

India & Sri Lanka Discovery

DELHI ● AGRA ● NEGOMBO ● SIGIRIYA

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Ignite your spirit of discovery as you embark on this life-changing 15-day small group tour to mesmerising India and exotic Sri Lanka. This remarkable itinerary takes you to iconic UNESCO-listed wonders, presents centuries-old traditions, mouthwatering cuisine, captivating wildlife, and more.

Start with a journey through Delhi, Jaipur and Agra, India's Golden Triangle of history, colour and culture. The buzzing capital of Delhi is first with a city tour that includes the Red Fort, India Gate, Raj Ghat memorial to Mahatma Gandhi and more before a ride through Chandni Chowk bazaar by rickshaw. After breakfast, travel to royal Jaipur's unique pink-washed city to explore the imposing UNESCO-listed white-marbled Amber Fort, intricately ornate designs displayed by the Hawa Mahal's 'Palace of Winds', and more. Visit the enigmatic Chand Baori Stepwell on your way to marvel at the UNESCO-listed Agra Fort and Agra's most beautiful testament to love, the Taj Mahal.

Return to Delhi for your flight to Negombo and the lush landscapes of Sri Lanka. Journey deep into tropical rainforests to discover the 5th-century UNESCO-listed Lion's Rock Fortress of Sigiriya. Step through the colossal 'Lion Paws' into a world of imposing ramparts, meticulously designed royal gardens and ancient artworks adorning the sheer rock surface. In your free time, you can choose an optional jeep safari to spot wildlife in Minneriya National Park before visiting the Dambulla Rock Cave Temple, which flanks an exquisite golden temple and a gigantic golden Buddha statue.

Enjoy a city tour of historic royal Kandy, then experience the beat of traditional Sri Lankan music and a captivating cultural evening of dance and colour. Depart for Nuwara Eliya, Sri Lanka's highest town, set among the lush heart of breathtaking tea plantations. Learn how to create the perfect cup of Ceylon Tea before a heartwarming experience with wild baby elephants at Udawalawe Elephant Transit Home, dedicated to rehabilitating and caring for these orphaned animals. In your final days of this unforgettable adventure, discover the famous 17th-century Galle Fort and the pretty coastal town of Koggala to unwind and rejuvenate in style on Sri Lanka's tropical beaches.



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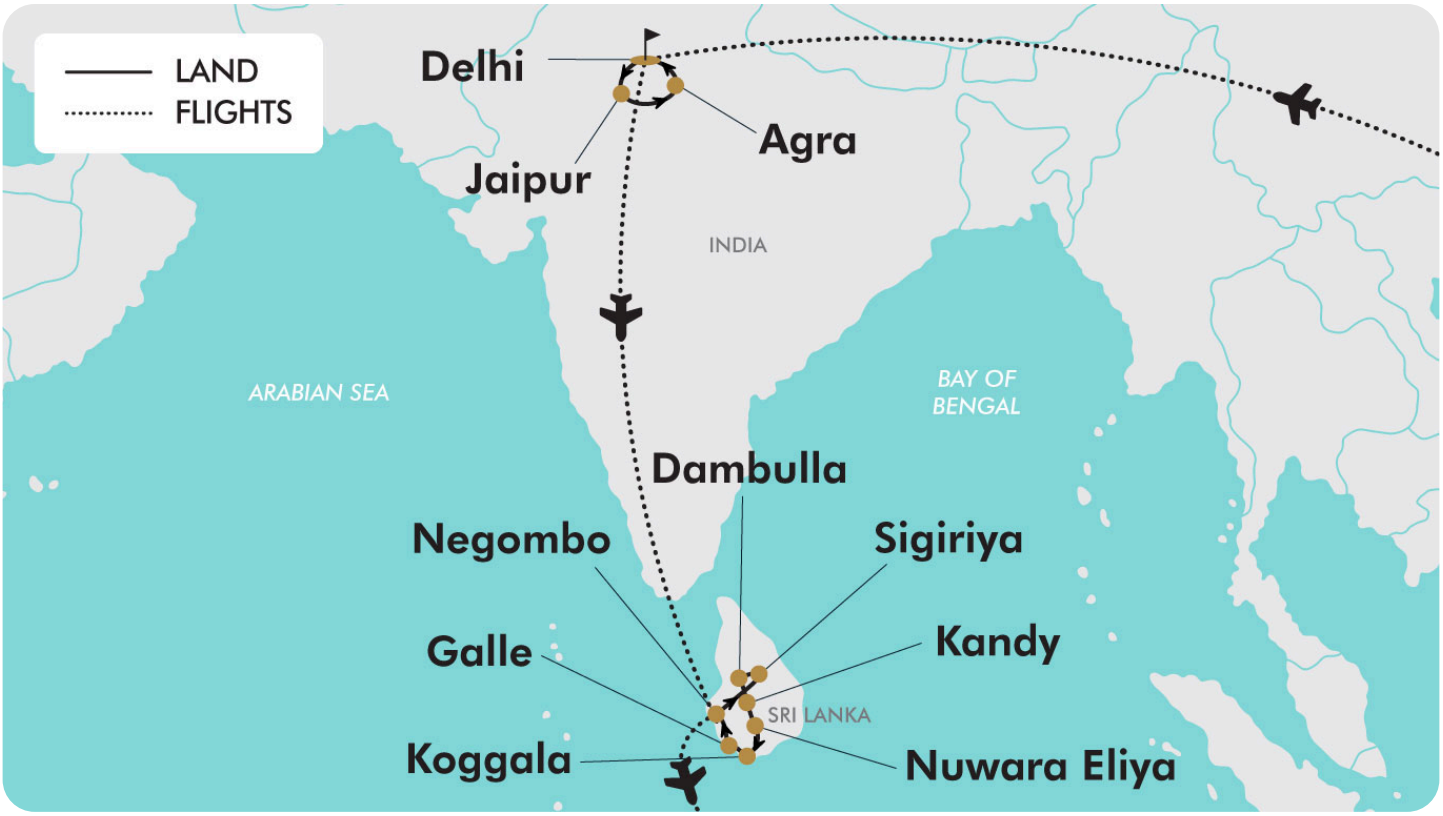
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Don’t miss this small-group discovery tour, including return international full-service flights, an internal flight, 13 nights of accommodation, 14 meals, return airport transfers and more.

