



Gems of Sri Lanka

DAMBULLA ● SIGIRIYA ● KANDY ● GALLE

The Offer

Be immersed in Sri Lanka's enriching culture on this 8-day tour that takes in leafy tea plantations, elephant encounters and mystical temples. From rolling green hills to the blissful serenity of a tropical seaside resort, this is the bucket list experience you've been looking for.

Meet us in the beachside city of Negombo before venturing to Sigiriya to see the ancient Lion Rock Fortress. Locals call this UNESCO World Heritage Site the 'Eighth Wonder of the World', stretching high above the jungle.

Spend time in Dambulla exploring the magnificent Rock Cave Temple, an architectural marvel featuring 150 statues of Buddha across five caves. Travel to Kandy, the last royal capital of Sri Lankan kings, to stroll through the lakeside town and vibrant markets.

Sri Lanka's rich heritage awaits in Nuwara Eliya's breathtaking tea plantations. Here, you will visit a Ceylon tea factory to learn the production process while sipping a cup of aromatic tea.

Prepare for a wholesome experience at Udawalawe Elephant Transit Home, as you witness the care of orphaned elephants. Then, marvel at the famous Galle Fort, the largest intact Dutch fort in Asia dating back to the 17th century.

Finish your journey in the coastal town of Koggala, where you have a day at leisure to relax on tropical beaches, savouring traditional curry and roti before transferring back to Negombo to make your own way home.

This great-value 8-day tour includes 7 nights of 4-star hotel accommodation, daily breakfast, English-speaking guides on tour and more.

Want more? Relax on the beaches of Bentota with our two-day extension itinerary.

Travel Planning: Return international airfares aren't included in this package, so you have the flexibility to choose your own. See Important Information before booking.

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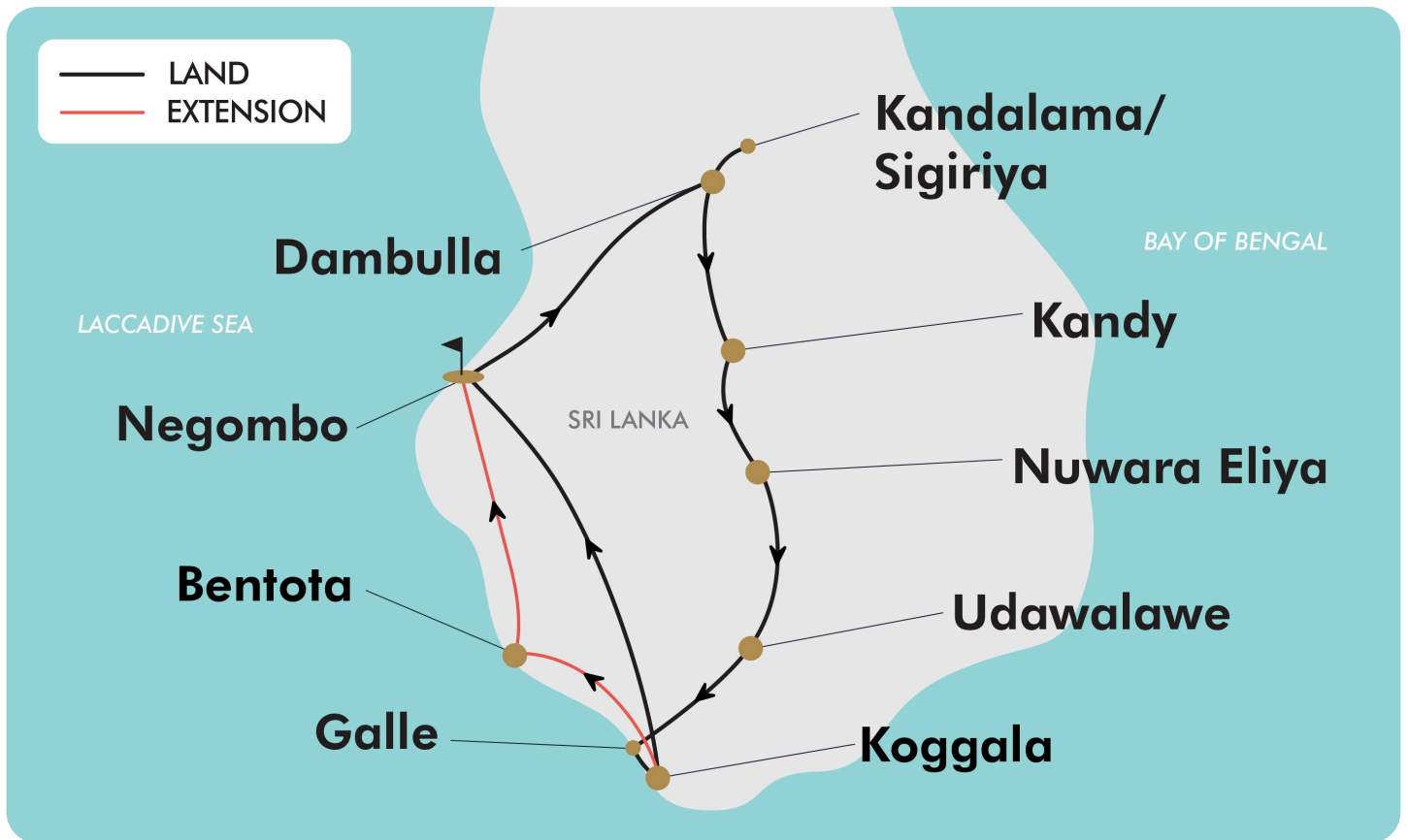


