

# NEGOMBO ● SIGIRIYA ● ELLA

# The Offer

Take an extraordinary 15-day adventure to uncover the enchanting treasures of exotic Sri Lanka on a small group tour. Get ready to don your safari hat and immerse yourself in the enchanting landscapes of this Asian gem as you traverse lush jungles, explore ancient temples and more.

Your adventure begins in coastal Negombo where you'll enjoy a leisurely boat ride along the historic Dutch Canal, marvelling at the beauty of mangrove forests and traditional fishing villages. Journey north to Wilpattu to camp in one of Sri Lanka's oldest and most renowned national parks, known for its rich biodiversity and breathtaking landscapes. This is a prime location to spot elusive leopards as well as the endangered Sri Lankan junglefowl, elephants, sloth bears and more. Continue your exploration to Sigiriya, home to the UNESCO-listed Lion's Rock Fortress which is often referred to as the eighth wonder of the world by locals. You'll then explore Dambulla where the magnificent Dambulla Rock Cave Temple awaits, an architectural marvel featuring five cave temples and 150 Buddha statues. Take a guided city tour of Kandy before immersing yourself in the

stunning tea plantations of Nuwara Eliya, perfect for delving into the area's rich heritage and savouring a cup of aromatic tea at a Ceylon Tea Factory.

Experience the wonders of the UNESCO-listed Horton Plains, paradise for trekkers and eco-tourism enthusiasts, before hiking the 9-kilometre Bakers Falls trail and enjoying a sightseeing tour of Nuwara Eliya. Afterwards, you'll be dropped at Nanu Oya Railway Station for a scenic train ride to Ella, offering ideal photo opportunities of mist-covered mountains and local life. Take an easy hike up Little Adam's Peak, passing through lush green tea plantations and paddy fields, before heading to Belihuloya to walk the Kinchigune nature trail. Along the way you'll learn about the local agricultural systems and simple country life from nearby villages. Finally you'll return to Colombo for a sightseeing tour of Buddhist temples, the Prime Minister's Office, the famous Pettah bazaar and more.

Create cherished memories with return international fullservice flights, 13 nights of accommodation, 21 delicious meals and more.

Want more? Add extra days to your itinerary with Arrive Early and Stay Behind in Colombo, Sri Lanka packages.

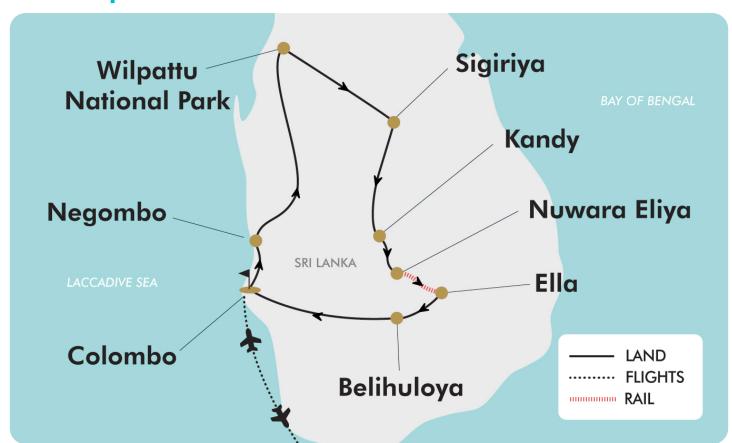
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# The Map



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# The Itinerary

### Day 1 Australia (or New Zealand) - Negombo, Sri Lanka

Today you'll depart for Negombo (Colombo), Sri Lanka. Upon arrival, you'll be met by a tour representative and transferred to your hotel in the nearby beach town of Negombo.

Overnight: Regenta Arie Lagoon, Negombo or similar Meals included: In-Flight

### Day 2 Negombo

After breakfast, enjoy a boat ride through the Dutch Canals in Negombo. These canals are created right amid the city's lagoon, doubling as one of the most picturesque landmarks of Negombo. This attraction is a must-see for history buffs as the canal was a creation of the Portuguese, after which the Dutch made some modifications. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy at leisure.