Want more? Choose Itinerary 2 to add a Galle extension to your trip.



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Delhi
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ARABIAN SEA
BAY OF BENGAL
Dambulla
Negombo
Sigiriya
Galle
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SRI LANKA
Koggala
Nuwara Eliya



The Itinerary

Itinerary 1

Day 1 Australia (or New Zealand) - Delhi, India

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Meals included: In-Flight

Day 2 Delhi City Tour

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Next, travel to Laxminarayan Temple, a site dedicated to Lakshmi, the goddess of prosperity and good fortune. You'll also witness the India Gate, a 42-metre high war memorial and stone of triumph. The tour continues with a visit to Rashtrapati Bhavan, the palace-like building home to the President of India. Your remaining day is at leisure.

Overnight: Golden Tulip Essential or similar, Delhi
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 3 Delhi - Jaipur 'The Pink City'

After breakfast at the hotel, travel approximately 265 kilometres to Jaipur, the capital of Rajasthan. On arrival, check into the hotel, where you will also enjoy dinner this evening. Jaipur is instantly recognisable for its pink-washed buildings, a colour associated with hospitality in Rajput culture. This beautiful city, along with Agra and Delhi, forms what is known as the Golden Triangle of India's tourist circuit.

Jaipur is a city where royalty still lives in the grandeur of its palaces, where fighting for the clan's honour has never been a need but a way of life, and where treating guests as gods has been a tradition from time immemorial. There is a timeless appeal to Jaipur's colourful bazaars, where you can shop for Rajasthani textiles and trinkets. The beautifully laid out gardens and parks, attractive monuments and heritage hotels, once the residence of Maharajas, are all worth a look.

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Overnight: Hotel Park Ocean or similar, Jaipur
Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner

Day 4 Jaipur City Tour & Amber Fort

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This afternoon, take part in a city tour and visit the City Palace, the former royal residence built in a blend of the Rajasthani and Mughal styles. Jantar Mantar is the largest of the five observatories built by Sawai Jai Singh. The Hawa Mahal, 'Palace of Winds', was constructed for the royal ladies to watch royal processions without being seen. Enjoy an Indian costume tying demonstration and also visit the Lakshmi Narayan Temple.

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Optional Activity - Indian Cooking Demonstration & Dinner

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Day 5 Jaipur - Chand Baori Stepwell - Agra

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Red Fort is one of the building complexes of India encapsulating a long period of history, arts and its innovative architectural style, including its garden design, which influenced later buildings and gardens in Delhi. In 2007, it was designated a UNESCO World Heritage-listed site as part of the Red Fort Complex.

Optional Activity: Food Trail Tour

Embark on a heritage walk through hidden lanes and bustling markets, and visit an array of local eateries. Meet the people behind some of the city's most famous snacks. Sample some traditional foods such as paratha and chat, savour one of the best chai served in a traditional clay cup and taste Agra's famous sweet petha. Originally prepared more than 350 years ago from the royal kitchens of Shah Jahan, this sweet white pumpkin comes in a variety of flavours, having adapted to consumers' changing tastes. This optional tour includes transfer in an air-conditioned vehicle, an English-speaking guide, a selection of snacks and chai. Please see the current pricing in Important Information.

Overnight: Hotel Pushp Villa or similar, Agra
Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner

Day 6 Agra - Taj Mahal

Today, you will visit the Taj Mahal just after sunrise (at approximately 06:00) and return to the hotel for breakfast, or you can visit just after breakfast at 09:00 (included). Your tour includes entry to the breathtaking central mausoleum.

