



TRAVELLING TO NEW PLACES WITH CONFIDENCE

UAE & Sri Lanka

13-Day, 12-Night Journey

Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Colombo, Minneriya National Park, Anuradhapura, Sigiriya, Dambulla, Kandy

This tour offers a unique adventure combining tradition and novelty. Explore the contrasting futuristic skyscrapers and traditional quarters in Dubai and Abu Dhabi. For even more thrill-seeking adventures, enjoy spectacular rides and attractions at Yas Island Theme Parks & Ferrari World, where the world's fastest roller coaster and most epic water ride can be discovered!

Explore the tropical paradise of Sri Lanka to take in its nearly 3,000 years of history and some of world's most ancient cities! Visit the remnants of many once glorious cities, amazing palaces, historic temples and monasteries, hospitals and theaters intricately carved out of stone amidst the soaring mountains. Don't forget to taste the many delicious local dishes, fragrant spices and famous Ceylon tea while your there!

◆ Private Tour

Trip Overview (*UNESCO World Heritage Sites)

- ▶ Dubai City Tour
- ▶ Burj Khalifa (Observation Desk)
- ▶ The Dubai Mall
- ▶ Jumeirah Palm
- ▶ Souq Madinat Jumeirah (Little Venice)
- ▶ Old Dubai
- ▶ Al Bastakiya Historical Neighborhood
- ▶ Dubai Museum
- ▶ Dubai Creek
- ▶ Gold Souk (Gold Market)
- ▶ Spice Souk (Spice Market)
- ▶ Abu Dhabi City Tour
- ▶ Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque
- ▶ Emirates Palace
- ▶ Heritage Village

- ▶ Yas Waterworld Park & Ferrari World
- ▶ Colombo Walking Tour
- ▶ Elephants at Minneriya National Park
- ▶ **Ruins of Anuradhapura***
- ▶ Sri Mahabodhi (one the world's oldest trees)
- ▶ Ritigala Monastery
- ▶ **Sigiriya Rock (Lion Rock)***
- ▶ **Rock Cave Temple of Dambulla***
- ▶ Spice Plantation Tour
- ▶ Kandy City Tour
- ▶ **Temple of Tooth Relic of Buddha***
- ▶ Sri Lankan style tapas
- ▶ Cooking Demonstration

Why You'll Love This Tour



UNIQUE ARCHITECTURE

Dubai is known worldwide for its architecture. It's hard to believe that only four decades ago, the city did not have a single skyscraper. Now, the Dubai skyline is full of unique skyscrapers designed by some of the best architects in the world. Don't miss the Dancing Dubai Fountains and the sprawling views from the tallest building in the world, the Burj Khalifa.



ARCHAEOLOGICAL WONDERS

Sri Lanka offers a chance to see museum-quality statues and artifacts in-situ. Pilgrims from around the world embark on a spiritual journey and attend ceremonies in magnificent dagobas and monasteries in ancient Anuradhapura, Sigiriya, Dambulla and Kandy, all UNESCO World Heritage Sites.



LARGEST WALKING MAMMAL ON EARTH

Nothing beats seeing herds of elephants firsthand in their natural habitat. Be amazed at their immense size, intelligence and majesty as they stride across the river or amble through the forest, an experience that is surely the highlight of any journey.

Inclusions

- ▶ Airfare from Selected USA Airport
- ▶ Airport Transfers, Meet and Greet
- ▶ Hotel Accommodations
- ▶ Daily Breakfast & Selected Meals
(See tour plan for details)
- ▶ English-speaking Local Guide
- ▶ Entrance Fees to Monuments and Attractions per Itinerary
- ▶ Burj Khalifa Ticket (Non-Prime Hours)

Exclusions

- ▶ Tourism Fee of AED 15 per room per night paid directly to the UAE hotel
- ▶ Travel Insurance
- ▶ Medical Expenses
- ▶ Visa Fee
- ▶ Gratuity
- ▶ Personal Expenses

Nearby Airports

Dubai - Dubai International Airport (DXB)

Colombo - Bandaranaike International Airport (CBM)

Itinerary

(B)-Breakfast, (L)-Lunch, (D)-Dinner

DAY 1: MAJOR USA AIRPORT - DUBAI (DXB)

Depart from your USA departure airport for the flight to Dubai.
Night on board the aircraft.

DAY 2: DUBAI | ARRIVAL

Upon arrival into **Dubai**, you'll be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is free.

DAY 3: DUBAI | CITY TOUR (B)

Discover the best of Dubai on this full day city tour. Engage with and be inspired by its cultural diversity and unique architectures.

