

Adventure through the Pearl Island

12 nights/ 13 days

Day 01 - Arrival at the Colombo International Airport. The Group will be met by our Italian speaking driver guide / Italian speaking national guide and offer assistance.

Thereafter, proceed to Sigiriya while visiting the ancient city of Anuradhapura en route (Approx. 4 hrs. travel time one way)

The capital of Sri Lanka from the 05th Century B.C. to the end of the 10th Century A.D. was the most celebrated of Sri Lanka's ancient ruined cities which is now preserved as a UNESCO World Heritage. The city's greatest treasures are its Dagobas constructed of bricks and are hemispherical in shape. The most notable of these dagobas are the Ruwanveliseya dating back to the 2nd Century B.C. and is 300 feet in diameter, the Jetawanarama is 370 feet and the Thuparama Dagoba is enshrined with the collarbone of the Buddha. The city's most renowned relic is the sacred Bo Tree, which is said to have grown from a branch of the tree under which the Buddha gained Enlightenment. It was planted 2250 years ago and is the oldest historically authenticated tree in the world.

Check in at the Hotel.

P.M Free at Leisure by the poolside Enjoying hotel Amenities

Dinner & Overnight Stay at Sigiriana Resort – <https://sigirianaresort.com/>

Day 02 - After an early breakfast, commence an excursion to the Sigiriya Rock Fortress. (Approx. 20 minutes travel time one way)

Sigiriya is a "World Heritage Site" which is built in the 5th Century and known as the "Fortress in the Sky" which is perhaps the most fantastic wonder of the Island. It is also known as Lion Rock because of the huge lion that used to stand at the entrance to the Palace on the summit of the 600-foot high rock. On its summit are the foundations of the Royal Palace, Water Tanks to supply water and all other buildings and at the edges the guardhouses. On one of the stairways the only known ancient work of Sinhala secular painting survived in the form of Frescoes of 21 life sized damsels still shining in their original colors. This magnificent creation is preserved as a UNESCO Heritage and also known to be the Eighth World Wonder.

P.M. Commence an excursion to the ancient city of Polonnaruwa. (Approx. 1 & 1/2 hrs. travel time one way)

Polonnaruwa, the 2nd most ancient kingdom of Sri Lanka is an interesting mix of Buddhist and Hindu structures that are a testament to the different kings who reigned over this ancient kingdom. This ancient city is well known for being one of the Eight UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Sri Lanka. Polonnaruwa rose to prominence between the 11th and 13th centuries and thrived during the reign of the famous monarch, King Parakramabahu I, who did much to create a resplendent city. His greatest achievement was the construction of the sea of Parakrama (Parakrama Samudraya), a huge water reservoir spanning an

area of 6,280 acres. The ruins at Polonnaruwa are within walking distance and many of them set in tree-shaded areas, a welcome refuge from the tropical sun.

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Day 03 - After breakfast, commence a Village trek in Sigiriya with a Bicycle tour in the rural village, visiting a Farmers Tree House.

- **Bicycle Ride:** You will cycle through the rural landscape, passing by vegetable fields, rice paddies, and local farms, offering a close look at the region's agricultural basis and a chance to interact with locals.
- **Village Trek/Walk:** A guided walk through the village and surrounding jungle/fields allows you to learn about the local culture, traditional farming methods, and the natural environment.
- **Visit to a Farmer's Tree House:** A highlight of these tours is a visit to a farmer's tree house, often built to protect crops from wild animals like elephants. You may get to climb up and enjoy a snack or king coconut water while taking in the views of the fields and the distant Sigiriya Rock.
- **Other Activities:** Tours frequently combine these with other traditional experiences such as:
 - A bullock cart ride.
 - A catamaran or boat ride on a local lake, spotting birdlife and local fishermen.
 - A traditional cooking demonstration followed by an authentic Sri Lankan lunch cooked over a wood fire.

P.M Commence a 4x4 Jeep Safari to Minneriya National Park.