The world-famous Taj Mahal is where you will see the undeniable beauty that incorporates and expands on the design traditions of Persian and earlier Mughal architecture. While earlier Mughal buildings were primarily constructed of red sandstone, Shah Jahan promoted the use of white marble inlaid with semi-precious stones. The Taj Mahal was commissioned by Shah Jahan in 1631 to be built in memory of his wife Mumtaz Mahal. Construction began in 1632, the principal mausoleum was completed in 1643, and the surrounding buildings and garden were finished about five years later.

Enjoy the city of Agra at leisure or take part in the optional activity below. Late this afternoon, you will travel approximately 210 kilometres back to Delhi. On arrival, check into the hotel for an evening at leisure.

Optional Activity: Visit Baby Taj & Mehtab Bagh

Head to the landmark mausoleum of Itmad ud Daulah, known as "the Baby Taj." Marvel at the intricately carved marble monument conceived before the Taj Mahal and considered the blueprint for its design. Continue to Mehtab Bagh, Moonlight Garden, and admire the Taj Mahal from the beautiful gardens. The optional tour includes a transfer in an air-conditioned vehicle, an English-speaking guide, and fees. Please see the current pricing in Important Information.

Overnight: Golden Tulip Essential or similar, Delhi
Meals included: Breakfast



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Day 7 Delhi, India - Negombo (Colombo), Sri Lanka

Today, at the appropriate time, you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to continue your tour in Sri Lanka. Upon arrival, you will be met by a tour representative and transferred to your hotel in the nearby beach town of Negombo.

Overnight: Regenta Arie Lagoon Hotel or Similar, Negombo
Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight

Day 8 Negombo – Dambulla – Sigiriya - Dambulla

After breakfast, you will depart for Dambulla to check into your hotel. After checking in, it's time to visit the ancient Lion's Rock Fortress of Sigiriya. Today, you will find yourself in the heart of Sri Lanka, where the 5th-century rock citadel of King Kasyapa, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, awaits your exploration. Sigiriya 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 rock fortress, encircled by imposing ramparts and moats, is often likened to the mythical 'City of Gods.'

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.

Today's distance and drive time are approximately 139 kilometres or 3 hours.

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- *Make sure to carry a bottle of water and a face towel to keep yourself hydrated 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, Dambulla
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 9 Dambulla - Day at Leisure

Today is yours to enjoy at leisure. Alternatively, join one or both of the following optional tours.

Optional Activity: Morning Polonnaruwa City Tour

Rising with the decline of Anuradhapura, the city of Polonnaruwa - the medieval capital and crown jewel of King Parakramabahu I - remains superior proof of ancient culture and heritage blended with religious beliefs. Walk among the scattered walls of this World Heritage Site, dotted with stupas, resting Buddha statues, irrigation canals and fantastically carved Hindu sculptures while observing the relic house - Vatadage - which boasts impressive stone carvings. Look closely, and you will notice a subtle Hindu influence on the architecture and statues found in Polonnaruwa. Please see the current pricing in Important Information.

Optional Activity: Jeep safari in Minneriya National Park



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Experience an afternoon safari at Minneriya National Park. If you're up for a serious rumble in the jungle, then Minneriya is the place to go! Spread over 8,800 hectares, it's a sanctuary for elephants and home to herds of deer and ample birdlife, but its spotlight remains between swaying trunks and flapping ears. Park your jeep on the bank of the reservoir and switch off its engine. Have the opportunity to see herds of elephants - one by one - roll onto the grass-covered banks to feed on tender shoots. In fact, this is the largest elephant gathering in the world (over 300 at a time) – it's an absolute must-do for wildlife enthusiasts. Please see the current pricing in Important Information.

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, Dambulla
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 10 Dambulla - Kandy

After breakfast, visit the Dambulla Rock Cave Temple, which many kings have treasured since the first century B.C. An icon of Sri Lanka, Dambulla Rock Cave Temple features five magnificently constructed cave temples flanking the golden temple of Dambulla. Observe the exquisite cave paintings along walls that shelter 150 statues of Lord Buddha. As you enter the retreat, be sure to cast your eyes on the gigantic Buddha statue glittering in gold, which today houses an important junction in the country's economic and cultural uplifting.

After exploring the Dambulla Cave Temple, travel to the hill city of Kandy and commence a guided city tour on arrival. Last ruled by King Sri Wickrama Rajasinghe before it was brought under British rule in 1815, Kandy—the World Heritage Site and last royal capital of Sri Lankan kings—crafts an array of culture, history, and heritage in the minds of visitors across the globe.

Cradled among the misty hills, a stroll across this small lakeside town will feature the Kandy City Centre, which is packed with the latest, world-class brands, a bazaar, arts and crafts centre, gem museum, and lapidary. Take in the colours as you glide through stalls filled with fresh fruits and vegetables in the Kandy market.

Celebrate this evening to the beat of traditional music and drumming, amplified by a cultural show that showcases the rich and vibrant culture of the Wonder of Asia, Sri Lanka.

Today's distance and drive time are approximately 80 kilometres or 2.5 hours.

