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SRI LANKA IN STYLE

Day	Date	Location	Boutique Hotels	Daily Schedule
01		Depart UK		
02		Arrive Colombo To To Minuwan Goda	The Wallawwa Garden Suite	>Pick Up From Colombo Airport
03		Dambulla	Vil Uyana Paddy Field Villa	>Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage >The Golden Cave Temples At Dambulla
04		Dambulla	Vil Uyana Paddy Field Villa	>Ancient Medieval Capital Of Polonnaruwa
05		Kandy	The Kandy House Super Deluxe Room	>The Magnificent Sigiriya Rock Fortress >Temple Of The Buddha's Tooth
06		Hill Country	Tea Trails Bungalow Luxury Room	>Peradeniya Gardens And Its Orchid Houses >Travel Through The Bogawantalawa Valley To Tea Trails
07		Hill Country	Tea Trails Bungalow Luxury Room	>Relax In The Tea Plantations Of The Hill Country
08		Yala	Yala Village Beach Bungalow	>The Beautiful View Of Sri Lanka's Hill Country At Ella Gap
09		Yala	Yala Village Beach Bungalow	>Leopards At Yala National Park – Exclusive Private PM Jeep Safari In High-Roof Jeep
10		Galle	Kahanda Kanda Tamarind, Mango, Tea Or Garden Suites	>Sri Lanka's Famous Stilt Fishermen At Koggala
11		Galle	Kahanda Kanda Tamarind, Mango, Tea Or Garden Suites	>Galle Fort And Ramparts Enclosing A Perfectly Preserved Old Heritage Town
12		Beach	1	>Drop Off At Beach Hotel
13		Beach	2	
14		Beach	3	
15		Depart Colombo Arrive UK		>Transfer To Colombo Airport

Yellow=Beach

Sri Lanka
A land like no other

Reclining Buddha At Kandy

Day 01 – Depart UK

Day 02 – The Wallawwa

Dining At The Wallawwa

The Wallawwa

A luxurious boutique hotel with easy access to **Colombo Airport**. A historic manor house, or 'wallawwa' of a noble family set in 2 acres of beautiful private gardens. The property has been stylishly designed to blend new interiors with old architecture and is now one of the premier boutique hotels in **Sri Lanka**.

Exceptional Cuisine At The Wallawwa

Interior Of The Wallawwa

Day 03 – Dambulla

Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage

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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 11th-14th 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.

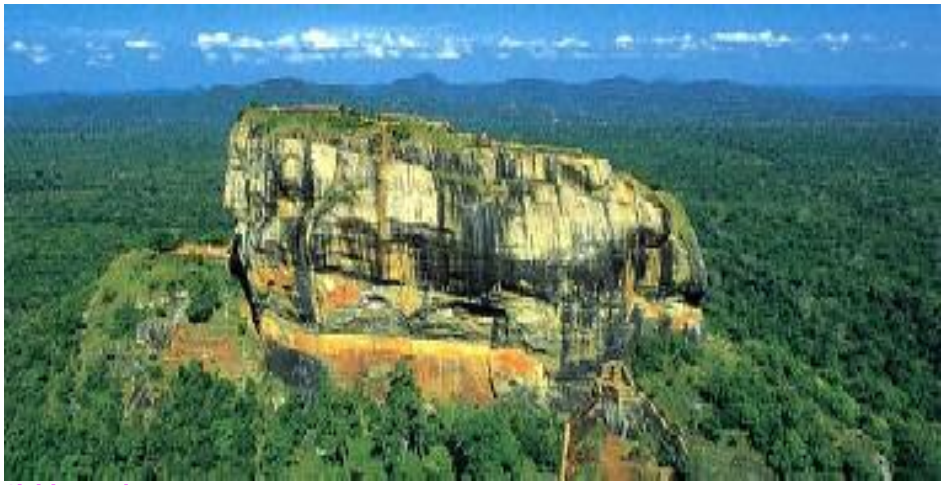
Vil Uyana Paddy Field Villas

Vil Uyana

Vil Uyana is **Sri Lanka's** most in-demand luxury property. A man made matrix of wetland and organic paddy fields studded with luxurious Bali-inspired dwellings and an island spa, in the culturally rich north central plains near the famous rock fortress of **Sigiriya**.

Restaurant At Vil Uyana

Day 05 – Kandy



Sigiriya Rock Fortress

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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 8th wonder of the ancient world!

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**.

The Kandy House

A beautifully renovated ancient manor house or ***Walauwa*** belonging to one of the island's most aristocratic families that has been lovingly renovated into a chic boutique hotel.

Day 06 – Day 07 Hill Country

Bogawantalawa Valley

The Beautiful Bogawantalawa Valley

A picture postcard landscape of tea gardens and mist laden hills with the lovely **Castlereigh Lake** surrounded by pine trees dominating the valley below.

Tea Trails Castlereigh Bungalow

Tea Trails Tea Plantation Bungalows

Colonial period tea estate bungalows located at over 5000ft above sea level. You can walk among tea bushes and wander around the surrounding tea estate. Each bungalow has a series of luxury rooms and suites with a full compliment of staff including internationally trained master chefs.

Tea Trails Norwood Bungalow Bedroom

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'.

Bedroom At Yala Village

Yala Village

A safari style hotel with cabana accommodation in a jungle sanctuary adjoining the **Yala National Park**. The **Beach Bungalows** are sited near the **Indian Ocean**.

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

Reef Protected Unawatuna Beach

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.

Glorious Kahanda Kanda

Kahanda Kanda

Sri Lanka's most highly rated boutique hotel is sited in a lush rural landscape near the historic town of **Galle**. A beautifully designed property with tasteful interiors.

Stilt Fishermen At Koggala

Day 11 – Galle

Old Galle

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

Old Dutch Warehouses At Galle

Day 12 – To Sri Lanka's Beaches Or Colombo

Hikkaduwa Coral Gardens

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