Minneriya National Park Sri Lanka, located in central Sri Lanka, is renowned for its diverse wildlife and lush landscapes. Famous for the annual "Gathering," where hundreds of elephants congregate around Minneriya Tank, the park also hosts leopards, sloth bears, and numerous bird species, making it a popular wildlife sanctuary.

A safari in Minneriya National Park offers a thrilling wildlife experience, highlighting the iconic "Gathering" of elephants. Visitors can explore the park's diverse ecosystems, spotting elephants, leopards, monkeys, and various bird species. The safari also takes you through scenic landscapes, including the picturesque Minneriya Tank and surrounding forests

Dinner & Overnight Stay at Sigiriana Resort – <https://sigirianaresort.com/>

Day 04 - After breakfast, proceed to Kandy visiting the Dambulla Temple, Spice Garden and Batik Factory en route.

Dambulla Cave is a vast isolated rock mass 500 feet high and a mile around the base. Within these rock columns you find the Dambulla Cave Temple which is one of the UNESCO World Heritage sites in Sri

Lanka. The Caves of Dambulla sheltered King Walagamba during his 14 years of exile from

Anuradhapura. When he regained the throne he built the most magnificent of Rock Temples to be found in the Island. In the first Cave is a recumbent image of the Buddha 47ft long cut out of the Rock. There are images of deities associated with Buddhism all around. The frescoes on the walls and the ceiling are the oldest here but they are over painted in the Kandy period. In the Second Cave, the finest and the largest of all, there are 150 life-size statues of the Buddha in various postures with few statues of Gods and Kings. The ceiling is also covered with frescoes, which depict great events in the life of the Buddha and landmarks in the history of the Sinhalese people.

You will see many spice gardens at Matale (en-route Dambulla -Kandy) and in Mawanella on the Colombo-Kandy road where Cinnamon, Cardamom, Pepper Creepers and all other spice trees, plants and creepers are planted for visitors to see them. Spice products are also available for those who would like to buy them. At all Spice Gardens visitors are taken round explaining each tree and plant and at the end explaining the use of them in food preparations.

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P.M visit the Temple of the Tooth Relic Followed by a cultural Dance Performance
The hill capital is another "World Heritage Site". It was the last stronghold of the Sinhalese Kings during the Portuguese, Dutch and British rule and finally ceded to the British in 1815 after an agreement. To the Buddhists of Sri Lanka and the World, Kandy is one of the most sacred sites as it is the home of the "Dalada Maligawa" - Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic of Lord Buddha. Close by are the remains of the Royal Palace ("Maha Wasala"), "Palle Wasala"- where the Queens stayed-now used for the National Museum, "Meda Wasala" where other close relatives lived, Audience Hall, Natha Devala and Pathhini Devala are situated close by. The Bathing Pavilion ("Ulpenge") is by the Lake and in the Center of the lake is the Island called "Kiri samudraya" (Milk white ocean) used by the kings as the summerhouse. Today it is the center of Buddhism, Arts, Crafts, Dancing, Music and Culture.

Dinner & Overnight Stay at Thilanka Hotel. - <https://www.thilankahotel.com/>

Day 05 - After breakfast, proceed to Nuwara Eliya while visiting the Peradeniya Botanical Gardens. & the famous Ramboda waterfalls en route.

The Royal Botanic Gardens at Peradeniya was established in 1821, six years after the final occupation of the Kandyan Kingdom by the English. The site is less than 5.5 Km from Kandy on the Colombo Road, and occupies a loop of the river Mahaweli, which surrounds it on all sides except the south, where it is bounded by the main road. The area 61.25 ha in extent, is about 1550ft from sea level. More than 4000 species of plants including woody trees, Palms, Ferns, Orchids and shrubs currently present within the gardens.

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P.M.- Visit Nuwara Eliya's tea plantation.

Get the chance to join the traditional Tea Pluckers. Dress up just like them in Sarees and Sarongs and start plucking your share of Tea Leaves with the professionals. Be amazed

of their speed in plucking the Tea leaves, but don't feel upset, it is their profession after all. When the plucking session is completed you will be taken to the Tea Factory where the tea taster would taste your tea and see whether it is up to the standards.

