

**Tour Of Sri Lanka**  
**With A Driver Guide In Your Own Exclusive Air-Conditioned Vehicle.**

**COMPLETE TOUR OF SRI LANKA**

Day	Date	Location	First Class Hotels	Standard Hotels	Daily Schedule
01		Depart UK			
02		Arrive Colombo	Galle Face Regency Oceanic Deluxe Room	Browns Beach Hotel	>Pick Up From Colombo Airport >Relax On Arrival At Colombo Or Negombo
03		Dambulla	Amaya Lake	Kassapa Lions Rock	>Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage >Golden Cave Temples At Dambulla
04		Dambulla	Amaya Lake	Kassapa Lions Rock	>The Ancient Medieval Capital Of Polonnaruwa >Elephant Back Safari At Habarana
05		Kandy	Amaya Hills	Hotel Thilanka	>The Sigiriya Rock Fortress, One Of The Wonders Of The Ancient World >Temple Of The Buddha's Tooth
06		Kandy	Amaya Hills	Hotel Thilanka	>Peradeniya Gardens And Its Orchid Houses >The 3 Beautiful Medieval Temples Around Kandy
07		Nuwara Eliya	The Grand Hotel Deluxe Room	St Andrews Hotel	>By Train Through The Hill Country (Observation Car) >British Hill Station Of Nuwara Eliya
08		Yala	Yala Village	Elephant Reach	>The Beautiful View Of Sri Lanka's Hill Country At Ella Gap >Ravana Ella Waterfalls
09		Yala	Yala Village	Elephant Reach	>Leopards And Wild Elephants At Yala National Park – Exclusive Private PM Jeep Safari
10		Galle	Sun House Deluxe Room	Thaproban	>Sri Lanka's Famous Stilt Fishermen At Koggala >Galle Fort And Ramparts Enclosing A Perfectly Preserved Old Heritage Town
11		Beach			>Hikkaduwa Coral Gardens Boat Trip >Kosgoda Turtle Hatchery >Drop Off At Beach Hotel <b>BEACH STAY FOR NUMBER OF NIGHTS AS REQUIRED</b>
		Depart Colombo Arrive UK			>Transfer To Colombo Airport

Yellow=Beach



Reclining Buddha At Kandy

## Day 02 – Colombo



Aerial View Of Colombo

### Relaxation At Colombo

**Colombo** is an ideal location for rest and relaxation. Surrounding the city centre or **Fort** is the shopping area called **Pettah** with colourful bazaars and markets lining the streets. The best restaurants in the island are to be found in the city as well as a collection of world famous **Old Empire** hotels that hark back to a bygone era.



The Galle Face Regency At Colombo



Sri Lanka's Fabulous Tropical Beaches



### Day 03 – Dambulla



**Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage**

#### **Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage**

Set in a pretty riverside location, this is home to about 70 **Elephants**- the largest group of orphaned **Elephants** in the world! Most have been found injured or abandoned in the wild. Baby calves, some only a few weeks old are fed by bottle and the whole herd is then bathed in the adjoining river. A tour highlight for many visitors to **Sri Lanka**.



**The Golden Cave Temple At Dambulla**

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An extremely ancient series of 5 cave temples containing thousands of **Buddhist** images and paintings, which date back 2000 years. **Sri Lanka's** artistic masterpiece and a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** of prime importance.



## Day 04 – Dambulla



Gal Vihare Sculptures At Polonnaruwa

### The Ancient City Of Polonnaruwa

The capital of medieval **Sri Lanka** from 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> Century contains ruins of stupas, temples and monasteries, which are still excellently preserved. The **Gal Vihare** with 3 huge rock-cut images of the **Buddha** is one of the world's great works of **Buddhist** sculpture.



Elephant Back Safari At Dambulla

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You will be taken on **Elephant Back** through a very pretty landscape near **Dambulla** where the forest is interspersed with villages and lakes. Travelling on **Elephant Back** is a unique way of having a glimpse of rural life. Villages and paddy fields are set around ancient man-made lakes surrounded by patches of forest.



Polonnaruwa

## Day 05 – Kandy



**Sigiriya Rock Fortress**

### Sigiriya Rock Fortress

The remarkable 'fortress in the sky'. A magnificent rock citadel with beautiful frescoes hidden in a natural cave dating from 470 A.D. The climb to the top from the huge stone **Lions Paws** is a dizzying experience with superb views over surrounding forests and distant hills. The newly excavated **Royal Pleasure Gardens** at the foot of the rock are some of the earliest from antiquity. Thought by many to be the **8<sup>th</sup> Wonder Of The Ancient World!**



**Chilli, Black Pepper And Cinnamon**

### Visit To A Spice Garden

You will pass through an area famous for spice plantations on the way to **Kandy**. The locality around **Matale** has a very favourable climate for the growth of spice plants. A guided walk is possible around a plantation full of spice trees and herbs, which you may also purchase.