Overnight: Hotel Suisse or Similar, Kandy
Meals included: Breakfast



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Day 11 Kandy – Nuwara Eliya

After breakfast, depart for Nuwara Eliya. Sri Lanka's highest town and the heart of the country's most beautiful region, 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 very much a British creation. It was established in the mid-19th century as a retreat by Sir Edward Barnes and touted as Sri Lanka's 'Little England' for the way this Victorian relic resembles a quaint English country village.

Upon arrival in the afternoon, take a tour of a local tea plantation and learn about the tea production process of the prestigious brand of Ceylon Tea, where you will observe a rich tradition kept alive. As you observe the hissing and swishing of machines, inhaling the heavenly scent arising from these facilities, make sure to end your tour in style over a perfectly blended cup of pure Ceylon tea. Afterwards, enjoy some time to explore the plantation at leisure before continuing onwards to enjoy a sightseeing tour of Nuwara Eliya.

Enjoy the remaining afternoon and evening at leisure.

Today's distance and drive time are approximately 80 kilometres or 2.5 hours.

Overnight: Mirage King's Cottage, Galway Heights or similar, Nuwara Eliya
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 12 Nuwara Eliya – Udawalawe - Galle - Koggala

After breakfast, you will travel to Udawalawe Elephant Transit Home, also called Udawalawe Elephant Orphanage, a rehabilitation centre for orphaned elephant calves. The primary purpose of the Elephant Transit Home is to rehabilitate and release isolated baby elephants into the wild. The Ministry of Wildlife Conservation took an essential step in the welfare and protection of orphan elephants in 1995. As a result, Elephant Transit Home was established at the Udawalawe National Park.

There are normally 40-60 orphaned elephants, and visitors can watch them being fed from the safety of a viewing platform about 8 metres away at one of the four daily feeding sessions held every three hours from 09:00 to 18:00. The elephants are never chained and are free to roam around and play as they wish. Human contact is kept to a minimum in order to maximise their chance of survival when they are returned to the wild.

Following Udawalawe, continue to the Galle area on the southern coast of Sri Lanka, where you will be met by the tour guide for a city tour of Galle. On the drive, you will pass many fishing villages and palm-fringed bays. The tour will begin at Galle Fort - the largest intact Dutch fort in Asia, inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1988. Its location faces the Indian Ocean in the town of Galle, on the southern coast of Sri Lanka. Galle Fort is one of the best-preserved examples of 17th-century colonial fortifications in the world.

Following the tour of Galle Fort, continue to Koggala and check into your beachside resort.



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Today's distance and drive time are approximately 300 kilometres or 6 hours.

Overnight: South Lake Resort or similar, Koggala
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 13 Koggala - Day at Leisure

After breakfast at the resort, today is yours to enjoy at leisure.

Overnight: South Lake Resort or similar, Koggala
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 14 Koggala - Negombo (Colombo), Sri Lanka - Australia (or New Zealand)

After breakfast today, check out of the hotel, ready for your transfer to Negombo. Since your flight will not depart until late evening, access to common areas, including a pool, at a hotel in Negombo will be provided so that you may relax before transferring to the airport for your departure flight home.

Today's distance and drive time are approximately 160 kilometres or 3 hours.

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Please note: If you are purchasing the "Trip Only" package of this deal, which excludes international flights, your trip will end at the holding hotel in Negombo on day 14. Alternatively, if you wish to conclude in Koggala, you are free to do so.

Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight

Day 15 Arrive in Australia (or New Zealand)

Welcome home.



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Day 1 Australia (or New Zealand) - Delhi, India

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Overnight: Hotel Pushp Villa or similar, Agra
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Day 8 Negombo – Dambulla – Sigiriya - Dambulla

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Day 9 Dambulla - Day at Leisure

