



TRAVELLING TO NEW PLACES WITH CONFIDENCE

Paradise of Sri Lanka

12-Day, 11-Night Journey

Colombo, Anuradhapura, Sigiriya, Kandy, Ella, Weligama, Galle

Known as one of the finest islands in the world, Sri Lanka has a history that dates back thousands of years. Although it's a small country, there is much history, nature, and beauty to see. Explore the beaches, jungles, tea plantations, temples, and many more attractions on this perfectly paced journey of 12 days. Catch a glimpse of gigantic blue whales, mischievous dolphins and watch majestic elephants as they roam freely in their natural habitat.

Travel back in time to witness ancient legacies, European influences, the British colonial and Buddhist heritage. Experience a train ride from Kandy to Ella, which is globally considered to be one of the most enjoyable train experiences. Then to top it off, enjoy visiting several UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

◆ Customizable Private Tour

Trip Overview (*UNESCO World Heritage Sites)

- ▶ Ruins of Anuradhapura*
- ▶ Kaludiya Pokuna Archeological Forest
- ▶ Sri Maha Bodhi (one the world's oldest trees)
- ▶ Sigiriya Rock (Lion Rock)*
- ▶ Kandy City Tour
- ▶ Temple of Tooth Relic of Buddha*
- ▶ Paddy and Pagoda Walking Tour
- ▶ Kandy to Ella Train Ride
- ▶ Ella Highlands Hike
- ▶ ..(Nine Arch Bridge)
- ▶ Flying Ravana Zipline
- ▶ Whale Watching
- ▶ Weligama Beaches
- ▶ Galle Old Town Tour
- ▶ Galle Fort*
- ▶ Blessing at Rock Temple

Why You'll Love This Tour



ALL CREATURES GREAT & SMALL

This journey takes you on some of the best ways to experience a Paradise Island! Prepare to be mesmerized by herds of Asian elephants, gigantic blue whales, legendary humpback whales and propitious sea turtles. Sri Lanka is all about natural beauty.



SOARING SIGIRIYA AND ANCIENT RUINS

Transport yourself back in time as an ancient warrior. Climb to the top of the iconic 1000 ft tall Sigiriya Rock Fortress and survey the jungle below for foes. Visit the past in the ruins of Anuradhapura and ancient monasteries.



ROMANTIC TRAIN RIDE

Everyone loves the romance of a great railway journey. Step onto one of the most scenic train rides with us. Gaze out upon the rolling carpet of tea, colorful silk saris of Tamil tea pickers and lush green mountains on a memorable train ride.

Inclusions

- ▶ 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

Exclusions

- ▶ Air Fare
- ▶ Travel Insurance
- ▶ Medical Expenses
- ▶ Visa Fee
- ▶ Gratuity
- ▶ Personal Expenses

Nearby Airport

Colombo- Bandaranaike International Airport (CBM)

Itinerary

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

DAY 1: MEET UP AT COLOMBO (D)

Upon arriving **Bandaranaike International Airport (CMB)** in **Colombo**, be transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is free.

DAY 2: COLOMBO - ANURADHAPURA | ANURADHAPURA, KALUDIYA POKUNA (B, L, D)

After breakfast, depart to Anuradhapura. 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 Sinhala civilization. Visit ancient royal palaces, shrines, dagobas, **Kaludiya Pokuna Archeological Forest** with archeological remains and **Sri Maha Bodhi** (one the world's oldest trees).

DAY 3: ANURADHAPURA | SIGIRIYA (B, L, D)

After breakfast we visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of **Sigiriya Rock**, built by King Kassapa in the 5th century AD. Today the rock is a treasure trove of rare art. This citadel rises more than 1,000 ft. from the jungles below. Return to Anuradhapura for an overnight stay.

DAY 4: ANURADHAPURA | KANDY CITY TOUR, TEMPLE OF THE TOOTH RELIC (B, L, D)

After breakfast, we drive to Kandy for a visit to the **Temple of Tooth Relic of Buddha**, located in the royal palace complex which houses the relic of the tooth of Buddha and one of Sri Lanka's 8 UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Upon arrival in Kandy, check in at your hotel for an overnight stay.

DAY 5: KANDY | PADDY AND PAGODA WALKING TOUR (B, L, D)

A leisurely walking tour around Kandy Lake, see paddy fields and temples.

DAY 6: KANDY – ELLA (B, L, D)

The **train trip from Kandy to Ella** is considered to be one of the most beautiful train journeys in the world. The seven-hour trip takes you through stunning landscapes.

DAY 7: ELLA | ELLA HIGHLANDS HIKE (B, L, D)

The best way to see the hill country is by hiking. Feast your eyes on lush carpets of tea plantations. On your 3 hour hike, Alpine forests emerge from creeping morning mists to reveal some of the most beautiful scenery like the **Nine Arch Bridge**. Visit **Flying Ravana** to enjoy the thrill of zip lining.



DAY 8: ELLA - WELIGAMA (B, L, D)

We proceed to the Indian coastal town of **Weligama**. It is an interesting blend of fishing town and beach resort. The rest of the day is free.

DAY 9: WELIGAMA | WHALE WATCHING (B, L, D)

This morning we embark on a **whale watching** boat. The waters around here are particularly rich in micro-organisms which the whales feed on. You may also see dolphins playing in the waves.

DAY 10: WELIGAMA (B, L, D)

A day of leisure for you to soak in more sun and relax on the golden beaches. Surf and feast on the freshest harvest from the sea. Five out of the seven species of **sea turtles** come ashore to nest in Sri Lanka, making it an ideal spot for Turtle Watching.

DAY 11: WELIGAMA | GALLE DAY TOUR, BLESSING AT BUDDHIST ROCK TEMPLE (B, L, D)

A day trip to **Galle**. The 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 stunning beaches and **Galle Fort**. The fort is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Before leaving this paradise, embark on a **spiritual journey** in Yatagala Buddhist Rock Temple situated among lush green paddy fields. Your Buddhist guide will take you through the temple to purge negative thoughts. Receive a blessing (puja) from the monk, this symbolic ritual practice offers a sense of happiness and peace.

DAY 12: WELIGAMA – COLOMBO (CMB) (B)

Enjoy your breakfast, after which the tour ends. We drive back to **Colombo** for your departure flight.

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.