Dinner & Overnight Stay at Ripon Grand Hill, Nuwara Eliya.

<https://www.ripongrandhillbyehi.com/>

DAY 06 - After breakfast, proceed to Nanu Oya Railway Station in order to commence a Train Journey to Ella. (Approx. 2 & 1/2 hrs. train Journey)

Upon Reaching Ella, visit the Famous Nine Arch Bridge and the Demodara Railway Station.

The train travels via hill country covered with Tea estates and gives a pleasant view of the green hill country. In the 19th Century, during the British occupation of Sri Lanka, British constructed the railway lines in Sri Lanka and started the Railway service in Sri Lanka to transport Tea from the Hill country estates to Colombo Port and imported goods to the interior of the Island. So Sri Lanka's hill country Railway line goes through Tea Estates, thus making the train journey one of the most scenic train rides in the World. Travelling past the scenic Rocky Mountains, the breathtaking, picturesque greenery and through the startling dark tunnels, the passengers are enveloped in the cool and cozy atmosphere during the journey which gives them an experience of a life time. The Nine Arch Bridge also called the Bridge in the Sky, is a viaduct bridge in Sri Lanka. It is one of the best examples of colonial-era railway construction in the country. The construction of the bridge is generally attributed to a local Ceylonese builder, P. K. Appuhami, in consultation with British engineers. It is located in Demodara, between Ella and Demodara railway stations. The surrounding area has seen a steady increase of tourism due to the bridge's architectural ingenuity and the profuse greenery in the nearby hillsides.

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P:M walk through the street in Ella, where there are plenty of local Pubs & Bars with live music.

Dinner & Overnight Stay at Oak Ray Ella Gap -

<https://www.oakrayhotels.com/oak-ray-ella-gap/>

Day 07 - After Breakfast short trek to the Mini Adams Peak.

The Little Adam's Peak got it's named after it's big brother, the holy mountain Adam's Peak, because of the similar shape. The path up the hill to Little Adam's Peak is easy to find and 1141 m high, is fairly easy to climb, with a good path all the way up. The trip takes about 2-3 hours in total. 360 degrees panoramic views with clouds rolling in, is a treat to watch for any traveler. Recommend you go early mornings or late evenings for the best views and it will be less tiring. Difficulty level of the hike is moderate, but make sure you be safe at the summit when trying out poses for the camera while sitting on rocks.

Thereafter leave for Sinharaja

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Dinner & Overnight Stay at Sinharaja Forest Edge,

<https://www.sinharajaforestedge.com/>

Day 08 - After breakfast, explore the natural beauty of the Sinharaja Rainforest. *Sinharaja is the only “World Heritage Site” Rain Forest in Sri Lanka, with a very high rate of bio-diversity. The vegetation is tropical wet evergreen forest and the area under the reserve is 11,187 hectares. Out of the 331 woody trees and lianas identified, 192 (60%) are endemic at Sinharaja. Regarding Fauna 141 bird species recorded here and about 28 are endemic (34 for the entire country), Butterflies 65 species (1 endemic), Fishes 10 (07 endemic), Amphibians 19 (08 endemic), Reptiles & Snakes 29 (14 endemic), and Mammals 40 (07 endemic). Sinharaja is the only relatively undisturbed rain forest of any considerable size and many of the plants are very rare and are represented by only one individual of its kind in a large area*

Thereafter leave for Mirissa

Mirissa is famous for its whale-watching and that is a large part of why we chose this beach over the many others in Sri Lanka. However, the more we read about the experience, the more apprehensive we became.

Check in at the Hotel.

Dinner & Overnight Stay at Mandara Resort, Mirissa -

<https://www.mandarahotels.com/mandararesortmirissa/>

Day 09 & Day 10 - After breakfast, full day free at leisure by the Beach enjoying hotel amenities. *(Clients will have the opportunity to commence a Whale & Dolphin watching experience optionally.)*

Dinner & Overnight Stay at Mandara Resort, Mirissa -

<https://www.mandarahotels.com/mandararesortmirissa/>

Day 11 - After breakfast, proceed to Galle & visit the Market/ Bazaar Area and the Galle Fortress.

