



Sri Lanka's Pekoe Trail Explorer

SIGIRIYA • KANDY • ELLA • BENTOTA

The Offer

Take the path less travelled on this incredible small-group tour, that showcases the natural beauty of Sri Lanka with gentle hikes along the lush greenery of the Pekoe Trail and stops at the country's must-see destinations.

Your journey begins in Waikkal, where the salty breeze of the Dutch-era canals sets a relaxed pace before you head inland to the "Cultural Triangle." Here, you'll conquer the 200-metre stairs to the top of Sigiriya Rock Fortress, an ancient royal citadel offering 360-degree views that are nothing short of amazing. The history continues in Polonnaruwa, where you'll marvel at the Gal Vihara's colossal Buddha statues. You'll also explore the Dambulla Cave Temple, home to vibrant murals and over 150 statues.

Moving into the misty highlands, you'll trade ruins for tea leaves. After a fragrant stop at a Matale spice garden, you'll explore the colonial elegance of Kandy. This is where the adventure truly steps up; you'll trek Stage 1 of the Pekoe Trail through the Hantana mountains, a gentle 13-kilometre introduction to the island's emerald interior. In Nuwara Eliya, a second hike leads you from Kandapola to the historic Pedro Estate for a well-earned Sri Lankan tea.

The excitement peaks with the legendary Nanu Oya to Demodara train ride. Ride the rails through the tea estates, then head to the Nine Arches Bridge by coach to capture those iconic photos from the best vantage points. Finally, transition from the wild biodiversity of the Sinharaja Rainforest to the cobbled streets of Galle Fort, ending your escape with a serene Madampe River cruise.

This incredible adventure includes return international full-service flights, 12 nights of hotel accommodation, 14 meals including daily breakfast and more.

Want more? Arrive Early or Stay Behind in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

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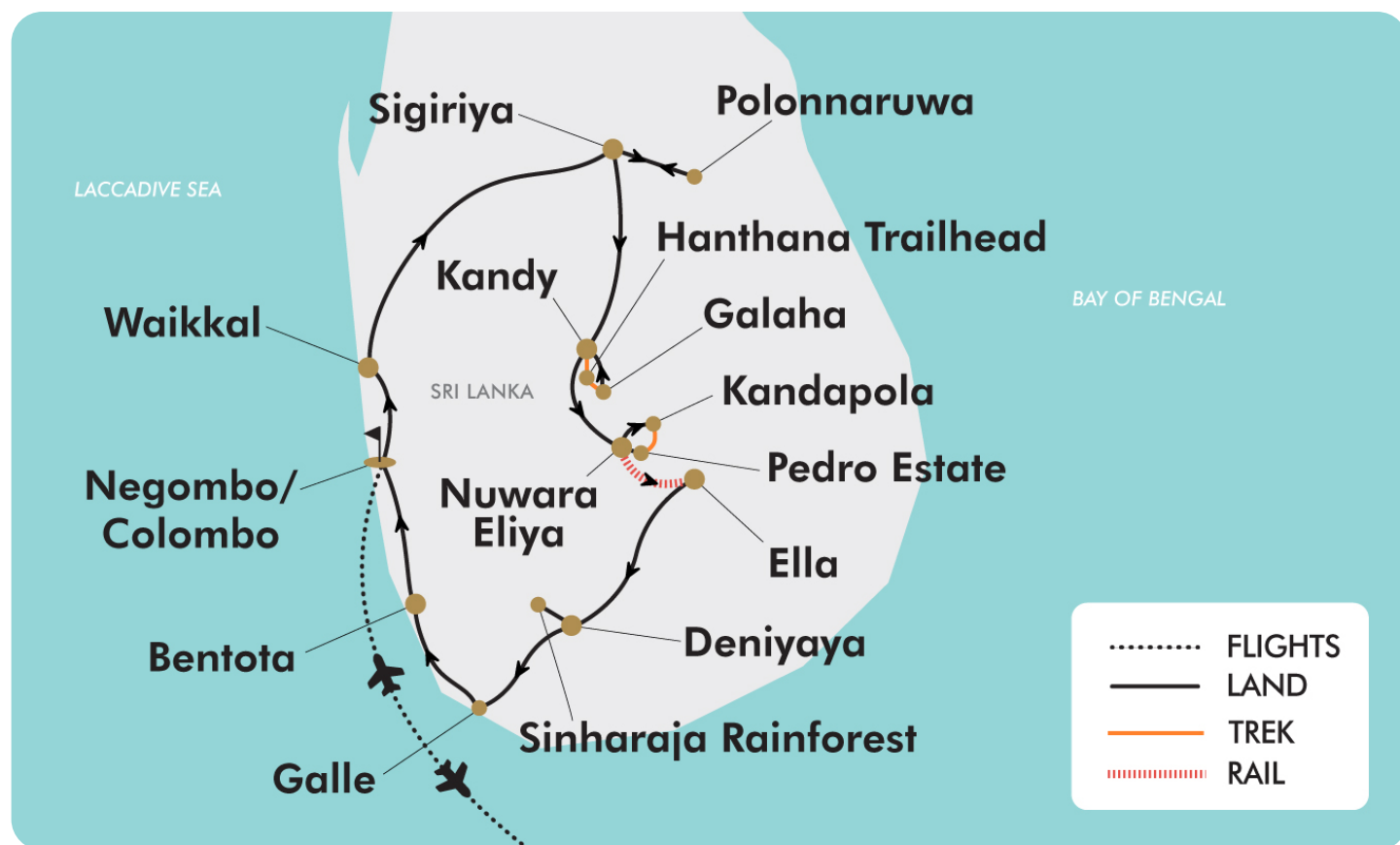