Overnight: Regenta Arie Lagoon, Negombo or similar Meals included: Breakfast

### Day 3 Negombo – Wilpattu

After breakfast at the hotel, you will travel north to Wilpattu where you'll check into Big Game Camping to tent in one of Sri Lanka's oldest national parks that's famous for its vast number of Sri Lankan Leopards. This afternoon, enjoy a wildlife safari through the national park. Apart from big cats and precious flora, the park is well known for its healthy population of elephants, sloth bears, spotted deer, mongoose and water buffalo. Don't be surprised if you hear the squeal of a wild boar pierce your ears as Wilpattu National Park is well known for its close-quarters action so you might be presented with the thrill of the hunt.

Overnight: Big Game Camping, Wilpattu Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

#### Day 4 Wilpattu Free Day

After breakfast at the hotel, today is either yours to enjoy at leisure or you can take an exciting optional safari through Wilpattu National Park (not included).

Optional Activity: National Park Safari

Led by experienced guides, this safari unveils the park's diverse ecosystems, majestic landscapes and incredible biodiversity. Witness untamed beauty as you search for wildlife in their natural habitat including elusive leopards, elephants and a myriad of bird species.

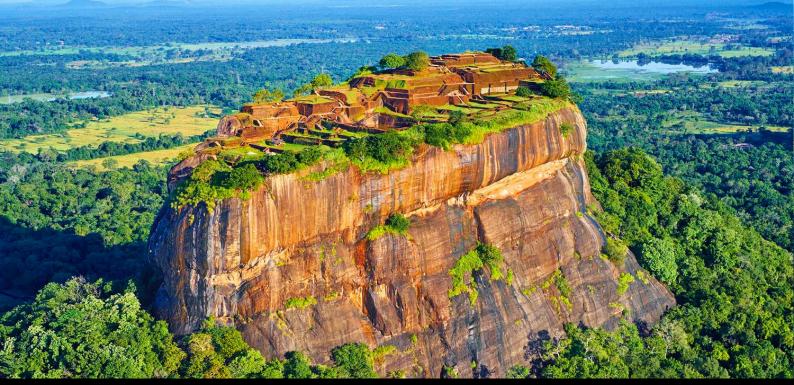
Overnight: Big Game Camping, Wilpattu Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

#### Day 5 Wilpattu - Sigiriya

After breakfast at the hotel, it's time to travel to Sigiriya where you will visit the ancient Lion's Rock Fortress of Sigiriya in the heart of Sri Lanka. The 5th-century rock citadel of King Kasyapa isn't just a testament to ancient Sri Lankan engineering and urban planning prowess, it's a true masterpiece of art and culture. As you step through the colossal 'Lion Paws' which gaze upon the meticulously designed royal gardens below, you will be transported back in time to an era of ancient wonders. This UNESCO-listed rock fortress, encircled by imposing ramparts and moats, is often likened to the mythical 'City of Gods'.

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One of the most captivating features of Sigiriya is its stunning frescoes, reminiscent of the Gupta-style paintings found in the famous Ajanta caves of India. These ancient artworks adorn the rock's surface, offering a glimpse into the artistic brilliance of the past. Wander into the museum downstairs for an insight into how the citadel floated above citizens and learn about the advanced ponds and irrigation that pumped water right onto its summit through an ingenious hydraulic system.

#### Please note:

- Make sure to carry a bottle of water and a face towel to keep yourself refreshed in the tropical heat.
- While the frescoes are a sight to behold, refrain from taking pictures as it is considered a punishable offence in accordance with the rules set by the archaeological department.

Overnight: Tropical Life Resort & Spa or similar Meals included: Breakfast

### Day 6 Sigiriya Free Day

Today is yours to enjoy at leisure or you can choose to join the following optional tours.

Optional Activity: Polonnaruwa City Tour

Rising with the decline of Anuradhapura, the city of Polonnaruwa remains superior proof of ancient culture and heritage blended with religious beliefs. Walk among the scattered walls of this UNESCO World Heritage Site which is dotted with stupas, resting Buddha statues, irrigation canals and carved Hindu sculptures. As you stroll the mediaeval capital and crown jewel of King Parakramabahu I, take a moment to observe the relic house

of Vatadage which boasts impressive stone carvings. Look closely, and you will notice a subtle Hindu influence on the architecture and statues found in Polonnaruwa.

