

# Tour of Sri Lanka

## 14 Days/13 Nights

**Sri Lanka Tours**  
and Beyond 

### CITIES COVERED:

NEGOMBO/ANURADHAPURA/JAFFNA/HABARANA/  
KANDY/NUWARA ELIYA/BERUWALA/COLOMBO

**SALE ENDS 31 JUL 20**

**VALID FOR TRAVEL: 01 MAY—31 OCT 20**

Seasonal surcharges apply: 01 Jul—31 Aug 20

from  
**\$2479\***  
per person

### ***Tour of Sri Lanka***

This tour will give you a taste of true Sri Lanka. A culturally rich and environmentally diverse country, with nine World Heritage Sites (the oldest dating back to the 3rd Century BC); 86 species of mammals (including elephant and leopard) and more than 400 bird species (including 26 endemics); a colorful array of flowering plants and trees, and a Hill Country fringed and sandy tropical beaches.



### **PRICE INCLUDES:**

- Twin share accommodation in hotels specified in the itinerary
- Meal plan as mentioned throughout the itinerary
- Air conditioned vehicle along with the services of an English speaking chauffeur guide from arrival up to your departure.
- All applicable current local taxes

### **Includes all Entrances, Sights & Safaris:**

- Negombo Lagoon Boat Ride
- Anuradhapura Ruin City Tour By Cycle
- Keerimalai Hot Springs
- Jaffna Fort Sightseeing
- Nallur Kandaswamy Temple
- Jaffna Public Library
- Minneriya National Park & 01 Jeep Safari
- Sigiriya Rock Fortress
- Hiriwadunna Village Tour
- Kandy Sightseeing & The Temple Of The Tooth Relic
- Kandy Garrison British Cemetery
- Lover's Leap Waterfall
- Local Vegetable Market Visit
- Handunugoda Tea Estate And Factory
- Galle Sightseeing Tour
- Ambalangoda Mask Museum
- Sea Turtle Conservation Project
- Colombo City Tour & Seema Malaka

### **PRICE EXCLUDES:**

- Expenses of personal nature
- Cost of beverages
- Portage & Tips
- Early Check-in/ Late Check-out

### **Value Added:**

- 15 minutes head & shoulder massage at Spice Garden
- Traditional Sri Lankan style lunch in Hiriwadunna
- Curd & Treacle in a local market
- Rio ice cream in Jaffna





#### Day 01: AIRPORT / NEGOMBO BOATRIDE

You will be warmly welcomed by our representative who will guide you throughout the tour. After the formalities at the Airport, proceed to your first hotel in Negombo. Once reached, check-in to the hotel (Approx. transfer time: 30mins) and enjoy a boat ride at Negombo lagoon. The lagoon is fed by a number of small rivers and a canal. It is linked to the sea by a narrow channel to the north, near Negombo city.

#### **Overnight accommodation at Suriya Resort in Waikkal**

#### Day 02: NEGOMBO / ANURADHAPURA - CYCLE TOUR

Rise up early and proceed to Anuradhapura and commence a sightseeing tour of the ancient city by cycle.

Visit the ruins of the first capital founded in the 5th century BC. Here is found the largest number of ancient monuments of a great civilization. Buddhism found its first real home in Sri Lanka at Anuradhapura, and it thus contains some of Sri Lankan Buddhism's most secret sights.

On completion, proceed and check-in to the hotel. Spend the rest of the day in leisure.

#### **Overnight accommodation at Rajarata Hotel in Anuradhapura**

#### Day 03: ANURADHAPURA / JAFFNA SIGHTSEEING

After an early breakfast, proceed to Jaffna

Once reached, commence a mini sightseeing tour. You will be visiting Jaffna market, Jaffna Fort and Jaffna Public Library (Library is closed on Mondays).

Tellingly, one of the first major buildings to be rebuilt after the 2002 ceasefire was Jaffna's Public Library. It had been burnt down by pro-government mobs (some say forces) in July 1981, a destruction that many Tamils deemed a cultural attack – few acts were more significant in the build-up to civil war.

On completion, proceed to your hotel and check-in.

#### **Overnight accommodation at Jetwing Jaffna**

#### Day 04: JAFFNA SIGHTSEEING

After breakfast, visit the Nallur Kandaswamy Temple.

This huge Hindu temple, crowned by a towering god-encrusted, golden-ochre gopuram, is one of the most significant Hindu religious complexes in Sri Lanka. Its sacred deity is Murugan (or Skanda), and during cacophonous puja – at 5am, 10am, noon, 4.15pm (small puja), 4.30pm ('special' puja), 5pm and 6.45pm – offerings are made to his brass-framed image and other Hindu deities like Ganesh in shrines surrounding the inner sanctum. It's about 1.5km northeast of the centre.