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The Itinerary

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

Today, depart for Bandaranaike International Airport, Colombo. You'll be warmly met with traditional Sri Lankan hospitality.

From the airport, you will be transferred to the nearby coastal village of Waikkal, just north of Negombo. Waikkal is known for its coconut fringed beaches, rich birdlife, and canals dating back to the Dutch colonial era.

Check into your hotel, and wind down before your tour starts the following morning. Breathe in the salty air and feel the gentle rhythm of island life. Your Sri Lankan adventure has only just begun!

Overnight: Club Hotel Dolphin, Waikkal or similar.

Meals included: In-Flight

Day 2 Waikkal - Sigiriya

After a refreshing breakfast at the hotel, bid farewell to the coast and begin your scenic drive inland to the historical heart of Sri Lanka, the Central Province. Here lies the home of ancient kings, lush greenery, and spiritual heritage. Your destination today is Sigiriya, part of the island's famed "Cultural Triangle" and home to one of the most iconic archeological wonders in South Asia. The journey today takes approximately 4.5 hours in which you will pass through rural villages, paddy fields, and coconut plantations. All giving you a glimpse of authentic Sri Lankan life.

Upon arriving in Sigiriya, check into your hotel. Later in the afternoon, embark on your adventure to the legendary Sigiriya Rock Fortress, often referred to as the Eighth Wonder of the

World. This UNESCO World Heritage Site was built in the fifth century by King Kashyapa, who transformed the towering 200 meter high rock into his royal citadel.

Begin your climb through symmetrical royal gardens, advanced hydraulic systems, and ancient boulder gardens that reflect a once splendid kingdom. Halfway up, pause to view the world famous Sigiriya frescoes, ethereal maidens painted in vibrant earth tones. Stop by the Mirror Wall, once polished so finely that the king could see his reflection. Inscriptions and ancient graffiti on the wall offer a poetic window into Sri Lanka's literary past. At the summit, discover the remains of the royal palace and breathtaking 360° views of the surrounding forest, lakes, and countryside. It's a moment of reward, both visually and spiritually, that connects you with the grandeur of ancient Lanka.

Return to the hotel for a relaxing evening.

