

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

WILDLIFE AND SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF SRI LANKA

Day	Date	Location	First Class Hotels	Standard Hotels	Daily Schedule
01		Depart UK			
02		Arrive Colombo	Mount Lavinia Hotel	Paradise Beach Hotel	> Pick Up From Colombo Airport > Relax On Arrival At Colombo Or Negombo
03		Dambulla	Cinnamon Lodge	Kassapa Lions Rock	> Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage > Golden Cave Temples At Dambulla
04		Dambulla	Cinnamon Lodge	Kassapa Lions Rock	> The Ancient Medieval Capital Of Polonnaruwa
05		Kandy	Amaya Hills	Hotel Thilanka	> The Sigiriya Rock Fortress, One Of The Wonders Of The Ancient World > Kandyan Dance Performance
06		Kandy	Amaya Hills	Hotel Thilanka	> Peradeniya Gardens And Its Orchid Houses > Temple Of The Buddha's Tooth
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		Uda Walawe	Kalu's Hideaway	Centauria Hotel Deluxe Room	> Unique Horton Plains Cloud Forests And Worlds End > The Beautiful View Of Sri Lanka's Hill Country At Haputale Gap > Diyaluma Waterfalls
09		Yala	Yala Village	Elephant Reach	> Wild Elephants At Uda Walawe National Park – Exclusive AM Private Jeep Safari > Baby Elephants At The Uda Walawe Transit Home
10		Yala	Yala Village	Elephant Reach	> Leopards At Yala National Park – Exclusive AM + PM Private Jeep Safaris
11		Beach	1		> Galle Fort And Ramparts Enclosing A Perfectly Preserved Old Heritage Town > Hikkaduwa Coral Gardens Boat Trip > Kosgoda Baby Turtle Hatchery > Drop Off At Beach Hotel
12		Beach	2		
13		Beach	3		
14		Depart Colombo Arrive UK			> Transfer To Colombo Airport

Yellow=Beach

Note - This Tour Is Not Promoted Between 01 September And 18 October As Yala National Park Is Closed

*Walking Shoes / Boots are recommended for Horton Plains.



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.



Mount Lavinia Hotel At Colombo



Sri Lanka's Fabulous Tropical Beaches



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**.



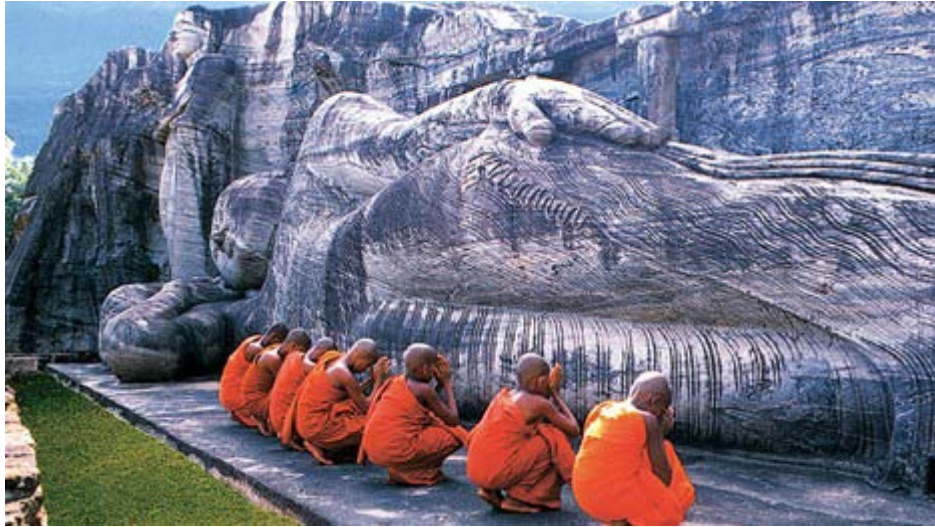
The Golden Cave Temple At Dambulla

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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.