Optional Activity: Minneriya National Park Jeep Safari

Experience an afternoon safari at Minneriya National Park which is set to be a serious rumble in the jungle. Spread over 8,800 hectares, it's a sanctuary for elephants as well as being home to herds of deer and ample birdlife. The jeep will park on the bank of the reservoir and switch off its engine so you'll have the opportunity to see herds of elephants roll onto the grass-covered banks to feed on tender shoots. This is the largest elephant gathering in the world (over 300 at a time) so it's an absolute must-do for wildlife enthusiasts.

Please note: If Minneriya National Park is flooded during the rainy season, you will visit Kaudulla or Eco National Parks as alternative options.

Overnight: Tropical Life Resort & Spa or similar

Meals included: Breakfast





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### Day 7 Sigiriya - Dambulla - Kandy

After breakfast at the hotel, you'll proceed to Dambulla to visit the famed Dambulla Rock Temple. In the city of Dambulla lies a hub that has been treasured by many kings since the 1st century B.C. Today, an icon in the face of Sri Lanka, Dambulla Rock Temple houses some of the most unique drawings in magnificently constructed five cave temples flanking the golden temple of Dambulla. Observe how exquisite cave paintings along the walls shelter 150 statues of Lord Buddha and take a moment to look straight up at the gigantic Buddha statue glittering in gold, an important junction in the country's economic and cultural uplifting.

Afterwards, you'll travel to the hill city of Kandy and check into the hotel. As evening falls, you'll enjoy a tour of Kandy City. Last ruled by King Sri Wickrama Rajasinghe before it was brought under British rule in 1815, Kandy is the royal capital of Sri Lankan kings and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site that celebrates its culture, history and heritage. As you stroll across this small lakeside town to the Kandy City Centre, you'll find world-class brands, a bazaar, an arts & crafts centre, a gem museum and a lapidary. Make sure to take in the dazzling colours as you glide through fresh fruits and vegetables in the Kandy market.

Overnight: Skyloft Hotel, Kandy or similar Meals included: Breakfast

#### Day 8 Kandy - Nuwara Eliya

After breakfast, you'll depart for Nuwara Eliya which is Sri Lanka's highest town and the heart of the country's most beautiful region. In the southern hill country, Nuwara Eliya sits beneath the towering Pidurutalagala mountain in a bowl of verdant, tea-covered hills. Although the region was once occupied by the Kandyan kingdom, the town itself is of British creation as it was established in the mid-19th century as a retreat by Sir Edward Barnes.

Upon arrival in the afternoon, take a tour of a local tea plantation and learn about the tea production process of the prestigious Ceylon Tea brand. As you observe the hissing and swishing of machines, inhale the heavenly scent arising from these facilities and make sure to end your tour in style over a perfectly blended cup of pure Ceylon tea. Afterwards, enjoy time to explore the plantation at leisure before continuing onwards to enjoy some free time in Nuwara Eliya or an optional tour of the Moon Plains.

#### Optional Activity: Trek Moon Plains

The Moon Plains used to be a part of a catchment area as a 400-metre-long and 30-metre-deep valley until the late 1990s. The scenery is so beautiful that you feel like you are in a different world. Expect a surreal experience as you explore the lunar-like terrain, surrounded by the beauty of Sri Lanka's diverse and picturesque natural scenery.

Overnight: Hill Club, Nuwara Eliya or similar Meals included: Breakfast

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#### Day 9 Nuwara Eliya - Horton Plains

Today you'll take a packed breakfast from the hotel and proceed to visit Horton Plains. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is a trekker's paradise and eco-tourism hideout in the heart of the isle. Painted with unending stretches of green pastures, it marks one of the healthiest wet montane evergreen forests in Sri Lanka. With an altitude above 2000 metres, the plateau sweeps to a robust 3169 hectares, sheltering flora and fauna varieties that may be found nowhere else on Earth. As the tributary of Belihuloya, Bakers Falls, thunders down rocks, you'll head along the 9-kilometre trekking path across frost-covered grass to feel the icy-cold wind against your face. You may even gaze down World's End, a head-spinning 1,100-metre drop towards the southern end or drive carefully through herds of sambar deer, shy to human touch and birdlife chirping across the plains. If you're cautious enough you may be greeted by the sights of a grunting wild boar, a pouncing fishing cat, otters or even the Sri Lankan Leopard!