Overnight: Occidental Paradise, Sigiriya or similar.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 3 Polonnaruwa

Your day begins with a delicious breakfast at the hotel. Today, you'll journey back over 800 years to the golden age of Polonnaruwa, Sri Lanka's second great ancient capital and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

A scenic drive of just over one hour will take you to this remarkably well preserved medieval city, which flourished under the rule of King Parakramabahu I in the twelfth century. Upon arrival, you'll walk in the footsteps of the ancient as you explore the ruins. Visit the Royal Palace Complex, with its towering walls and ancient audience hall, offering a glimpse into the grandeur of





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royal life. Walk the Quadrangle, a sacred cluster of intricately carved buildings, including the Vatadage, designed to enshrine relics with a circular elegance unique to Sri Lankan architecture. The crown jewel of Polonnaruwa is the Gal Vihara, a series of four colossal Buddha statues masterfully carved from a single granite rock. These serene figures, including the reclining Buddha, remain some of the finest examples of Sinhalese rock sculpture.

Following the tour, enjoy a traditional Sri Lankan lunch at a local restaurant with live demonstrations of traditional handicrafts while you enjoy your food.

In the late afternoon, for those seeking a little more adventure and nature, feel free to take the optional wildlife safari through Minneriya National Park.

Optional Activity: Afternoon Safari

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 considered one of, if not 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. The location will be chosen based on where the elephants are migrating that day, with the potential to be in Kaudulla National Park.

Overnight: Occidental Paradise, Sigiriya or similar.

Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch

Day 4 Sigiriya - Kandy

After breakfast, depart from Sigiriya and begin your journey to Kandy, Sri Lanka's hill capital.

Your first stop en route is the Dambulla Cave Temple, an extraordinary UNESCO World Heritage Site that has attracted pilgrims for over 2,000 years. Rising dramatically from the plains, this rocky outcrop shelters a complex of five awe inspiring caves, each filled with ancient Buddhist murals and a mesmerising collection of over 150 statues, including a massive reclining Buddha.

The artwork which contains some of the finest examples of religious cave art in South Asia creates an unmatched atmosphere. As you ascend to the temple itself, enjoy sweeping views over the surrounding countryside, dotted with lakes, forests, and distant hills.

From Dambulla, drive south through lush greenery and arrive in Matale, a region famous for its vibrant spice plantations. Here, you'll stop at a fragrant spice garden, where you'll be guided through rows of cinnamon trees, cardamom bushes, pepper vines, and other exotic plants. Learn about the role of spices in Sri Lankan cuisine and their use in Ayurveda, the island's traditional healing practice. Toward the end of the visit, you will get the chance to sample herbal teas or enjoy a quick shoulder massage with locally made oils.





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Continuing your journey into the highlands, you'll reach the charming city of Kandy, nestled among forested hills and centred around the tranquil Kandy Lake. As the last royal capital of Sri Lanka, the city is steeped in history, culture, and elegance. Explore Kandy's colonial era buildings, colourful local markets and temples hidden amidst the hills on a brief city tour. Drive along the lakefront promenade, stop at view points for photos, and soak in the relaxed pace of life in this sacred city. If time allows, a visit to a local artisan workshop or gem museum will be included.

As the afternoon fades into evening, head to Sky Loft, your hilltop retreat with modern comforts and panoramic views over the Kandy skyline. Perched above the city, it offers a peaceful atmosphere and contemporary style, making it the perfect place to unwind after a day of cultural discovery.

Optional Activity: Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic

Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic is home to one of the most sacred relics in Buddhism, the tooth of Lord Buddha. As you explore this magnificent site, you'll witness the deep reverence and traditions that surround the temple which has been an important pilgrimage destination for centuries. The temple itself is a stunning example of Kandyan architecture with beautifully decorated halls, intricate carvings and serene surroundings. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

Overnight: Sky Loft, Kandy or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 5 Pekoe Trail: Hanthana - Galaha

Today begins with the fresh mountain air and the promise of adventure as you set out on a memorable trek along Stage 1 of the Pekoe Trail, Sri Lanka's premier long-distance walking route through the Central Highlands. This specially-curated soft-adventure hike takes you from the scenic ridges of Hanthana to the peaceful village of Galaha, following paths once walked by colonial era planters and tea workers.

