodation sharing Double / Twin room.

Meals on Full Board Basis commencing with lunch on Day 1 and ending with lunch on Day 11.

Transport in a private airconditioned vehicle with an English speaking chauffeur guide / English Speaking National Guide.

Entrance fees at places (including Jeep hire for Safaris) of sightseeing as per the program.

Daily supply of mineral water (500 ml) 1 bottle per person per day (during excursions / sightseeing).

Meet and Greet services at the Airport.

Arrival and departure transfers from / to airport.

Government Taxes.

## Exclusions

Extras of a personal nature such as liquor, tips, laundry etc.

Dinner on arrival day at Colombo.

Lunch during the tour.

Early Check-In and Late Check Out.

Airfare, Visa & Travel Insurance.



Services not included in "Price Includes".

## Note

### Hotels Used Or Similar (4 star)

Wattala - Pegasus Reef or similar

Bentota - Tangerine Beach Hotel or similar

Yala / Tissamaharama - Cinnamon Wild or similar

Nuwara Eliya - The Blackpool or similar

Kandy - Amaya Hills or similar

Trincomalee - Trinco Blu by Cinnamon or similar

Sigiriya - Sigiriya Jungles or similar

### Kindly Note

The standard check-in time is 14:00 - 15:00 hrs. The standard check-out time is 11:00 - 12:00 hrs.

Every month we celebrate Poya Holiday which is the Full Moon day. On this day, no alcohol will be sold or can be purchased. It is not a good day for shopping as most shops are closed.

The above mentioned hotels will be confirmed on availability at the time of booking. In the event of unavailability of rooms a suitable alternative will be suggested prior to confirmation.

The Travel Time & Distance mentioned are approximate time and distance from point A to B. This is not considering the enroute stops, traffic & weather conditions.

### GENERAL INFO

-Sri Lanka is a humid tropical country. Therefore, lite cotton clothing is suitable.

-Bring Sun protection lotion, sun glasses, sneakers, slippers and casual/leisure clothing, mosquito replants, and of course a camera.

-Be modestly dressed. Specially at Buddhist and Hindu Temples, cover your shoulders and legs up to ankle length. Refrain from wearing skinnies or revealing cloths. Remove your head gear and shoes when entering a religious or a place of worship.

-Hill Country (Nuwaraeliya, Haputale, etc.) is supposed to be the coolest places in the Island, but it is really just like an English spring day, although the temperature does drop at night. Please bring appropriate clothes.

-Train Tickets are issued by the railway on manual basis exactly one month before the traveling date therefore train journey is strictly on availability.

-Kandy Perahera will be taking place during the months of July OR August every year. The dates will vary each year according to the Poya Days and the dates will be announced 03-04months prior to the event date. The Kandy hotels will add an extra supplement during this period and we will notify this to you separately once the dates are announced by the Temple of the Tooth. The general quotes offered does not include this supplement.





Kandy Perahera Seats/ Tickets are not included in the above cost and should be purchased separately.

-A good level of fitness and mobility is required, as this tour includes a moderate level of physical activity and is considered a medium-fast paced tour. You should be able to walk up and down stairs, get on and off the coach and able to walk reasonable distances of approximately 2 kilometres per day or more with ease. Any physical ailments you may have must be disclosed at the time of booking to determine your suitability. If you have any form of walking aids, other than a walking stick or hiking poles, then this tour is not suitable.

-Yala National Park will be closed for routine maintenance in September/October. The exact dates will be known to us only 1 1/2 months before. During this time Udawalawe National Park Or Yala NP (Block & 5) could be used.

We have based our quote using 4 star hotels or similar in case, clients are looking for a cheaper option we can offer 3 star hotels on request.

#### **Low Season Reduction**

01.05.2025 - 30.06.2025 | 01.09.2025 - 31.10.2025 - AUD 53 p.p.

#### **High Season Supplement**

20.12.2024 - 10.01.2025 - AUD 367 p.p.

11.01.2025 - 14.03.2025 - AUD 307 p.p.

01.07.2025 - 31.08.2025 - AUD 433 p.p.

01.11.2024 - 19.12.2024 - AUD 147 p.p.

## **Program Touring / Guide**

Private touring

## **Periodic Departure**



**15 Mar, 2025 to 30 Apr, 2025**

2-3 pax

AUD 2,640 P P twin share

AUD 3,740 P P single

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4-5 pax

AUD 2,487 P P twin share

AUD 3,587 P P single

AVAILABLE

6 plus

AUD 2,344 P P twin share

AUD 3,444 P P single

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