Afterwards, you'll return to the hotel where you'll be collected in the afternoon to commence sightseeing in Nuwara Eliya. Get your camera ready as you wind down misty steep roads that twist through lush green blankets of tea bushes in a cool climate. Augmented by an English countryside atmosphere, the city of light is studded with colonial bungalows, hedgerows and 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. Enjoy driving through the green valleys of the hill country that are pierced by endless waterfalls

and dotted by tea pluckers draped in bright-coloured saris, or rent a bike for a gentle ride along the banks splashed by the waters of Lake Gregory before returning to the hotel.

Overnight: Hill Club, Nuwara Eliya or similar Meals included: Breakfast

### Day 10 Nuwara Eliya - Ella

After breakfast, the tour vehicle will drop you at the Nanu Oya Railway Station in time for your scenic train from Nanu Oya to Ella. This train ride gives you an unparalleled view and penetrating glimpse of both the scenic beauty and culture of the hill country as you travel along. Upon arriving at Ella, you can check in and relax before heading to Little Adam's Peak.

Despite the term 'Little', the area is named after the sacred Adams Peak (Sri Pada) where the footprint of Lord Buddha is preserved. Therefore, the mountain was named Little Adams Peak but is also known as "Punchi Sri Pada" as it stands at a height of 1,141 metres. On an easy hike up the peak, you'll pass through lush green tea plantations, waterfalls and paddy fields before experiencing a breathtaking panoramic view. After the hike, you'll head back to the hotel.

Please note: The tour vehicle will drop and pick you up at the departure and arrival train stations. Therefore, your main luggage will be transported by the tour vehicle.

Overnight: Ekho Ella, Ella or similar Meals included: Breakfast

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#### Day 11 Ella - Belihuloya

After breakfast at the hotel, you'll head to Belihuloya. Upon check-in, you'll enjoy lunch at the resort before exploring the nature trail in Kinchigune. Kinchigune is an ancient village that is almost totally submerged in the waters of the Samanalawewa reservoir which came about in the 1980s. The people of this village have been engaged in the steel industry in addition to agriculture since the early days. The nature trail begins at the River Garden Resort and runs alongside the riverine forest of Belihuloya through paddy fields, across rivers and past local village houses with their extensive vegetable plots. Here, you will have the chance to learn a bit about the local agricultural systems and simple way of life in the countryside. Along the way, you will witness several types of beautiful birds, butterflies and charming little waterfalls before reaching the end of the trail where the Belihuloya River meets the Samanalawewa reservoir.

Overnight: River Garden Resort - Eco Team Adventure Camp, Belihuloya or similar

Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

### Day 12 Belihuloya Free Day

Enjoy breakfast at the resort today before a day at leisure, or join an additional optional activity (not included).

Optional Activity: Visit Bambarakanda Waterfalls

This exciting trekking tour brings you to the highest waterfall of Sri Lanka passing through small mountain villages and valleys. Bambarakanda is the highest waterfall in Sri Lanka with a sheer drop of 263 metres. The area around Bambarakanda is rich with scenic beauty, rugged terrain, waterfalls and tea fields with a cool

climate that makes it an attractive destination for nature lovers. This is not a wide waterfall but drops as a thin line from a rocky outcrop.

Overnight: River Garden Resort - Eco Team Adventure Camp, Belihuloya or similar

Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

### Day 13 Belihuloya - Colombo

After breakfast, it's time to travel to Colombo where you'll enjoy a fascinating sightseeing tour. Here, skyscrapers grow out of historic colonial-era districts near the port yet this modern metropolis never loses its old-world charm. You'll have the chance to visit the famous Pettah bazaar as well as Hindu and Buddhist temples such as the Gangarama and Sri Kailawasanathan Swami Devasthanam Kovil. See some of the city's residential areas such as Cinnamon Gardens where you'll find prestigious addresses such as the Prime Minister's Office, Independence Hall, Colombo Town Hall and the National Museum as well as the stately homes of the affluent.