After breakfast, transfer to the Hanthana mountain range, just a short drive from Kandy. Known for its mist veiled hills and historic tea estates, this area once served as a testing ground for the earliest experiments in Ceylon tea cultivation. Here, you'll meet your expert trail guide and begin your trek through a tapestry of natural and cultural landscapes.

The trail meanders through tea plantations, eucalyptus groves, pine forest patches, and grassy ridge lines. Along the way, you'll pass historic tea bungalows, rust-red drying sheds, and friendly estate workers picking leaves by hand, still practicing methods passed down through generations. Along the way, your guide will share stories of British planters, the origins of the global tea trade and about life in the hill country.

The trek concludes in the quiet village of Galaha, once a vibrant community during the tea boom and now a sleepy hamlet set against the backdrop of emerald slopes. After your hike, a vehicle will return you to Sky Loft, Kandy, where you can rest your legs.

Back at your hotel, unwind with a rejuvenating herbal tea, or perhaps take a short stroll to watch the sunset over the hilltops.

Today's hike is approximately 13 kilometres, taking around four hours to walk.





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Overnight: Sky Loft, Kandy or similar

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 6 Kandy - Nuwara Eliya

After breakfast, begin your ascent into Sri Lanka's cool hill country. Today's drive will take you past tea-covered hills, misty forests, and cascading waterfalls on the way to Nuwara Eliya.

As you ascend, the tropical landscape gives way to cool, pine-scented air and charming colonial architecture. Welcome to "Little England," a town shaped by British planters and famed for its cool climate.

In the afternoon, step into the world of Ceylon tea with a hands-on tea plucking experience. Dressed in a traditional apron, walk through the manicured tea fields, learning how to pick the prized "two leaves and a bud." Then tour a nearby working tea factory, where fresh leaves are transformed into aromatic teas through age-old techniques. End the visit with a tasting session, savoring the distinctive flavors of Sri Lanka's finest brews, before returning to your hotel for the evening.

Optional Activity: Royal Botanical Gardens of Peradeniya

Once a royal retreat, this 147-acre garden showcases over 4,000 species of plants including towering palms, exotic orchids, medicinal herbs and the iconic Giant Java Fig Tree. Take a leisurely stroll beneath shaded canopies, surrounded by vibrant blooms and the soft murmur of the Mahaweli River.

Overnight: Heritage Tea Factory Hotel, Nuwara Eliya or similar.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 7 Pekoe Trail: Kandapola - Pedro Estate

Today is yours to enjoy the perfect highland adventure through the breathtaking landscapes and rich natural heritage of Sri Lanka's hill country. After a nourishing breakfast at the hotel, you will start your trek from Kandapola, a short drive away.

Embark on a scenic and refreshing walk through the heart of Nuwara Eliya's famed tea country. This section of the Pekoe Trail takes you from the quiet village of Kandapola to the historic Pedro Tea Estate, tracing a picturesque route through rolling hills blanketed in emerald green tea bushes.

As you walk, you'll encounter panoramic views of misty mountains, flowing streams, and neat rows of tea pluckers at work — an authentic glimpse into Sri Lanka's iconic tea heritage. The trail gently meanders through estate roads and shaded forest patches, offering a serene experience without being overly strenuous.

The journey concludes at the Pedro Tea Factory, one of the oldest in the region, where you can take a guided tour to learn the art of tea processing and enjoy a freshly brewed cup of Ceylon tea while overlooking the lush plantations. Following that, transfer to your hotel for the evening.

Today's hike is approximately 11.3 kilometres, taking around four and a half hours.

Overnight: Heritage Tea Factory Hotel, Nuwara Eliya or similar.

Meals included: Breakfast





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Day 8 Nuwara Eliya - Ella

After breakfast, prepare for one of Sri Lanka's most celebrated experiences, the scenic hill country train ride from Nanu Oya to Demodara. This is a journey that has enchanted travelers for generations. Please note that in the rare instance that seats are not available, you will be transferred by coach.