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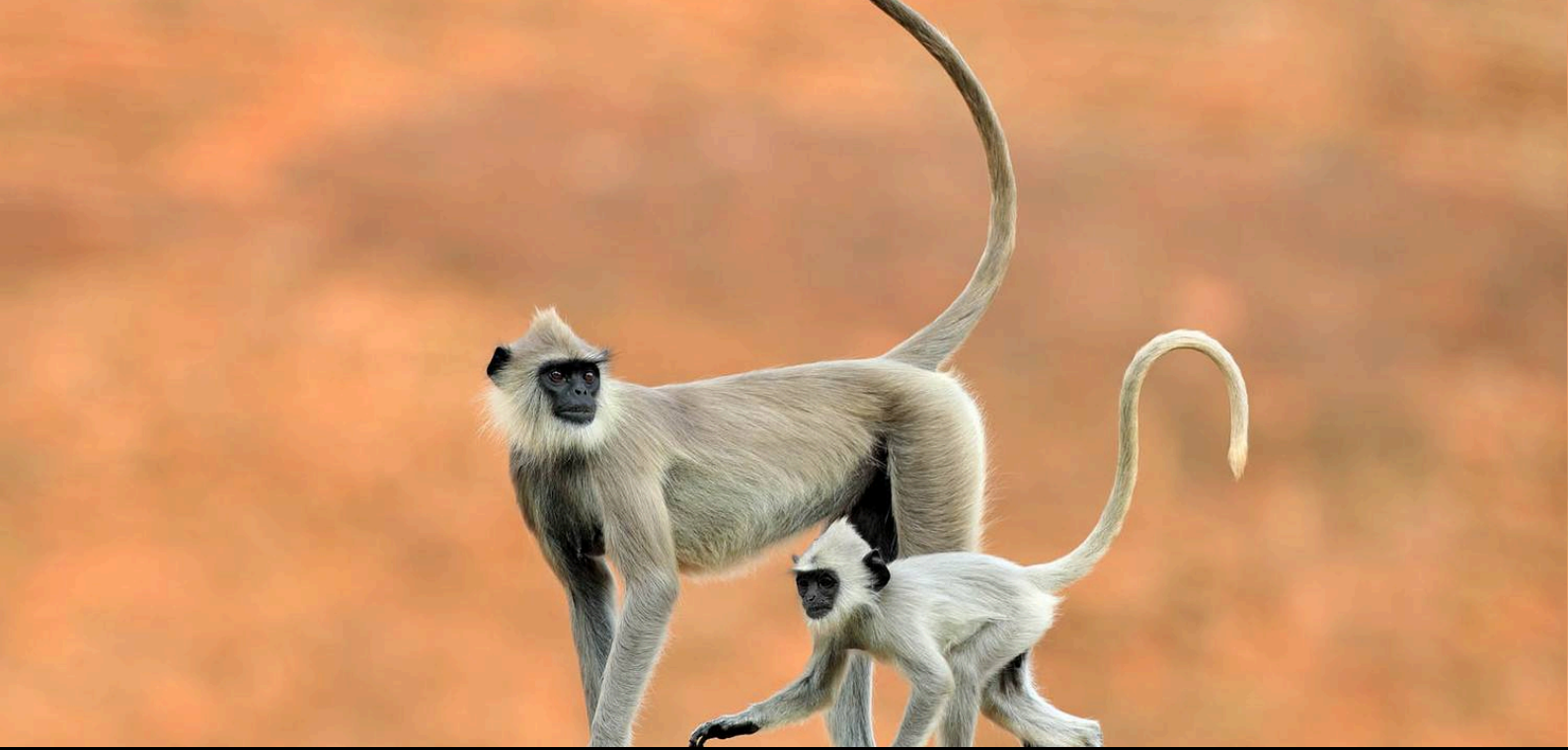
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The Itinerary

Itinerary 1

Day 1 Meet us in Negombo, Sri Lanka

Make your own way to Negombo, Sri Lanka to begin your holiday.

Please note:

- You will receive information upon check-in regarding times for touring the following day.
- Hotel information will be confirmed in your travel documents sent 4-6 weeks prior to travel.

Overnight: Regenta Arie Lagoon Hotel, Negombo or similar
Meals included: None

Day 2 Negombo – Dambulla – Sigiriya - Dambulla

After breakfast, depart for Dambulla. Check into your hotel, then it's time to visit the ancient Lion's Rock Fortress of Sigiriya.

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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 is 139 kilometres and drive time is approximately 3 hours.

