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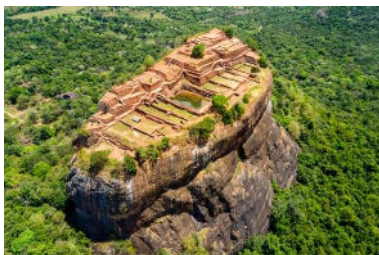
Sri Lanka Wildlife & Culture

14-Day, 13-Night Journey

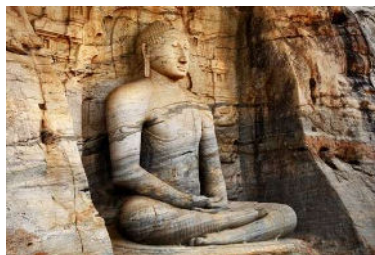
Negombo, Anuradhapura, Sigiriya, Dambulla, Kandy, Hatton, Yala, Galle, Colombo

Leopards, Ruins, Tea Hills, and Tropical Shores.

Check off Sri Lanka from your bucket list with this ultimate tropical island adventure! Discover the island's rich heritage and culture, from ascending the ancient **Sigiriya** fortress to spirituality in **Dambulla's** caves. Trek serene tea hills in **Hatton**. Go on thrilling safaris in **Yala** to spot leopards and elephants. Uncover **Galle's** colonial charm, connecting history with vibrant modern life.



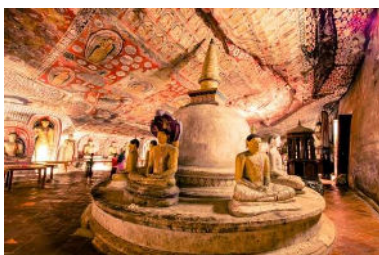
Birds Eye view of Sigiriya Rock Fortress



Stunning Buddha statues carved in granite at Polonnaruwa



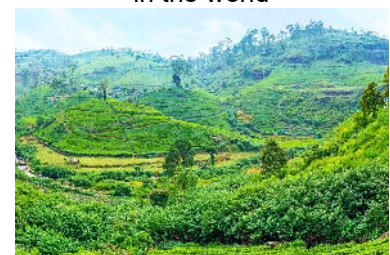
Yala National Park has one of the highest densities of leopards in the world



This ancient temple complex showcases 150 stunning Buddha statues



Galle is known for stunning beaches, the ancient Galle Fort and Galle Lighthouse



Drive through Tea Plantations

Highlights

- Negombo City Tour
- Anuradhapura Sacred City Tour
- Sigiriya Rock Fortress Experience
- Polonnaruwa Tour
- Dambulla Cave Temple and a local Batik maker workshop tour
- Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic of Buddha, Kandy Lake and Gem Gallery tour
- Royal Botanical Gardens
- 3 Wildlife Safaris at Yala National Park
- Galle Fort and City Tour
- River Safari, Sea Turtles & Tea Factory with Stilt Fishmen
- Colombo City Tour

Inclusions

- English-Speaking Private Driver-cum-Guide
- Private Airport Transfers
- Hotel Accommodations
- Daily Breakfast
(See tour plan for details)
- Entrance Fees to Monuments and Attractions per Itinerary

Exclusions

- International Air Fare
- Government Tourism Fee
- Travel Insurance
- Medical Expenses
- Visa Fee
- Gratuities
- Personal Expenses

Nearby Airport

Colombo – Colombo-Bandaranaike International Airport (CMB)

Itinerary

1 NIGHT IN NEGOMBO

DAY 1: ARRIVE IN SRI LANKA

Upon arrival at **Colombo International Airport (CMB)** you will be transferred to your hotel in **Negombo**. The rest of the day is free.

Negombo is a charming coastal town located 25 miles north of Colombo. The town's rich colonial history is a fascinating blend of influences from the Portuguese, Dutch, and British who ruled the region at different times. This seaside town,



strategically located near the mouth of the Negombo Lagoon, was a key center for the spice trade, particularly cinnamon.

[Meals: None]

3 NIGHTS IN ANURADHAPURA

DAY 2: NEGOMBO CITY TOUR

Start the tour with a full-day guided tour of **Negombo**.

Visit **St Mary's Church** (built by the Portuguese in the 1500s). See **coral reefs and a shipwreck**. Take a boat ride at **Hamilton Canal** (expanded by the Dutch in 1600s). Experience the diverse wildlife of **Muthurajawela Marsh**.

Then transfer from **Negombo** to **Anuradhapura** (about 4 hours in the afternoon).

The ancient city of Anuradhapura is a UNESCO World Heritage site. It has beautiful natural surroundings, including reservoirs and lush landscapes that make it a serene location.

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 3: ANURADHAPURA SACRED CITY TOUR

Let's dive into the cradle of Sri Lanka Buddhism today.

After breakfast, a full-day guided tour of the **sacred city of Anuradhapura** (8 hours in the morning). You will visit **Mihintale** which is the birthplace of Buddhism in Sri Lanka. It is a significant pilgrimage site and there are many ancient stupas and a monastery.

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 4: SIGIRIYA FORTRESS & POLONNARUWA

After breakfast, a full-day guided tour of **Sigiriya Rock Fortress** and **Polonnaruwa** (8 hours in the morning).

We visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of **Sigiriya Rock** built by King Kassapa in the 5th century AD.

Today **Sigiriya Rock** is a treasure trove of rare ancient art. In a pocket of the giant rock are the famous frescoes of the heavenly maidens of Sigiriya. It is also called the 'Rock Fortress' or 'the Lion Rock' because of the huge crouching lion that is carved at the entrance to the fortress. This citadel is more than 1,000 ft above the jungles below.