Board the charming, vintage style train as it winds its way through some of the most spectacular landscapes in Sri Lanka. Watch as the train chugs past rolling emerald tea plantations, historic bridges, cascading waterfalls, and quaint villages nestled in the valleys. The highlight of this route is the famed Nine Arches Bridge. The bridge is an architectural marvel built entirely from stone and brick, soaring gracefully over a deep jungle ravine. The bridge is often shrouded in mist, creating a magical atmosphere perfect for photographs.

Arriving in Ella, you'll step into a peaceful, laid back mountain town celebrated for its natural beauty and relaxed vibe. Surrounded by misty hills and dramatic cliffs, Ella is the perfect base to explore the hill country's wonders. Check in to your hotel and enjoy the evening at leisure. Feel free to spend your evening strolling through Ella's quaint streets, sampling local flavors, or simply relaxing in your hotel.

Overnight: Pinnacle Ella, Ella or similar

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 9 Ella - Mini Adam's Peak - Deniyaya

Start your day with a refreshing breakfast before embarking on a gentle yet rewarding hike to Mini Adam's Peak, one of Ella's most beloved viewpoints. The trail is accessible for most fitness levels and winds through lush tea plantations, tropical forests, and small villages, offering an intimate glimpse into rural hill country life.

Reaching the summit, you'll be greeted by panoramic views of the rolling valleys, mist-covered hills and distant mountains.

After descending, travel by coach to Deniyaya to settle into your hotel, nestled in the wilderness of the Sinharaja Rainforest.

Overnight: Rainforest Eco Lodge, Deniyaya or similar

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 10 Rainforest Trek Sinharaja Forest

After breakfast, embark on a guided rainforest trek led by a professional naturalist. You will explore the forest canopy, giant ferns and endemic flora while learning about Sinharaja's unique birds, butterflies and reptiles. Along the way, your guide will help you identify plants, insects, and mammals found only in this unique ecosystem. Your guide will share fascinating stories about the delicate balance of rainforest life, the importance of conservation, and how local communities coexist sustainably with nature.

The Sinharaja Forest is located between the Sabaragamuwa and Southern provinces covering over 8,000 hectares, with four access points of northwest, northeast, southwest, and southeast. Situated roughly 70 kilometre from the coastal city of Galle, it is the famed final remnant of undisturbed evergreen forest in Sri Lanka. Designated as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, its embrace



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holds an intricate ecosystem home to a high concentration of endemic flora and fauna. This includes rare species like the elusive Green Pit Viper hidden among the trees and the striking Sri Lanka Blue Magpie gliding through the air as a streak of blue.

After your rainforest trek, head back to the hotel for an afternoon at leisure

Overnight: Rainforest Eco Lodge, Deniyaya or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 11 Deniyaya - Galle - Bentota

After breakfast, leave the wild beauty of Sinharaja and enjoy a scenic drive to Bentota, through Galle.

En route, enjoy a city tour of Galle. Upon arrival, immerse yourself in the timeless charm of the UNESCO World Heritage listed Galle Fort, a majestic 17th century fortress built by the Dutch atop the ruins of a Portuguese fortification. Stroll through narrow cobbled streets lined with brightly painted colonial villas, quaint churches, and elegant mansions blending Dutch, Portuguese, and British architectural influences.

Later, continue north to Bentota and check in to your hotel. Spend the afternoon relaxing by the ocean.

Overnight: The Surf, Bentota or similar.
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 12 Bentota

Enjoy a day designed for your relaxation in the beautiful coastal city of Bentota. Start the day at leisure, exploring the beach, town center or simply taking a well deserved rest.

Late in the afternoon, the group will sail on the scenic Madampe River as part of a leisurely boat excursion. The river is one of Sri Lanka's most picturesque waterways. As you glide along the calm water, you'll be surrounded by lush mangroves, coconut palms and an abundance of birdlife. The river is home to a rich ecosystem of wildlife. Keep an eye out for kingfishers, herons, and even water monitors basking on the river banks.

This journey also provides a glimpse into the daily lives of the local fishing communities, observing traditional boats catching fish as you drift by. Along the journey, you may stop at small islands and enjoy some seasonal fruit.