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Overnight: Stay in Tropical Life Resort, Dambulla or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 3 Dambulla - Day at Leisure

Enjoy the day at leisure to explore Dambulla, alternatively, join one or both of the following optional tours,

Optional Activity: Morning Polonnaruwa City Tour

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Optional Activity: Jeep safari in Minneriya National Park

Experience an afternoon safari at Minneriya National Park. Spread over 8800 hectares, it's a jungle sanctuary for elephants and home to herds of deer and ample birdlife. Park your jeep on the bank of the reservoir for 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 note: If Minneriya National Park is flooded during the rainy season, a visit to Kaudulla or Eco National Parks are alternative options.

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After exploring the Dambulla Cave Temple, travel to the hill city of Kandy to 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. A stroll across this small lakeside town, cradled among the misty hills, will feature the Kandy City Centre. Take the opportunity to explore the latest and world-class brands, a bazaar, an arts and crafts centre, gem museum and lapidary and the colourful fresh fruits and vegetables in the Kandy market. Fine-tune your evening by stepping to the beat of traditional music and drumming, amplified by a cultural show enhancing the rich and vibrant culture of the Wonder of Asia, Sri Lanka.

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Overnight: Stay at Hotel Suisse, Kandy or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 5 Kandy - Nuwara Eliya

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Upon arrival in the afternoon, take a tour of a local tea plantation and learn about the tea production process and rich traditions of the prestigious brand of Ceylon Tea. Inhale the heavenly scent and end the 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.

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Day 6 Nuwara Eliya - Udawalawe - Galle - Koggala

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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, pass many fishing villages and palm-fringed bays. Begin a tour 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.

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Day 8 Koggala - Bentota

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Overnight: Centara Ceysands Resort, Bentota and Spa or similar

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 9 Bentota - Day at Leisure

Enjoy the day at your own leisure.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 10 Bentota - Negombo, Sri Lanka

After breakfast, travel from Bentota to Negombo.

Make your own onward travel arrangements from Negombo, Sri Lanka.

Meals included: Breakfast



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Tour Inclusions

HIGHLIGHTS

Discover the highlights of exotic Sri Lanka

Travel to Sigiriya, home of the ancient rock fortress

Discover the magnificent Dambulla Rock Cave Temple

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

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

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

Visit the famous Galle Fort, also known as the Dutch Fort

Take in the scenery & the hillside tea plantations of Nuwara Eliya

Relax in style at your beachfront accommodation in Koggala

ACCOMMODATION

7 nights of 4-star hotel accommodation

DINING

Enjoy daily breakfast throughout the tour

ESSENTIALS

English-speaking tour guides

TRANSPORT

Transportation by air-conditioned private vehicles

ITINERARY 2: 10-DAY BENTOTA EXTENSION

All of the above plus:

2 nights of accommodation at a beachside resort in Bentota

Daily breakfast

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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.

Flights

Return International airfares are not included in this 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.

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](#).

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Offer Essentials

This travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 13th of December 2027.

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

Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers, a mandatory single supplement of applies:

2026

- Itinerary 1: \$790
- Itinerary 2: \$1,125

2027

- Itinerary 1: \$905
- Itinerary 2: \$1,360

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 and Surcharges

See checkout for live dates and availability.

Accommodation

Accommodation Used

4-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

- Negombo: Regenta Arie Lagoon Hotel or similar.
- Dambulla: Tropical Life Resort or similar.
- Kandy: Hotel Suisse or similar.
- Nuwara Eliya: Mirage King's Cottage/Galway Heights or similar.
- Bentota: Centara Ceysands Resort and Spa or similar.
- Koggala: South Lake Resort or similar.

Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type and are subject to availability based on seasonality. In

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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 at check-out.

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 Bedding. (subject to availability).

General Information

Minimum group size 10, maximum group size 30 per vehicle.

Optional Activities / Tours

- Day 3: Morning Polonnaruwa City Tour - \$89 per person.
- Day 3: Jeep safari in Minneriya National Park - \$125 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

- Arrival and departure flights
- 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.
- Mandatory city tax.

Other Important Information

TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

Tour Guide

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

Tour Leader

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

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

CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

Sri Lanka

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!

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

7 meals in total are included in the package. 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

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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 is 2000 rupees (approximately \$10 AUD) per person per day. This covers the guide/leader and the driver and will be collected on tour.

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 prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being charged and keep all your receipts. Do not make any purchases you

are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader. Please refer to our [Terms and Conditions](#) regarding shopping for further information.

Visas

A Tourist Visa for Sri Lanka is a strict requirement if travelling on an Australian 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 start arranging your visa three weeks before departure to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours.*
- *Please check with the nearest Sri Lankan embassy, consulate or immigration department for the current tourist visa requirements and any updates regarding the e-visa for Sri Lanka.*

Please note:

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

Travel Insurance

Embarking on your next trip is exciting, and while you hope the unexpected does not happen, it is best to be prepared. We

strongly recommend you take out travel insurance when making your booking. Whether it's a potential medical emergency, a flight cancellation, a delayed suitcase, or an unforeseen event, it's important to ensure you're adequately protected. For more information or advice visit <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.