Visit **Polonnaruwa**, a UNESCO World Heritage site, which is a well-preserved ancient city. Explore the Royal Palace, a rock temple with stunning Buddha statues carved in granite, stone columns and fascinating ruins.

[Meals: Breakfast]

2 NIGHTS IN KANDY

DAY 5: ANURADHAPURA - KANDY | DAMBULLA CAVE TEMPLE

After breakfast we depart for Kandy (3 hour) with a full day excursion. Enroute we visit **Dambulla Cave Temple** and then continue to Kandy. The **Dambulla Cave Temple**, also known as the Golden Temple of Dambulla, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its stunning collection of Buddha statues and

intricate murals within five ancient caves.

Visit a local **Batik** Maker Workshop. Batik is a traditional fabric dyeing technique that showcases cultural identity and artistry.

Arrive at **Kandy**, nestled amidst misty hills in central Sri Lanka, next to the serene Kandy Lake. It has a rich cultural heritage and lush botanical gardens.

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 6: KANDY CITY TOUR, TEMPLE OF THE TOOTH RELIC

After breakfast we explore **Kandy city**. (8 hours in the morning)

Visit the **Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic of Buddha**, located in the royal palace complex, which houses the relic of the tooth of Buddha. It is one of Sri Lanka's eight UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Visit **Kandy Lake** and a **gem gallery** (window shopping for precious stones such as blue sapphire, pink sapphire, ruby and more).

[Meals: Breakfast]

2 NIGHTS IN HATTON

DAY 7: KANDY – HATTON | PERADENIYA BOTANICAL GARDEN

After breakfast we explore the **Royal Botanical Gardens at Peradeniya** which spreads over 160 acres of exquisite beauty with more than 4,000 species of flora (2 hours in the morning).

Transfer to Hatton by vehicle (3 hours). A scenic drive to the hill stations.

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 8: HATTON

Today is free.

Hatton is the Tea Capital of Sri Lanka. The town offers lush tea plantations, misty hills, and cascading waterfalls. We suggest you to consider a spa treatment at the hotel, bicycle ride through the surrounding tea plantations, explore vibrant gardens, or visit a tea estate.

[Meals: Breakfast]

2 NIGHTS IN YALA

DAY 9: HATTON - YALA | AFTERNOON JUNGLE SAFARIS

After breakfast we take a leisurely drive to Yala (4 hours in the morning) the most visited and second largest national park in Sri Lanka. Upon arrival, check in for 2 nights stay at the resort.

Enjoy your **afternoon jungle safari (4 hours)** in the afternoon).

Yala National Park is spread over an area of 979 sq. km (378 sq. miles). It was one of the first two officially designated national parks in Sri Lanka. This game park is famous for having one of the highest densities of leopards in the world. Yala Park has 3 of Sri Lanka's Big Five: **Leopards, Asian Elephants and Sloth Bears**. Unfortunately, the remaining 2 of the Big Five (Blue Whales and Sperm Whales) are unavailable on land. 44 other species of mammals and other wildlife are found in the park including wild bears, peacocks, wild buffalo, sambar and spotted deer, in addition to 130 species of birds.

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 10: MORNING AND AFTERNOON JUNGLE SAFARI

Enjoy a **morning jungle safari** (4 hours) and an **afternoon jungle safari** (4 hours) in Yala National Park. On these interesting safaris you are likely to see spotted deer, wild boars and wild elephants in addition to a wide variety of birds. There are also high chances of spotting sloth bears and leopards. With an average 1 leopard per sq. km, Yala has the highest density of leopards in Asia!

[Meals: Breakfast]

2 NIGHTS IN GALLE

DAY 11: YALA – GALLE | GALLE FORT WALKING TOUR

In the morning, we depart for the coastal town of **Galle**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a thriving beach destination in Sri Lanka. (2 hours in the morning).

After arriving in Galle, we enjoy a walking tour of the **Heritage City of Galle** and explore the **Dutch Fortress**.

Galle was the most ancient and important harbor of Sri Lanka. Galle Old Town was founded by Portuguese colonists in the 16th century with architecture reflecting Portuguese, Dutch and British rule. The old town is known for its stunning beaches and **Galle Fort** (a UNESCO World Heritage Site).

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 12: GALLE | RIVER SAFARI, SEA TURTLES & TEA FACTORY

Today, follow your guided tour of **Galle Day Trip with River Safari, Sea Turtles & Tea Factory** to witness a curious feature - the **stilt fishermen** on the coast who carefully balance themselves before casting their fishing lines.

Visit a **tea plantation** and **spice plantation**. You can learn about the cultivation and processing of tea and spices like cinnamon, clove and more. There are opportunities to taste and purchase fresh tea and spices. A sensory-rich adventure!

[Meals: Breakfast]

1 NIGHT IN COLOMBO

DAY 13: GALLE – COLOMBO | COLOMBO CITY TOUR

After breakfast we drive to **Colombo** (3 hours in the morning).

This afternoon we take a guided tour to visit **Colombo City**.

Pettah Bazaar: A bustling local market.

Old Dutch Museum: A 17th century colonial building showcasing the Dutch influence.

Former home to Count August Carl Van Ranzow: This historic building also served as an orphanage and military hospital

Then transfer to your hotel in **Colombo**.

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 14: COLOMBO AIRPORT (CMB)

After breakfast we transfer to **Colombo Airport** for your flight home.

[Meals: Breakfast]

- ▶ Hotel check-out time is generally around 11 am. If your flight departs in the evening or past midnight, we suggest you consider adding a post-tour hotel night during booking, to be comfortable and well rested before your flight home.
- ▶ Excursion duration and start time are subjected to change without prior notice.

Optional Add-ons:

- ▶ Additional hotel nights are available at each city.
- ▶ Standard double room is included with your tour. Room upgrades available in the same hotel, please advise the budget.