To finish your day off, you will be treated to a unique dinner experience at a floating boat restaurant. Following dinner, return to your hotel for the evening.

Overnight: The Surf, Bentota or similar.
Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner

Day 13 Bentota, Sri Lanka - Australia (or New Zealand)

Today marks your final day in Sri Lanka. After breakfast, and at the appropriate time, you will be transferred to Colombo for your return flight home.

Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight

Day 14 Arrive in Australia (or New Zealand)

Welcome home!

Meals included: None



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Tour Inclusions

HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience Sri Lanka on a small-group tour with a maximum of 20 travellers per group
- Visit Kandy, Negombo, Galle, Ella, Colombo and more
- Embark on a naturalist-led trek through the endemic-rich Sinharaja Rainforest
- Ride a vintage-style train from Nanu Oya to Demodara and see the iconic Nine Arches Bridge
- Climb the 200-meter-high Sigiriya Rock Fortress, a 5th-century royal citadel and UNESCO site
- Trek through the mist-veiled hills of the Hantana mountain range on the Pekoe Trail
- Explore the sacred hill capital of Kandy and its colonial-era lakefront architecture
- Marvel at the Gal Vihara, featuring four colossal Buddha statues carved from a single rock face
- Hike the scenic Pekoe Trail from Kandapola to Pedro Estate through emerald tea bushes
- See the historic ramparts and cobbled streets of the UNESCO-listed Galle Fort
- Cruise the Madampe River by boat before enjoying dinner at a floating restaurant
- Go back in time and see the ancient city of Polonnaruwa and its colossal ruins
- Tour a Matale spice garden to learn about cinnamon, cardamom, and Ayurvedic healing
- Discover the Dambulla Cave Temple, home to over 150 statues and vibrant religious murals

FLIGHTS

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

ACCOMMODATION

12 nights of hotel accommodation

DINING

Enjoy 14 meals including daily breakfast

ESSENTIALS

English-speaking tour guides
Airline taxes and surcharges

TRANSPORT

Transportation by air-conditioned private vehicles

TRANSFERS

Return airport transfers (Excludes Trip Only option)

Important Information

**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.

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 and 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 and 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 the 16th November 2027.

Minimum group size 2, maximum group size 20 per vehicle.

This Travel Offer is priced per person based on a twin share.

Departure Dates & Surcharges

See checkout for live dates and availability.

Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers, a mandatory single supplement of \$1,550 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.

Child Policy

This deal is available to those aged 18 years and older.

Flights

(Flight information for options excluding Trip Only)

Departure Cities

Sydney, Melbourne, *Brisbane, *Adelaide, Perth & *Auckland

Departure City Surcharges

Brisbane: \$100 per person

Adelaide: \$150 per person

Auckland: \$450 per person

International Flight(s)

Full-service airline(s) used

- 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.

Preferred Airline Surcharge

- Cabin Class: Economy Class
- Singapore Airlines: \$300 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.*

Important Information

- *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 and Stay Behind Options

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

Arrive Early

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

Stay Behind

Colombo - 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 into a city other than the one where the tour begins or concludes (where applicable), the package will include an internal flight to your destination. This offer applies only to the cities listed in our Arrive Early & Stay Behind Options. If you wish to forfeit this flight, please advise our friendly team at the time of purchase. Please note that the package's cost does not change when you choose to forfeit your connecting flight.

Please note: If you request to fly into cities not listed in our "Arrive Early & Stay Behind Options", we may be able to customise your itinerary. If possible, the flight's cost will be charged as an extra.

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:

- 15th September 2025 - 12th October 2025
- 1st December 2025 - 19th December 2025
- 20th December 2025 - 4th January 2026
- 5th January 2026 - 31st January 2026
- 3rd April 2026 - 20th April 2026
- 26th June 2026 - 17th July 2026
- 18th September 2026 - 9th October 2026
- 12th December 2026 - 18th December 2026
- 19th December 2026 - 3rd January 2027
- 4th January 2027 - 26th January 2027
- 19th March 2027 - 28th April 2027
- 19th June 2027 - 18th July 2027
- 11th September 2027 - 10th October 2027
- 10th December 2027 - 19th December 2027
- 20th December 2027 - 3rd January 2028

Stopover Packages

- Kuala Lumpur
 - Singapore
- 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.
- 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:
 - 1st- 6th October 2026
 - 18th December 2026 - 3rd January 2027
 - 30th September - 5th October 2027
 - 20th December 2027 - 3rd January 2028

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.*

Outbound Flights

Please note: Due to flight scheduling and availability, some departures may occur on Day 0. Affected customers must be available to depart the day before. Flight times will be indicated on your final documents, issued 4-6 weeks before departure.