**Frescoes At Sigiriya Rock Fortress**

## Day 06 – Kandy



**Peradeniya Gardens**

### Peradeniya Gardens And Orchid Houses

One of the finest botanical gardens in the East including an **Orchid House** with 300 varieties. **Lord Mountbatten's South East Asia Command Headquarters** were located here during WW 2.



**Kandy Temple Dancers And Paintings At Temple Of The Tooth**

### Temple Of The Buddha's Tooth

Arrive in **Kandy**, the island's prettiest town and the last capital city of the **Sri Lankan** Kings. The best time to visit its world famous shrine, containing the revered tooth of the **Buddha** is the evening 'pooja' ceremony when the temple is illuminated with flickering lamps - a magical experience.

A beautiful view of **Kandy** can be seen from **Lake Drive** above the pretty **Kandy Lake**. You may also visit the **Old Town** area adjacent to the temple, which contains some very early **British** colonial and **Kandyan** period buildings in a narrow maze of streets. **UNESCO** has designated the whole area as a **World Heritage Site**.

### Lake Drive View

A road high above **Kandy Lake** leads to a viewpoint giving a spectacular panorama of the town and the distant **Dumbara Hills** covered in mist.

### The '3 Ancient Temples ' Of Kandy

Three medieval temples, **Lankatilake Vihare**, **Gadaladeniya Vihare** and **Embekke Devale** are situated around **Kandy** that displays the mastery of **Kandyan** sculpture and design.



## Day 07 – Nuwara Eliya



Hill Country Express

### By Train Through Sri Lanka's Hill Country

Without doubt **One Of The Most Beautiful Train Journeys In The World**. The **Observation Car** gives magnificent views of the **Hill Country** while passing cascading waterfalls.

### Nuwara Eliya-Little England In The Hills

The original **Hill Station** of the **British** tea planters who came to **Ceylon**, as it was then known. There is a **Hill Club**, **Grand Hotel**, the oldest **Golf Course** in **Asia** and even a **Race Course** - all are bygone reminders of an **English** social life which once thrived here.



Hill Country Near Nuwara Eliya



Tea Estates Near Nuwara Eliya



## Day 08 – Yala



Tea Overlooking The Ella Gap

### Ella Gap

Perhaps the most magnificent view in **Sri Lanka** is seen from the garden of the **Ella Rest House**. Isolated hills on the plain can be seen 'popping up like islands in the mist'.

### At Leisure In Ella

The area around the spectacular '**Ella Gap**' is a great place for walking and relaxation. The well known **Ravana Ella Waterfall** is one of the most beautiful in **Sri Lanka**.



Idyllic Tea Estates And Waterfalls At Ella



**Day 09 – Yala****Leopard Crossing Road At Yala****Encounters With Leopards And Wild Elephants At Yala National Park-Jeep Safari**

The largest wildlife park in **Sri Lanka** is very reminiscent of the **African** savannah and is where the greatest variety of wildlife can be observed. Herds of **Spotted Deer**, solitary **Sambar** or **Elk** and **Wild Boar** are common. **Peacocks** are plentiful in the jungles. **Monster Crocodiles** are to be seen at some of its watering holes.

**Yala** is now gaining an international reputation as the best place to watch **Leopards** in **Asia**. It has the highest population density of **Leopards** in the world and is one of the few locations where they can be observed during daylight hours.

**Sloth Bear At Yala**

## Day 10 – Galle



Old Galle

### The South Coast Road

The journey to your beach hotel will be on one of the most beautiful roads in the world. Hugging the coast for long stretches through a picture-postcard tropical coastline you will have many opportunities to stop and enjoy the view along the way.

### Tangalle

**Tangalle** has perhaps the most beautiful area of coastline in the whole of **Sri Lanka**. Still unspoilt with miles of deserted beaches and an ocean of the deepest shade of blue. You can choose to relax by the beach or explore the surrounding areas which have bird-filled lagoons and turtle nesting beaches.

### The Old Dutch Fort Of Galle

An ancient port with its commanding **Dutch Fort** (1640) enclosing a perfectly preserved **Old Town** of great historical and architectural value. **UNESCO** has designated some 200 buildings inside the fort as a **World Heritage Site**. You can walk down streets that have remained unchanged for over 300 years! The recently renovated **New Oriental Hotel (Amangalle)** is thought to be the oldest hotel in **Asia**.



Galle Lighthouse



**Day 11 – To Sri Lanka's Beaches**

**The South Coast Road**

**Hikkaduwa Coral Gardens- Boat Trip**

A near-shore tropical coral reef with giant turtles and exotic species of butterfly fish.

**Kosgoda Turtle Hatchery**

Here you may see baby turtles that are conserved for release into the ocean at an important turtle-nesting beach.



**Baby Turtles At Kosgoda Hatchery**

**Depart Sri Lanka**

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