Afterwards, you'll continue to Mount Lavinia and check into the hotel.

Overnight: Mount Lavinia Hotel, Colombo or similar Meals included: Breakfast

#### Day 14 Colombo - Australia (or New Zealand)

Today, at the appointed time, you will be transferred to the airport for your flight home.

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Day 15 Arrive Australia (or New Zealand)

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# **Tour Inclusions**

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

Explore the Sri Lankan wilderness on an incredible small group tour

Search for leopards, elephants and water buffalo in Wilpattu National Park

Witness the impressive UNESCO heritage-listed Sigiriya Rock Fortress

Marvel at the ancient Dambulla Rock Cave Temple

Take an unforgettable scenic train ride from Nanu Oya to Ella

Delve into Sri Lanka's rich tea heritage at a Ceylon tea factory

Unwind in comfortable glamping tent accommodation

Enjoy a sightseeing tour of the highlights of historic Colombo

Admire rugged mountains and lush forests along the Kinchigune nature trail

Take a hike and marvel at the panoramic views atop Little Adam's Peak

Photograph the scenery and hillside tea plantations of Nuwara Eliya

#### **FLIGHTS**

Return international full-service flights (economy class), surcharges may apply

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

9 nights of 4-star hotel accommodation

4 nights of camping accommodation

### **DINING**

21 meals including daily breakfast

#### **ESSENTIALS**

English-speaking national tour guide

Airline taxes and surcharges

#### **TRANSFERS**

Return airport transfers with meet and assists



\*Please note: All information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.

### **Booking Information**

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. You must complete the Passenger Information Form within 72 hours of purchase. Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

On purchasing this Travel Offer, you are bound by the <u>General Terms and</u> <u>Conditions</u> and the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

Please note: All countries and territories have different entry requirements in relation to vaccinations, quarantine/isolation periods and travel restrictions. Due to the evolving nature, we would ask all of our customers to monitor, meet and adhere to the specific requirements of their intended destination(s) in the lead-up to and immediately before travel, as well as any requirements post-travel upon their return.

## **Our Policies**

#### **Cancellation & Refund Policy**

By placing a booking with us, you acknowledge the following important information:

we act as your booking agent: TripADeal
is a booking services provider, and
curates the Travel Offers available on our
website. We act as your booking agent,
and we receive payment for the Booking
Services as part of the booking price,
however, we do not provide any of the

Travel Services (flights, accommodation, tours or other products or services) included in your booking – the Travel Services are provided by a number of third party Travel Suppliers.

- each booking is unique: our Travel Offers are made up of a variety of different components and are, during the booking process, uniquely tailored to suit your requirements, for example, departure dates and ports, flight and room upgrades, tour inclusions, etc.
- changes/modifications to your booking may not be possible: once your booking has been made, changes or modifications may not be possible, and where possible, may incur a fee. It is important to ensure that the information you provide during the booking process is accurate and up to date, and that you read the Travel
   Offer carefully before placing your order.
- Travel Offers are a package: our Travel
   Offers have been curated into package
   offerings and must be used as a package
   - individual components cannot be used
   independently of the full package
   offering.
- our Travel Offers are generally nonrefundable: in order to provide great value Travel Offers, we work with a variety of Travel Suppliers to find the best deals – this often means the Travel Suppliers' offerings are non-refundable to ensure the best price. We recommend that you obtain travel insurance as soon as you make a booking with us.

To read more about our Cancellation and Refund Policy, please click here.

## **General Terms and Conditions**

By placing your booking with us, you acknowledge and agree to our <u>Terms & Conditions</u>, <u>Privacy Policy</u> and <u>Cancellation Policy</u>.

## **Offer Essentials**

This travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 19th August 2026. This travel offer is priced per person based on a twin share.

#### **Single Traveller Supplement**

For solo travellers, a mandatory single supplement of \$875 applies.

Please note: Accommodation for single customers who are travelling on a tour or cruise package may be in a single room, depending on availability.

#### **Departure Dates**

See checkout for live dates and availability.

### **Flights**

#### **Departure Cities**

Sydney, Melbourne, \*Brisbane, \*Adelaide, Perth and \*Auckland.