Step out onto the highest outdoor observation deck in the world at the **Burj Khalifa**. Visit **Dubai Mall** as you continue to the **Jumeirah Palm**, yet another man-made island and then a photo stop at **Atlantis hotel**. Visit **Souq Madinat Jumeirah** (Little Venice) followed by a photo opportunity at Burj Al Arab and Jumeirah Mosque.



Continue to explore Dubai's humble beginnings, starting with **Old Dubai** in **Al Bastakiya Historical Neighborhood**. Explore **Dubai Museum** that highlights the fascinating local culture. Take a water taxi across the **Dubai Creek**. Get a sense of what commerce was like back in the day, by strolling through one of the city's traditional souks or bazaars, **Gold Souk** (Gold Market) and **Spice Souk** (Spice Market).

DAY 4: DUBAI – ABU DHABI | CITY TOUR (B)

Meet your Bedouin guides and set off for **Abu Dhabi** (1.5 hours), **Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque**, **Emirates Palace** and **Abu Dhabi Heritage Village**.

DAY 5: ABU DHABI | YAS WATERWORLD, FERRARI WORLD (B)

Get ready for the thrill of a lifetime as we visit **Yas Island**! Yas Island is incredibly an entertainment destination within a 30-minute drive of the capital city Abu Dhabi.

On the island, we will visit **Yas Waterworld** (UAE's most elaborate water park) and **Ferrari World** (first Ferrari branded theme park in the world).

DAY 6: ABU DHABI – DUBAI - COLOMBO (B)

After breakfast, transfer to Dubai International Airport (DXB) for your flight to Sri Lanka. Arrive at **Bandaranaike International Airport (CMB)** in **Colombo** and transfer to your hotel. The rest of the day is free.

The legacies of colonial Colombo's garden roots are still very much intact along its often-shady boulevards. Colombo's cosmopolitan side supports ever-more stylish eateries, galleries and shops.

DAY 7: COLOMBO - DAMBULLA | CITY TOUR, MINNERIYA NATIONAL PARK (B, L, D)

Start with a half day walking tour of Colombo, then drive to Dambulla. Stop by the **Minneriya National Park**. The scenic Minneriya usually has 200 elephants in the park who make their way to the water reservoir at the center of the park to socialize, bathe and even find mates.

DAY 8 –DAMBULLA | RUINS OF ANURADHAPURA (B, L, D)

Enjoy an excursion to the **ruins of Anuradhapura**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Anuradhapura is an ancient city founded in the 5th century BC, and home to the largest number of monuments of the great Sinhala civilization. Visit ancient royal palaces, shrines, dagobas and **Sri Maha Bodhi (one the world's oldest trees)**. Visit **Ritigala Monastery** on Ritigala Mountain.

DAY 9: DAMBULLA | SIGIRIYA (B, L, D)

Today we visit a traditional Sri Lankan village and the UNESCO World Heritage Site of **Sigiriya Rock**, built by King Kassapa in the 5th century AD. Sigiriya Rock is a treasure trove of rare 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 image that is carved at the entrance to the fortress. This citadel rises more than 1,000 ft. from the jungles below. Enjoy a village tour with an authentic Sri Lanka lunch today.

DAY 10: DAMBULLA - KANDY | DAMBULLA ROCK CAVE TEMPLE, SPICES OF KANDY (B, L, D)

After breakfast, embark on your drive to **Kandy**.

En route we visit the iconic **Rock Cave Temple of Dambulla** which dates to the first century BC, a UNESCO World Heritage site. The temple is a series of 5 caves filled with statues and paintings, including a 47 ft. long statue of Lord Buddha. This is the largest and best-preserved cave temple complex in Sri Lanka.

Herbs and spices are tasty and yet healthy treats. We'll visit a **spice plantation** in which you will find cocoa, vanilla, cinnamon, coffee and more!

DAY 11: KANDY | CITY TOUR, TEMPLE OF THE TOOTH RELIC, COOKING DEMO (B, L, D)

After breakfast we explore Kandy City and visit the **Temple of Tooth Relic of Buddha** located in the royal palace complex which houses the relic of the tooth of Buddha and is one of Sri Lanka's 8 UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Since ancient times the relic has played an important role in local politics because it is believed that whoever holds the relic holds the governance of the country. This afternoon we relax and enjoy **Sri Lankan style tapas** at the venerable Royal Bar. We end today with a **cooking demonstration**.

DAY 12: KANDY – COLOMBO (B)

After breakfast we drive back to **Colombo** and check-in at the hotel. At the indicated time transfer to the **Bandaranaike International Airport (CMB)** in **Colombo** for a flight back to the US.

DAY 13: ARRIVE IN USA

Arrive back in the USA.

Hotels

We carefully handpick our hotels to ensure they provide you with the best comfort and experience. For Private Tours, you may request a specific hotel as one of the customizable options.