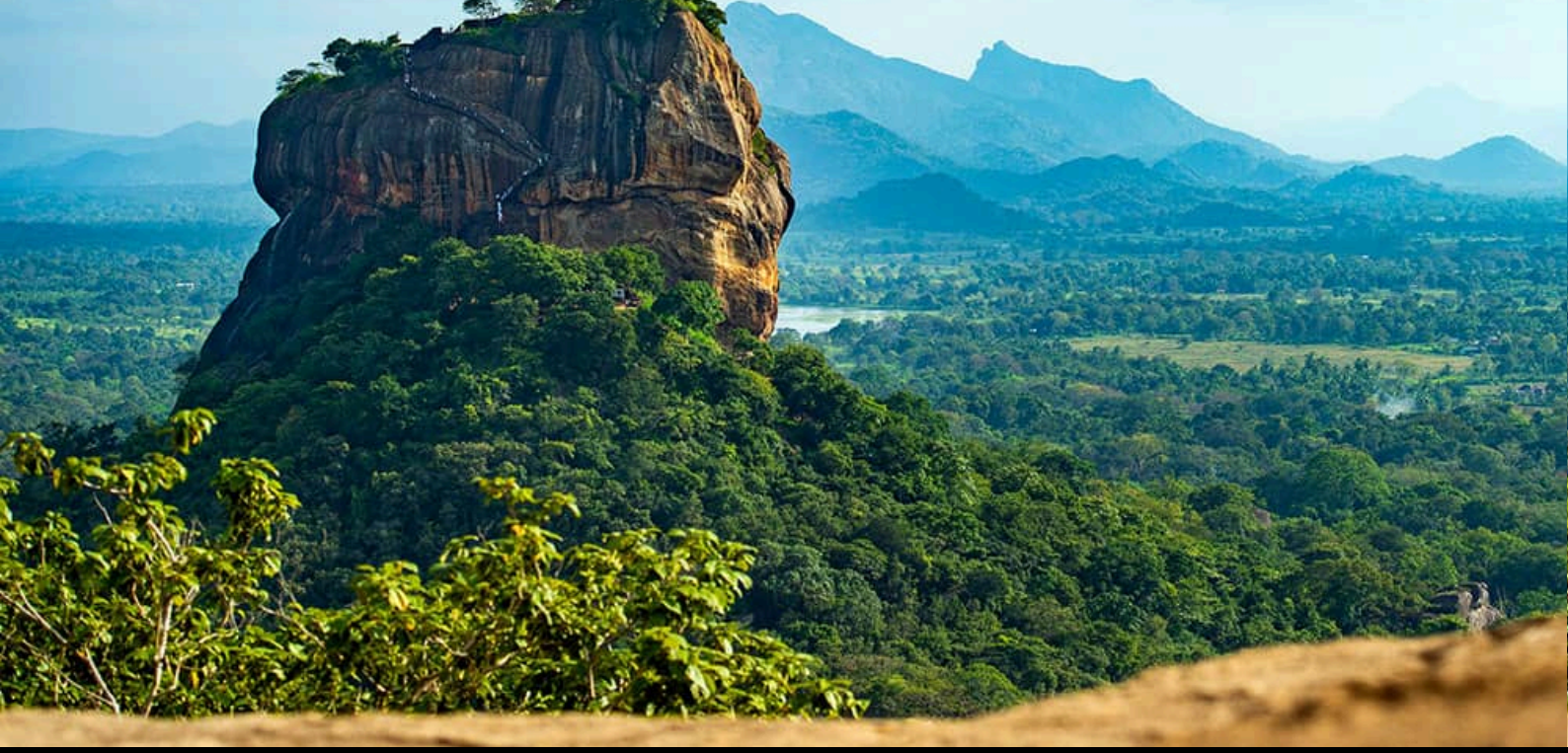
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your jeep on the bank of the reservoir and switch off its engine. Have the opportunity to see herds of elephants - one by one - roll onto the grass-covered banks to feed on tender shoots. In fact, this is the largest elephant gathering in the world (over 300 at a time) – it's an absolute must-do for wildlife enthusiasts. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

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, Dambulla
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 10 Dambulla - Kandy

After breakfast, visit the Dambulla Rock Cave Temple, which has been treasured by many kings since the first century B.C. An icon of Sri Lanka, Dambulla Rock Cave Temple features five magnificently constructed cave temples flanking the golden temple of Dambulla. Observe the exquisite cave paintings along walls that shelter 150 statues of Lord Buddha. As you enter the retreat, be sure to cast your eyes on the gigantic Buddha statue glittering in gold, which today houses an important junction in the country's economic and cultural uplifting.

After exploring the Dambulla Cave Temple, travel to the hill city of Kandy and commence a guided city tour on arrival. Last ruled by King Sri Wickrama Rajasinghe - before it was brought under British rule in 1815, Kandy - the World Heritage Site & last royal capital of Sri Lankan kings - crafts an array of culture, history and heritage in the minds of visitors across the globe.

Cradled among the misty hills, a stroll across this small lakeside town will feature the Kandy City Centre that is packed with the latest, world-class brands, a bazaar, arts and crafts centre, gem museum and lapidary. Take in the colours as you glide through stalls filled with fresh fruits and vegetables in the Kandy market.

Celebrate this evening to the beat of traditional music and drumming, amplified by a cultural show that showcases the rich and vibrant culture of the Wonder of Asia, Sri Lanka.