#### **Departure City Surcharges**

- Brisbane & Adelaide: \$300 per person.
- Auckland: \$450 per person.

#### International Full-Service Airline(s)

• Cabin Class: Economy class.

Please note: We cannot accommodate oneway flights. Travellers must take all included flights within the package, and any flights intentionally forfeited will result in later flights being subject to cancellation.

Please note: From Sydney, Melbourne or Brisbane, the flying journey to your destination may take up to 19 hours, with up to 1 stop.

From Adelaide, the flying journey to your destination may take up to 19 hours, with up to 2 stops. One of those stops may be within Australia.

From Perth, the flying journey to your destination may take up to 16 hours, with up to 1 stop.

From Auckland, the flying journey to your destination may take up to 23 hours, with up to 2 stops. One of those stops may be within Australia.

This is provided as a guide only - actual flight duration can vary depending on availability and airline schedules. Your booking's final details will be confirmed to you via email once available.

# Missed Flights

If you fail to arrive for your outbound



flight, you risk all flight and land arrangements in your destination being automatically cancelled by the airlines and land operator, respectively. Additional fees may apply to reinstate these services. If you miss your flight for whatever reason, please contact us as soon as possible to make arrangements.

#### **Preferred Airline Surcharge**

- Cabin Class: Economy class.
- Singapore Airlines: \$350 per person.

#### Please note:

- Preferred airlines are subject to availability.
   If we are unable to fulfil your request, the above extra cost will be refunded.
- On any upgrade purchase, short-haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed, subject to aircraft configuration.
- In the event that a purchased stopover package and a purchased preferred airline upgrade are not compatible, you will have the option to receive a refund for the preferred airline upgrade or be offered an alternative stopover city option, e.g if you choose to fly with Singapore Airlines you cannot stopover in Dubai.
- Preferred airline refers to the marketing carrier and could include codeshare partners.

#### **Arrive Early & Stay Behind Options**

Fly out and return home up to 60 days pre and post your tour dates.

#### **Arrive Early**

Colombo, Sri Lanka - From \$300 per person, subject to availability.

#### Stay Behind

Colombo, Sri Lanka - From \$300 per person, subject to availability.

#### Please note:

#### • Exclusions:

This fee does not include extra nights' accommodation, meals or airport transfers.

#### • Internal Flights:

If you select to Arrive Early or Stay Behind in a city other than the one where the tour starts or ends, the package will include an internal flight to your destination. If you wish to forfeit this flight, please advise our friendly team at the time of purchase. Please note that the cost does not change when you choose to forfeit your connecting flight.

#### • Cancellations & Changes:

Flight booking changes or cancellations after air tickets have been issued are not guaranteed and may incur additional fees and fare difference, subject to the airline cancellation and change policies. Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.

#### • High-Season:

A high-season Arrive Early or Stay Behind can be purchased for an additional charge, subject to availability. For pricing, please refer to the cart.

#### • + 60 days:

You can fly out up to 60 days before your package's start date, and/or return home 60 days after your package's end date.
Should you wish to fly out or return home for more than 60 days from the tour, please contact us to request availability.
Additional costs may apply.

#### • Estimated dates:

Your estimated departure, return, and arrival dates are all subject to availability and may vary. The confirmed schedule for all flights will be provided when you receive your flight tickets.

- High season surcharges apply to flights departing between the below date ranges:
- 6 December 2024 31 January 2025 28 March 2025 - 27 April 2025 16 June 2025 - 20 July 2025 15 September 2025 - 12 October 2025
- 1 December 2025 31 January 2026
- 3 April 2026 20 April 2026
- 26 June 2026 17 July 2026
- 18 September 2026 9 October 2026 12 December 2026 - 26 January 2027
- Stopover Packages

- Singapore
- Kuala Lumpur Includes:
- 2, 3 or 5 nights in 4-star accommodation
- Daily breakfast

cart at checkout.

