

TRAVELLING TO NEW PLACES WITH CONFIDENCE

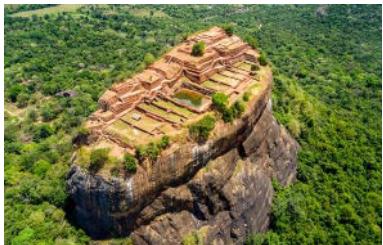
Heritage of Sri Lanka

7-Day, 6-Night Journey

Negombo, Sigiriya, Kandy

Ancient Wonders, Elephants, and Ceylon Tea.

Embark on a rich cultural journey from Negombo to Kandy. Hike the ancient heights of **Sigiriya Rock Fortress**, go on safari to see elephants in **Minneriya National Park**, and discover the statues in the **Dambulla Cave Temple**. In the serene hills of Kandy, visit the **Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic**. Along the way, you'll **savor** delicious local dishes, fragrant spices, and world-renowned Ceylon tea, gaining a deep sense of Sri Lanka's history.



Birds Eye view of Sigiriya Rock Fortress



Entrance to Sirgiriya Rock



See elephants in nature



This ancient temple complex showcases 150 stunning Buddha statues



Temple next to Kandy Lake



Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic

Highlights

- Negombo City Tour
- Sigiriya Rock Fortress Experience
- Minneriya National Park Safari
- Dambulla Cave Temple and a local Batik maker workshop tour
- Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic of Buddha, Kandy Lake and Gem Gallery tour

Inclusions

- Private Airport Transfers
- Hotel Accommodations
- Daily Breakfast
(See tour plan for details)
- English-speaking driver cum guide
- 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

2 NIGHTS 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]

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**.

[Meals: Breakfast]

2 NIGHTS IN SIGIRIYA

DAY 3: NEGOMBO – SIGIRIYA, SIGIRIYA ROCK FORTRESS EXPERIENCE

This morning, we drive to **Sigiriya** which is located in the heart of the Cultural Triangle. (About 3.5 hours in the morning)

We visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of **Sigiriya Rock** built by King Kassapa in the 5th century AD (about 4 hours in the afternoon). 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.

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 4: MINNERIYA NATIONAL PARK SAFARI

Today we visit **Minneriya National Park** to spot a variety of wildlife, including elephants, leopards, sambar deer, and a wide range of bird species. (10 hours in the morning)

[Meals: Breakfast]

2 NIGHTS IN KANDY

DAY 5: SIGIRIYA - KANDY | DAMBULLA CAVE TEMPLE & BATIK MAKER

After breakfast we visit **Dambulla Cave Temple** and a **local Batik maker workshop** (8 hours in the morning) 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.

Transfer to **Kandy** (about 2.5 hours drive) is 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 | KANDY CITY TOUR, GEM GALLERY, 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]

DAY 7: KANDY – COLOMBO AIRPORT (CMB)

After breakfast,

Transfer to **Colombo International Airport (CMB)** 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.