Important Information

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.

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:

4-5 Star Properties (Self-Rated)

Waikkal: Club Hotel Dolphin or similar
Sigiriya: Occidental Paradise Dambulla or similar

Nuwara Eliya: Heritage Tea Factory or similar

Ella: The Pinnacle Ella or similar

Bentota: EKHO Surf Bentota or similar

3 Star Properties (Self-Rated)

Kandy: Skyloft Kandy by Aaradhya or similar

Deniyaya: Rainforest Eco Lodge 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.

Please note: If you are interested in booking additional nights of accommodation pre or post-tour, please wait until you receive your travel documentation approximately 4-6 weeks before departure for the confirmed list of hotels. If booking your own additional accommodation directly with the hotel, please be aware that you may be required to change rooms at the start/end of your tour.

Maximum Room Capacity

2 people.

Triple Share

Not available.

Bedding Configuration

Twin or double (subject to availability).

Optional Tours/activities

Day 3: Minneriya National Park Safari - \$115 per person

Day 4: Kandy Temple of the Tooth - \$25 per person

Day 6: Peradeniya Botanical Garden - \$20 per person

Please note:

- Prices are based per person, are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions
- 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
- Optional gratuities/tipping
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance
- Any costs associated with an interruption to your tour as a result of an airline schedule change or cancellation
- Mandatory city tax

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

Gratuities / Tipping

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.

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

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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

On the coast, you can expect a very consistent and tropical 27°C to 30°C in both the air and the water. As you head inland to the Pekoe Trail, the air turns refreshingly cool; daytime temperatures in the hills usually sit between 18°C and 23°C, making it perfect for trekking. While the highlands can see a bit of mist or a passing shower at any time, which is exactly what keeps the tea estates so lush and green. You'll find that plenty of sunshine and warm weather are the norm across the island.

Weather

We always suggest referring to an online source for the most up-to-date weather information for your destination/s.

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.

Dietary Requests

Meal options and availability differ between airlines and routes therefore not all dietary requests can be accommodated. If your flight includes meals we will select the most suitable option available based on the dietary requirements you have specified. All meal requests are subject to airline approval and are not guaranteed, therefore we recommend preparing for your flight by bringing appropriate food for yourself, as required.

Passport Validity:

Customers must provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase or no later than 90 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.

Wildlife

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

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:

Adventure (and spontaneity) create some of the best travel memories. Bear in mind, your home schedules and timings might not be adhered to on tour - it's all part of the fun!

An active level of fitness will be required. Expect an active pace of travel where the focus is on adventure with no limitations. You will need to be self-reliant, physically fit and healthy to participate in fast-paced travel, extended walking/trekking over several hours/days, navigate steep steps, slopes, rugged and uneven terrain, varying weather conditions, remote locations and higher elevations. You will be responsible for your own luggage and able to board all modes of transport without assistance. This tour is typically inaccessible to wheelchairs, mobility scooters and those requiring assistance while travelling.

Please note: It is expected that every traveller must be self-reliant and able to undertake all aspects of their own travel. Please speak to your booking agent about your personal circumstances and any assistance requirements to ensure this tour is right for you.

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

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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

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. 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 start arranging your visa three weeks before departure to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours.*
- *Visa rules are subject to change. Please check with the nearest embassy, consulate or immigration department of the destination/s you are visiting once you receive your travel documentation to ensure you have the most up to date information.*
- *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.*

- *Passengers who are not Australian citizens must also check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required.*
- *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 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 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.