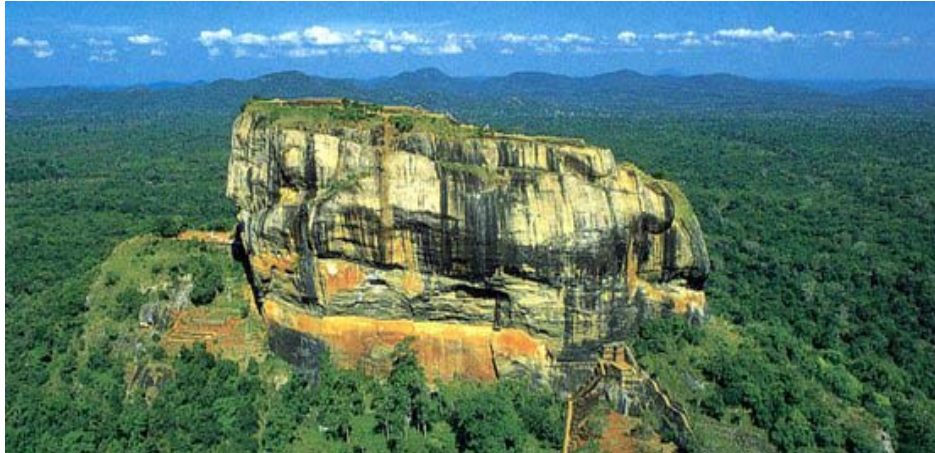


Aerial View Of Polonnaruwa



Moonstone At The Vatadage Complex

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!**



Kandyan Cultural Performance

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An evening performance by the famous **Kandyan Temple Dance Troupe** which incorporates highly rhythmic movements to the sound of temple drums and flutes.



Day 06 – Kandy



Inside The Temple Of The Buddha's Tooth

Peradeniya Botanical Gardens

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.



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**.



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



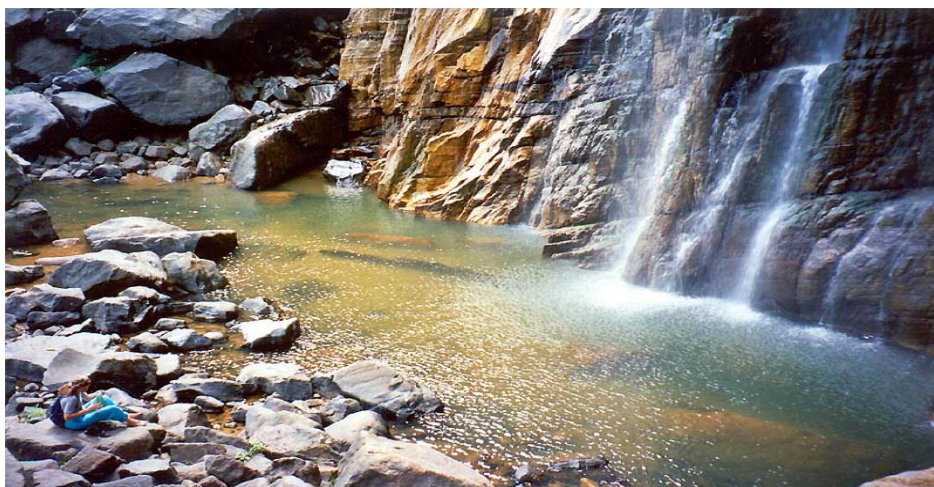
Day 08 – Uda Walawe



Sambar Deer At Horton Plains

Horton Plains Cloud Forests And World's End

A strange windswept plateau at 6500ft with moss covered forests of rhododendron and sweeping grasslands crossed by crystal-clear streams. A path leads to **World's End**- a sheer precipice of some 3000ft! and the enchanting **Baker's Falls**.



Rock Pool At Base Of Diyaluma Falls

Haputale

A town that has perhaps the most spectacular location in **Sri Lanka**, straddling a ridge with a dramatic view down to the coast on one side and the basins of the **Uva Hills** on the other.

Diyaluma Waterfall

At 171m, this is the third highest fall in **Sri Lanka**. A torrent of water which cascades down to the **Koslanda Plateau**. During the rainfall season it is a spectacular sight.



Day 09 – Uda Walawe



Feeding Baby Elephants At Uda Walawe Transit Camp

The Transit Camp For Baby Elephants

This is adjacent to the sanctuary and specialises in the release of orphaned baby elephants back into the wild. The **Elephant Transit Home** is a rehabilitation centre, a hospital, healing centre, and a trauma recovery centre, all combined into one. Baby elephants are brought here from all parts of **Sri Lanka**. They are found with gun shot injuries, trapped in wells, sick, or in near death condition. The baby jumbos are looked after their "charges" with love and devotion until the time is ripe for them to be sent back to their natural habitat.

Highly Recommended



Elephants At Uda Walawe National Park

Elephant Watching At Uda Walawe National Park - Jeep Safari

At it is fairly easy to observe wild elephants at **Uda Walawe National Park**, as about 500 elephants are present and they can sometimes be seen in herds numbering over 150 individuals. This is also a great park for birds, especially raptors such as the **Crested Serpent Eagle** and the **Grey Headed Fishing Eagle**.



Day 10 – 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 11 - To Sri Lanka's Beaches



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.

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**.

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