Visit Jaffna's most famous ice cream shop - 'Rio Ice Cream' and try it!

On completion, proceed to Keerimalai and visit a hot water spring.

The Keerimalai Hot Spring is a natural spring located in the Keerimalai area of Jaffna. The source of the water is an underground fresh water spring in Tellipallai, Maviddapuram. The spring is considered as a holy pond, with many Hindu and other devotees patronizing it seeking miraculous healing, remedy for impotency, and physical wellbeing.

On completion, proceed to Casuarina beach and relax.

White sand and shallow azure waters at a bustling Jaffna beach.

A serene 45 minute drive from Jaffna's bustling centre brings you to the idyllic Casuarina Beach, named after the fuzzy pine-like casuarina trees that line the long stretch of shore. The beach is popular with tourists and locals alike because of its bright white sand and shallow azure waters. Try and make it down in the early morning before the crowds arrive. If you want to really experience the beauty of the shallow seas track down a fisherman to drive you out on his boat

Return to the hotel on completion.

#### **Overnight accommodation at Jetwing Jaffna**

#### Day 05: JAFFNA / DAMBULLA

After breakfast, checkout and proceed to Dambulla

Once reached, check-in to the hotel and relax.

Visit the Dambulla Rock Cave temple in the evening.

Dambulla Cave Temple is a vast isolated rock mass and it was here that king Valagambahu took refuge in the 01st century B.C. He later turned the caves into a rock temple.

On completion, return to the hotel.

#### **Overnight accommodation at Cinnamon Lodge**

#### Day 06: DAMBULLA / SIGIRIYA / MINNERIYA / DAMBULLA

**Today after breakfast, proceed to Sigiriya and visit the Sigiriya Rock Fortress.**

Proceed to climb the Sigiriya Rock Fortress which is known as the 8th wonder of the world. This rock fortress was built by King Kasyapa in the 5th century A.D. and was a royal citadel for more than 18 years. In a sheltered a pocket, approached by a spiral stairway, are the famous frescoes. The summit of the rock, with an area of nearly one hectare was the site of the palace and the outer wall was built on the very brink of the precipice. The UNESCO sponsored Central Cultural Fund has restored Sigiriya 5th century water gardens to their former glory.

**On completion, proceed to Minneriya National Park and enjoy a wild jeep safari.**

Located between Habarana and Polonnaruwa, Minneriya is yet another haven for the elephants that migrate from surrounding jungles to enjoy the lush grass fields on the banks of the Minneriya reservoir, during the dry season. Reports of elephant sightings range from an impressive 100 to 200. Endemic monkeys as well as many resident and migratory bird species also can be spotted along with endemic reptiles such as the painted-lip lizard. Among the reptiles that dwell here, are the saltwater crocodile, the Indian python and the water monitor.

The central feature of the park is the ancient Minneriya Tank (built in 3rd century AD by King Mahasena). This tank is generally known as a place to observe the elephants that come to bathe and graze on the grasses as well as the huge flocks of birds (cormorants and painted storks to name but a few) that come to fish in the shallow waters.

On completion, return to the hotel and relax.

#### **Overnight accommodation at Cinnamon Lodge**

#### Day 07: DAMBULLA / HIRIWADUNNA / KANDY

**Today after breakfast, proceed on an authentic village experience in Hiriwadunna.**

This is a super jungle and village experience which is a popular tourist attraction. Have an early departure to a point off the main road where you will begin a scintillating walk over village paths, a tank (ancient reservoir) bund and forest. Cross a little jungle rivulet by catamaran to reach a farmer's simple "wattle and daub" house where the breakfast/lunch can be consumed. The villager will offer some tea and may be sweetmeats.

Proceed half an hour by foot and bullock cart to a point where a vehicle meets you for the transfer to the hotel, a truly Sri Lankan experience.

Enjoy a traditional Sri Lankan lunch.

**On completion, proceed to Kandy. En-route, visit a spice garden in Matale.**

For centuries, spices have been one of Sri Lanka's celebrated exports. Spices are mostly grown in home gardens (as a home industry) and used not only to flavor food but also for medicine and cosmetics. Enjoy a 15mins Head & Shoulder massage.

On completion, continue to proceed to Kandy and check-in to the hotel.

#### **Overnight accommodation at Amaya Hills**

**Day 08: KANDY SIGHTSEEING / BRITISH GARRISON CEMETERY**

After breakfast, embark on a sightseeing tour of Kandy town.