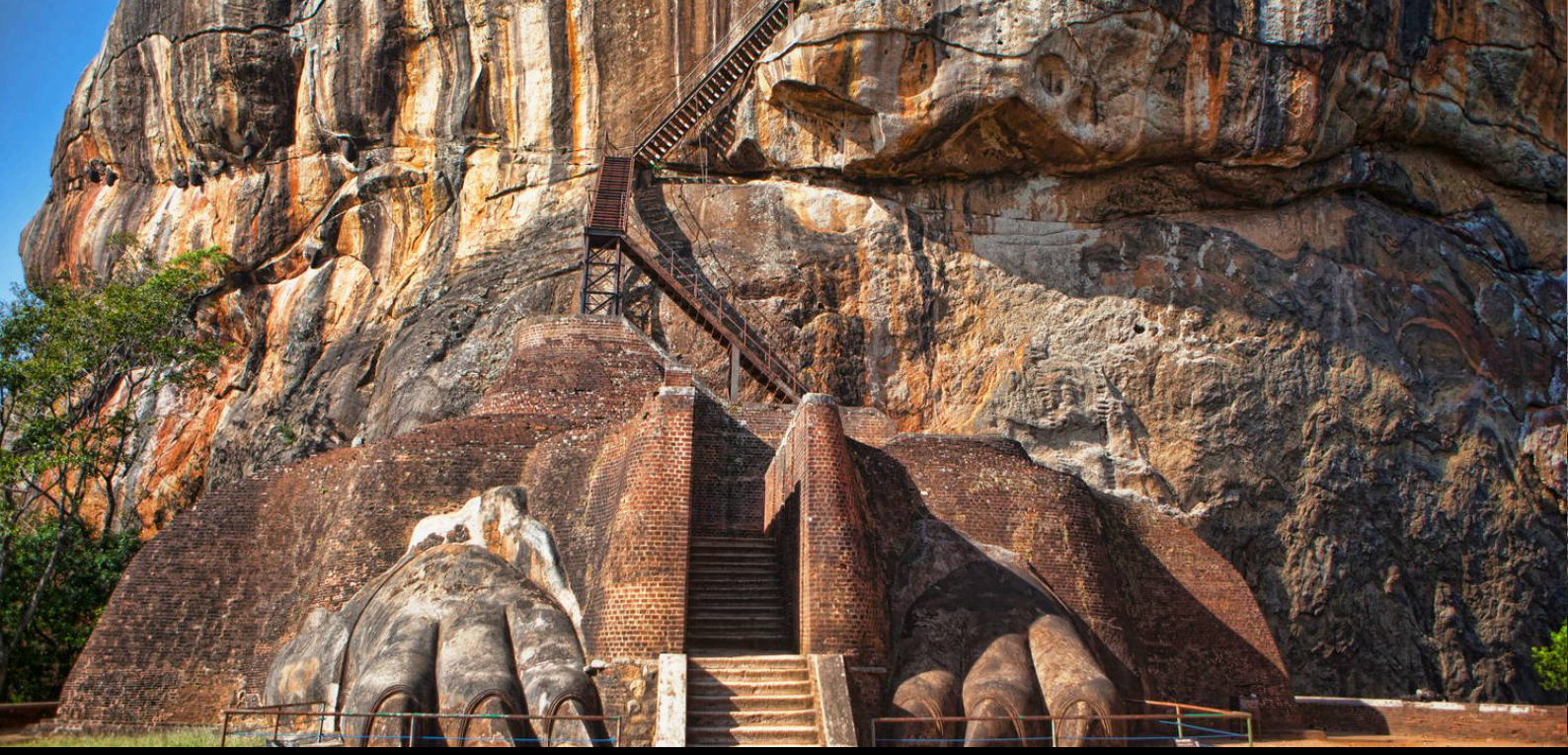
Today's distance and drive time is approximately 80 kilometres/ 2.5 hours.

Overnight: Hotel Suisse or Similar, Kandy
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 11 Kandy – Nuwara Eliya

After breakfast, depart for Nuwara Eliya. Sri Lanka's highest town and the heart of the country's most beautiful region, 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 very much a British creation. It was established in the mid-19th century as a retreat by Sir Edward Barnes and touted as Sri Lanka's 'Little England' for the way this Victorian relic resembles a quaint English country village.

Upon arrival in the afternoon, take a tour of a local tea plantation and learn about the tea production process of the prestigious brand of Ceylon Tea, where you will observe a rich tradition kept alive. As you observe the hissing and swishing of machines,



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inhaling the heavenly scent arising from these facilities, make sure to end your tour in style over a perfectly blended cup of pure Ceylon tea.

Afterwards, enjoy some time to explore the plantation at leisure before continuing onwards to enjoy a sightseeing tour of Nuwara Eliya.

Enjoy the remaining afternoon and evening at leisure.

Today's distance and drive time is approximately 80 kilometres/ 2.5 hours.

Overnight: Mirage King's Cottage, Galway Heights or similar, Nuwara Eliya
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 12 Nuwara Eliya – Udawalawe - Galle - Koggala

After breakfast, you will travel to Udawalawe Elephant Transit Home, also called Udawalawe Elephant Orphanage, a rehabilitation centre for orphaned elephant calves. The primary purpose of the Elephant Transit Home is to rehabilitate and release isolated baby elephants into the wild. The Ministry of Wildlife Conservation took an essential step in the welfare and protection of orphan elephants in 1995. As a result, Elephant Transit Home was established at the Udawalawe National Park.

There are normally 40-60 orphaned elephants, and visitors can watch them being fed from the safety of a viewing platform about 8 metres away at one of the four daily feeding sessions held every three hours from 09:00 to 18:00. The elephants are never chained and are free to roam around and play as they wish. Human contact is kept to a minimum in order to maximise their chance of survival when they are returned to the wild.