• Return airport transfers For pricing, please refer to the payment

#### Please note:

- When a pre and post-tour stopover is chosen, the same stopover location must be chosen each way, due to the airline used.
- When selecting to Arrive Early for your tour in conjunction with a Stopover Package, your fly out date from home will take place before the stopover.
- When selecting to Stay Behind after your tour in conjunction with a Stopover Package, your stopover will take place before your final flight home.
- Stopover packages are subject to availability.
- In the event that a purchased stopover package and a purchased preferred airline upgrade are not compatible, you will have the option to receive a refund for the preferred airline upgrade or be offered an alternative stopover city option, e.g if you choose to fly with Singapore Airlines you cannot stopover in Dubai.
- Blackout dates apply to flights departing between the below date ranges:

Singapore Grand Prix: 02 October - 08 October 2025

Christmas and New Years Eve - 22 December 2025 to 2 January 2026 Singapore Grand Prix: 01 October - 09 October 2026

Christmas and New Years Eve - 18 December 2026 to 3 January 2027

## Flight Class Upgrades

Business Class: For pricing, please refer to the payment cart at checkout.

#### Please note:

 Flight upgrades are subject to availability and pricing changes (if we cannot fulfil your request, the upgrade cost will be refunded).



 On any upgrade purchase, short-haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed.

#### **Accommodation**

#### **Accommodation Used**

#### 4-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

- Negombo: Regenta Arie Lagoon.
- Sigiriya: Tropical Life Resort & Spa.
- Kandy: Skyloft Hotel.
- Nuwara Eliya: Hill Club.
- Ella: Ekho Ella.
- Colombo: Mount Lavinia Hotel.

#### **Camping Properties**

- Wilpattu: Big Game Camping.
- Belihuloya: River Garden Resort Eco Team Adventure Camp.

Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type and are subject to availability based on seasonality. In the instance a property is not available, a similar standard of accommodation will be provided. Properties will be confirmed and included in your travel pack, which you will receive 4-6 weeks before travel.

#### **Extra Nights**

Not available.

#### **Maximum Room Capacity**

2 people.

#### **Child Policy**

- No child discounts. The full price applies to all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for children 12 years old and over.

Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors are allowed.

# **Triple Share**

Not available.

### **Bedding Configuration**

Twin or double bedding (subject to availability).

#### **General Information**

Minimum group size 6, maximum group size 20 per vehicle.

#### **Optional Tours/Activities**

- Day 4: National Park Safari \$125 per person.
- Day 6: Half-Day Minneriya Jeep Safari -\$125 per person.
- Day 6: Polonnaruwa City Tour \$115 per person.
- Day 8: Moon Plains Trek \$40 per person.
- Day 12: Visit Bambarakanda Waterfalls -\$70 per person.

#### Please note:

- The optional tours listed above must be purchased on checkout or over the phone before submitting your passenger information form (subject to availability).
- Some tours require minimum numbers to operate.

#### **Exclusions**

- Visa fees and requirements.
- Meals/beverages not stated in the deal offer
- Optional gratuities/tipping.
- Optional activities/tours.
- Personal expenses.
- Travel insurance.
- Mandatory city tax.

## **Other Important Information**

### TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

#### **Tour Guide**

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on the history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction where they are guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves it at the end of the tour; they do not travel with the group.

#### Tour Leader

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides at each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village and offer information on the place visited on the bus. However, they are not required to have specific art, architecture, or historical knowledge. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and, if caught doing so, can be fined.

Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

#### **CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES**

Sri Lanka is a year-round destination with two monsoon seasons so there is a lot of confusion about the best time to visit. The weather doesn't run like clockwork here! However, there will rarely be weather so dramatic that it will stand in the way of a brilliant holiday with plenty of warm weather and sunshine. The temperature is constant at around 27°C on the coast, both in the air and the water!

#### **FLIGHTS**

#### **Seat Selection & Frequent Flyer Points**

We do not arrange seat selection. It is essential to highlight that some airlines do not allow pre-selected seats. We strongly suggest you contact the airline directly with seating allocation requirements and/or arrive at the airport earlier to arrange your seating. While we do not add frequent flyer member details to bookings, you can do this directly with the airline once you have your flight information.

### **Passport Validity**

Customers must provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase or no later than 45 days before the departure

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date. Failure to do so may result in the cancellation of the booking. Customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred in this instance.