Kandy, perhaps is Sri Lanka's most beautiful town. Set 488 meters above sea level, Kandy is Sri Lanka's most visited place after Colombo. The focal point of the town is the golden-roofed 'Dalada Maligawa', where the sacred tooth relic of the Buddha is enshrined.

Thereafter you will have the time to do some shopping in Kandy, where you could fetch souvenirs in wood, copper, silver, brass, ebony, bronze, ceramics, lacquer work, handlooms, batiks, jewelry and reed-ware at bargain prices!!

On completion, return to hotel and relax

**Overnight accommodation at Amaya Hills**

**Day 09: KANDY/ NUWARA ELIYA SIGHTSEEING & LOVER'S LEAP**

After breakfast, check-out and proceed to Nuwara Eliya and commence a sightseeing tour.

This highland civic of Nuwara Eliya often referred to as the "Little England" for its colonial style bungalows, Tudor style hotels, well-kept gardens, meticulous hedges, shrubberies and of course not to forget the cool climate.

On completion, proceed to Lover's leap falls.

**Lovers leap** is an impressive water fall which is known for its romantic folklore. To reach this place one has to go through the tea factory and reach the tea manager's bungalow along a dirt road.

On completion, check-in to the hotel and relax.

**Overnight accommodation at The Galway Heights**



**Day 10: NUWARA ELIYA / HANDUNUGODA TEA ESTATE/ GALLE / BENTOTA**

Early in the morning, proceed to Handunugoda

En-route, stop at a local vegetable market and taste the Sri Lanka's most famous desert 'Curd & Treacle' Curd & Treacle. This is a must try dessert during your stay in Sri Lanka. Curd (Mee kiri) is a traditional dessert prepared with buffalo milk and it goes well with palm treacle (kithul pani).

On completion, continue to proceed to Handunugoda Tea Estate in Galle

Handunugoda Tea Estate is a family owned plantation in Tittagalla, Ahangama within the Southern Province

On completion, commence a sightseeing tour of Galle Fort.

Galle is a coastal town where the Dutch presence is still visible. Today, Galle is the bustling provincial capital and administrative centre of the south. It is famous for its lovely Unawatuna Bay, where the sea is reef protected and therefore safe for swimming.

On completion, proceed to Beruwala and check-in to the hotel.

**Overnight accommodation at Cinnamon Bay**

**Day 11: BERUWALA / MASK MUSEUM / TURTLE HATCHERY / BERUWALA**

Early in the morning, proceed to Ambalangoda Mask Museum. (Approx. transfer time: 1hr)

Mask making is a popular tradition in Sri Lanka. Many Sri Lankan mask artisans ply their trade along the Western, South Western and Southern coasts of the island.

On completion, proceed to Kosgoda Sea Turtle Conservation Project.

The **Turtle Hatchery** opened in 1996, buys turtle eggs from the fishermen in an attempt to discourage them from poaching & selling the eggs for food. Witness how the newborn turtles are being cared for until they are ready to be released back to the ocean.

On completion, proceed to Beruwala and check-in to the hotel.

**Overnight accommodation at Cinnamon Bay**

**Day 12: BERUWALA LEISURE**

Enjoy the beach stay – Vehicle will not be at your disposal.

**Overnight accommodation at Cinnamon Bay**

**Day 13: BERUWALA / COLOMBO CITY TOUR**

After breakfast, check-out and proceed to Colombo and commence a city tour.

Sri Lanka's commercial capital and the largest city with the highest population, Colombo is situated in the Western Province. It is a fascinating town which has a blend of eastern and western cultures where all colors of the island are drawn together.

The **Independence Square**, is also a must visit, which today has become a major tourist attraction due to its historical significance and extraordinary work of architecture.

Also you could have the opportunity to shop at the famous department stores and malls in Colombo where you would find brands at bargain prices.

On completion, check-in to your hotel and relax.

**Overnight accommodation at The Hilton**

**Day 14: COLOMBO/ AIRPORT**

You will be transferred to the Airport according to your flight timing.



You may reach out to your Chauffeur / Guide for comfort stops and to take photos  
**Have a wonderful tour of Sri Lanka!**



**\*Conditions Apply:** Price is per person based on twin share accommodation throughout the itinerary. Valid for Travel from **01 May—31 Oct 20**, seasonal surcharges apply: **01 Jul—31 Aug 20** and valid for Sale until **31 Jul 20**. Price is correct as of **05 Mar 20**, however it is subject to currency fluctuations. Valid for new bookings only and subject to availability at time of booking. Offers may be withdrawn at any time without notice.

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