Following Udawalawe, continue to the Galle area on the southern coast of Sri Lanka, where you will be met by the tour guide for a city tour of Galle. On the drive, you will pass many fishing villages and palm-fringed bays. The tour will begin at Galle Fort - the largest intact Dutch fort in Asia, inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1988. Its location faces the Indian Ocean in the town of Galle, on the southern coast of Sri Lanka. Galle Fort is one of the best-preserved examples of 17th-century colonial fortifications in the world.

Following the tour of Galle Fort, continue to Koggala and check into your beachside resort.

Today's distance and drive time is approximately 300 kilometres/6 hours.

Overnight: South Lake Resort or similar, Koggala
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 13 Koggala - Day at Leisure

After breakfast at the resort, today is yours to enjoy at leisure.

Overnight: South Lake Resort or similar, Koggala
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 14 Koggala - Galle

After breakfast today, you will depart for Galle. The next few days are to be enjoyed at leisure at your resort.



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Overnight: Oceanfront Galle by ICC or similar, Galle
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 15 Galle - Day at Leisure

Enjoy the day at your own leisure.

Overnight: Oceanfront Galle by ICC or similar, Galle
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 16 Galle - Negombo (Colombo), Sri Lanka - Australia (or New Zealand)

After breakfast today, checkout of the hotel ready for your transfer to Negombo. Since your flight will not depart until late evening, access to common areas including a pool at a hotel in Negombo will be provided so that you may relax before transferring to the airport for your departure flight home.

Today's distance and drive time is approximately 160 kilometres/3 hours.

Please note: Due to flight scheduling and availability, some departures may occur on Day 17. Affected customers will be provided accommodation in Negombo and airport transfers. Flight times will be indicated on your final documents at least 6 weeks prior to departure.

Please note: If you are purchasing the "Trip Only" package of this deal, which excludes international flights, your trip will end at the holding hotel in Negombo on day 16. Alternatively, if you wish to conclude in Galle, you are free to do so.

Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight

Day 17 Arrive in Australia (or New Zealand)

Welcome home.



Tour Inclusions

HIGHLIGHTS

Journey through India's famed Golden Triangle: Delhi, Jaipur and Agra

Witness the awe-inspiring Taj Mahal, explore the breathtaking inner mausoleum, plus the imposing Agra Fort

See Delhi's Red Fort, Raj Ghat & Jama Masjid Mosque

Explore vibrant Chandni Chowk market by rickshaw

Visit Agra's Royal Amber Fort, Jantar Mantar, Jaipur City Palace and more

See the ornate Hawa Mahal 'Palace of Winds'

Visit Chand Baori, one of the world's deepest stepwells

Discover the highlights of exotic Sri Lanka

Explore the wonders of Sri Lanka's ancient Sigiriya Rock Fortress

Discover the magnificent Dambulla Rock Cave Temple

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

Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Kandy & Dutch colonial city of Galle

Visit Udawalawe Elephant Transit Home, home to hundreds of rehabilitated wild baby elephants

Capture amazing photos of UNESCO-listed Galle Fort

Embrace lush hillside tea plantations of Nuwara Eliya

Relax in style at your Koggala beachfront accommodation

FLIGHTS

Return international full-service flights (economy class), surcharges may apply (Excludes Trip Only option)

One-way internal flight from Delhi, India to Negombo (Colombo), Sri Lanka with Air India

ACCOMMODATION

13 nights of 3 and 4-star hotel accommodation

DINING

14 meals included

ESSENTIALS

English-speaking national tour guide

Airline taxes and surcharges

TRANSPORT

Transportation by private air-contitioned vehicles

TRANSFERS

Return airport transfers, including meet and assist (Excludes Trip Only option)

ITINERARY 2: GALLE EXTENSION

All of the above plus:
2 nights of accommodation at the Oceanfront Galle by ICC in Galle

3 extra meals

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**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 General Terms and Conditions 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 non-refundable:** 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 & Conditions

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

Offer Essentials

This travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until 24th November 2026. This travel offer is priced per person, based on a twin share.

Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers, a solo supplement applies:

- 15-Day 2026 Itinerary: $680
- 17-Day 2026 Itinerary: $970
- 15-Day 2027 Itinerary: $825
- 17-Day 2027 Itinerary: $1,260

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 & Surcharges

See checkout for live dates and availability.

Flights

(Flight information for options excluding Trip Only)

Departure Cities

Sydney*, Melbourne, *Brisbane, *Adelaide, Perth or *Auckland.

Departure City Surcharges

- Brisbane: $175 per person
- Adelaide: $275 per person
- Auckland: $675 per person

International Full-Service Airline(s)

- Cabin Class: Economy class.

Please note: We cannot accommodate one-way 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 or Melbourne, the flying journey to your destination may take up to 19 hours, with up to 1 stop.

From Brisbane or Adelaide, the flying journey to your destination may take up to 20 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 18 hours, with up to 1 stop.
From Auckland, the flying journey to your destination may take up to 24 hours, with up to 2 stops. One of those stops may be within Australia.
This is provided as a guide only - actual

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flight duration can vary depending on availability and airline schedules. Your booking's final details will be confirmed to you via email once available.