#### **COACH TOUR**

#### Meals

For meals not included, the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify us of any dietary requests/requirements.

Please note: We will do our best to meet your requests/requirements; however, we cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

#### Luggage

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on tour. You must carry your own luggage from the vehicle to the hotel room and back to the vehicle. The driver will assist with the uploading and unloading of bags from the vehicle.

#### **OTHER**

#### Mobility

If you require wheelchair access please contact our friendly sales and service team to inquire on your behalf.

#### **Fitness Level Required**

A moderate level of fitness will be required. Moderate is described as may involve more physical activity, including biking, longer day hikes or extended walking and standing, low-altitude treks, and water-based activities such as canoeing or low-grade kayaking. Guests using any walking aid other than a walking stick would be advised to reconsider as surfaces may be uneven.

Please note: If you have any concerns, please consult your healthcare provider before purchase/travel.

#### **Gratuities/Tipping**

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Gratuities (tips) are not included for the services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. The recommended tip is 2000 LKR per person per day. This covers the guide/leader and the driver and will be collected on tour. In addition to the recommended gratuities for your dedicated tour leader and driver, a voluntary 'group kitty' may be introduced at the commencement of your tour. This optional contribution, not exceeding \$25 AUD per person for the entire trip, helps cover smaller, shared tips along the journey for local services such as bellboys, shoe minders, and safari drivers. This streamlines tipping and ensures fair recognition for those who enhance your experience.

Please note: Tipping for services provided is always a matter of personal discretion; however, please be aware that many locals consider tipping part of their normal remuneration, and they may approach you for payment; there's no need to be intimidated by the request.

#### Sightseeing

Please note: If entry to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary, where possible, may be adjusted, or a similar activity will be offered in its place (subject to availability).

#### **Shopping**

Shopping overseas can be a daunting and confusing experience, especially when there is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being charged and keep all your receipts. Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader. Please refer to our Terms and Conditions regarding shopping for further information.

### Visas

A tourist visa for Sri Lanka is a strict

requirement if travelling on an Australian or New Zealand Passport. You will need a visa in the form of an Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) to enter Sri Lanka. Limited facilities to obtain an ETA are available at Colombo's Bandaranaike International Airport, however ETA's can be obtained prior to departure.

#### Important:

Please check with the nearest Sri Lankan embassy, consulate or immigration department for the current tourist visa requirements and any updates regarding the e-visa for Sri Lanka.

#### Please note:

- Passengers who are not Australian citizens must also check with their respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required.
- It is your responsibility to be travel-ready and ensure that you are aware and comply with any destination or travel requirements, including the validity of all required travel documents.
- It is also important to note that some areas of employment, such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations, may have additional restrictions in applying for Visas. This may, in turn, affect the type of application required.

## **Travel Insurance**

Embarking on your next trip is exciting, and while you hope the unexpected does not happen, it is best to be prepared. We strongly recommend you take out travel insurance when making your booking. Whether it's a potential medical emergency, a flight cancellation, a delayed suitcase, or an unforeseen event, it's important to ensure you're adequately protected. For more information or advice visit <a href="https://www.tripadeal.com.au/travelinsurance">https://www.tripadeal.com.au/travelinsurance</a>.

#### **Schedule Of Fees**

#### **Voluntary Changes**

This includes booking changes requested

by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

 Changes - \$100 AUD per booking and any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/ other travel providers.

#### **Name Changes Due To Passenger Error**

If the incorrect name has been provided, charges of \$100 AUD per booking and any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

#### **Supplier Fees**

In the event the tour package you have purchased is unable to proceed, and/or a travel Supplier is unable to fulfil the tour due to external circumstances (Limitation of Liability e.g. a Force Majeure event), there may be a fee or amount of money that is withheld by our Suppliers and is unrecoverable. This may be due to nonrefundable airline tickets, cancellation penalties with cruise cabins or unrecoverable payments with our land/ accommodation partners. If refunds are not available from Suppliers, we will endeavour to obtain a travel credit on the best terms available and communicate these outcomes to you. In the event we are unable to obtain a refund or travel service credit, or part thereof, this cost is passed on to the customer as a Supplier Fee.