International Internal Flight

- Cabin Class: Economy Class
- Route: Delhi, India - Colombo, Sri Lanka

Please note: We cannot accommodate flight class upgrades on this flight route.

Preferred Airline Surcharge

- Singapore Airlines.

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

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.

Arrive Early & Stay Behind Options

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

Arrive Early

Delhi, India - 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:*

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
19th March 2027 - 28th April 2027
19th June 2027 - 18th July 2027
11th September 2027 - 10th October 2027
10th December 2027 - 31st January 2028

Stopover Packages

- Singapore
- Kuala Lumpur

Includes:

- 2, 3 or 5 nights in 4-star accommodation
- Daily breakfast
- Return airport transfers

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

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: 2 October 25 - 8 October 25
Christmas and New Years Eve: 22 December 2025 - 2 January 2026

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.*

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- *Flight upgrades are not available for the international internal flight (Delhi, India - Colombo, Sri Lanka)*

Trip Only Option

If you choose to remove international flights from your package, your holiday may be shorter, as travel days for flights are not included in the Trip Only package. You will receive an email confirmation when minimum numbers have been met and the departure is guaranteed.
We recommend making further travel arrangements, such as flights, after you have received confirmation of a guaranteed departure.
TripADeal assumes no liability for financial losses incurred due to travel arrangements made prior to confirmation of guaranteed departure.
Note: The Trip Only Package does not include return international airfares or airport transfers. At the conclusion of the tour, you will be responsible for booking your own onward travel.
Click here for full Trip Only terms and conditions (see section 4.1)

Accommodation

Accommodation Used

3 & 4-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

- Delhi: Golden Tulip Essential or similar.
- Jaipur: Hotel Park Ocean or similar.
- Agra: Hotel Pushp Villa or similar.
- Negombo: Regenta Arie Lagoon Hotel or similar.
- Dambulla: Tropical Life Resort & Spa or similar.
- Kandy: Hotel Suisse or similar.
- Nuwara Eliya: Mirage King's Cottage or Galway Heights or similar.
- Koggala: South Lake Resort or similar.

5-Star Properties (Self-Rated) (Itinerary 2 Only)

- Galle: Oceanfront Galle by ICC or similar.

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 8 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 (subject to availability).

General Information

Minimum group size 10, maximum group size 20 per vehicle.

Please note: A small group tour is defined as a tour with no more than 20 travellers per vehicle.

Optional Tours/Activities

- Day 4: Indian Cooking Demonstration & Dinner - $35 per person.
- Day 5: Food trail tour - $50 per person.
- Day 6: Visit to Baby Taj and Mehtab bagh - $45 per person.
- Day 9: Morning Polonnaruwa City Tour - $85 per person.
- Day 9: Jeep safari in Minneriya National Park - $115 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.
- Domestic transfers and flights not stated in the deal offer.
- Meals/beverages not stated in the deal offer.
- Gratuities/tipping.
- Optional activities/tours.
- Personal expenses.
- Travel insurance.
- Mandatory city tax.
- Any costs associated with an interruption to your tour as a result of an airline schedule change or cancellation.

Please note: Return international flights and transfers to and from the tour are not included in the Trip Only option.

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

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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

India

In India, the weather transitions through distinct seasons. During the summer months of April, May, and June, one can anticipate hot temperatures accompanied by very low to moderate humidity and minimal precipitation. As autumn sets in during October and November, a delightful climate prevails, marked by warm days, cool nights, and low humidity, with scant precipitation. Winter, spanning December and January, brings cooler to cold temperatures, moderate humidity, and low precipitation. As spring emerges in February and March, the weather turns pleasant again, featuring warm days, cool nights, and a balance of low to moderate humidity alongside a modest amount of precipitation.

Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka is a year-round destination with two monsoon seasons so there is a lot of confusion around when is 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 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 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 leisurely level of fitness will be required. Leisurely is described as light walking, including up multiple stairs, and occasional hiking, may involve uneven surfaces. Able to travel unassisted and get on and off vehicles and small boats. Suitable for most fitness levels and mobility.

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

Gratuities/Tipping

Land

Gratuities (tips) are not included for the services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. The recommended tip in India is $6 AUD per person per day, and in Sri Lanka is $10 AUD equivalent per person per day.
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 $10 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).

Wildlife

TripADeal cannot guarantee animal sightings. Wildlife are unpredictable and factors such as weather conditions, predatory fear and animal movements can impact sightings.

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

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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

India

A tourist visa for India is a strict requirement if travelling on an Australian or New Zealand passport. You will be able to start your visa application process once you receive your final travel documentation approximately 6 weeks prior to departure.

Sri Lanka

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 from 27 September 2024. 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 start arranging your visa three weeks before departure to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours.

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 https://www.tripadeal.com.au/travel-insurance.

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 non-refundable 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.