The South Coast’s major city is Galle, whose oldest landmark is the massive Portuguese and Dutch Fort which is a “World Heritage Site” in which the central city is contained. But the city may be much older. Some scholars believe it to be the “Tarshish” of the Old Testament, to which King Solomon sent his merchant vessels, and to which Jonah fled from the Lord. Today, the 90-acre Galle Fort shows no evidence of the Portuguese founders.

Thereafter Proceed to Galle Gedara for a Cooking Class experience.

This is a unique cooking experience where all clients will be given the opportunity to partake in the Cooking process. So they will be able to prepare their own dish for the lunch and learn how to prepare traditional Sri Lankan dishes. While at the Lunch time we will be serving Toddy as they demonstrate the toddy tapping in the Garden where you find plenty of Coconut Trees.

Check in at the Hotel.

Overnight Stay at Arches Fort Galle - <https://www.facebook.com/p/Arches-Fort-100057147292203/>

Day 12 - After breakfast, proceed to Colombo, visiting the Sea Turtle conservation in Ahungalla en route.

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P.M.- Commence a city Tour of Colombo & Visit the Lotus Tower.

Colombo is the business and commercial center and the new capital is Sri Jayawardhanapura Kotte, only a few miles away. Colombo was only a small seaport, which came into prominence in the 16th Century with the arrival of the Portuguese in 1505 and the development of it as a major Harbor took place during the British period. Colombo became the capital of Sri Lanka in 1815 after Kandyan Kingdom was ceded to the British. The remains of the buildings during the period of the Portuguese, Dutch and British rule are found in every area of the city. None of the Portuguese & Dutch fortifications are found today but some of their buildings and churches could be seen in the Fort & Pettah areas. Visit Fort, the former British administrative center and military garrison, Sea Street - the Goldsmith's quarters in the heart of

Pettah, the Bazaar area where there is also a Hindu Temple with elaborate stone carvings, the Kayman's Gate with the Belfry at the original gate to enter the Fort, the Dutch Church of Wolfendhaal dating back to 1749, Colombo Museum (There is an entrance fee of US\$ 15/- Per person for the Museum) and the Natural History Museum are some of the sites which you can visit. Also visit the BMICH (Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall), the replica of Avukana Buddha and the Independence Square.

Dinner & Overnight Stay at Fairway Hotel, Colombo.

<https://www.fairwaycolombo.com/>

Day 13 - After breakfast, departure transfer to the Airport. -

(Approx. travel time 1 Hr.)

End of our Services.

The Quotation is based on group travelling on 01st December to 30th April 2026 inclusive of an Italian Speaking Driver/National Guide.

Rates are in EURO

Cost valid from 01/12/2025 – 14/12/2025 & 16/01/2026 – 30/04/2026

-	02 – 03 pax	04 – 06 pax	07 and Above
Per person sharing DBL	1,500/-	1,225/-	1,085/-
Per person sharing TPL	1,485/-	1,210/-	1,070/-
Single room supplement	535/-	535/-	535/-

Cost valid from 15/12/2025 – 15/01/2026

	02 – 03 pax	04 – 06 pax	07 and Above
Per person sharing DBL	1,600/-	1,345/-	1,195/-
Per person sharing TPL	1,585/-	1,330/-	1,170/-
Single room supplement	645/-	645/-	645/-

Compulsory supplements

Christmas Eve's Dinner Supplement – Euro 60 per person

New Year Eve's Dinner Supplement – Euro 65 per person

COST INCLUDES:-

- ❖ Meet & Greet services at the Airport.
- ❖ Transportation in an Air-conditioned Car or Mini/Large Coach as per the given programme.
- ❖ Hotel Accommodation at above mentioned hotels on Half Board Basis.
- ❖ Service of an Italian speaking Driver/National Guide.
- ❖ 2 No's of (500 ml) Mineral water bottles for each guest.
- ❖ Train Tickets (Reserved Seats on Availability.)
- ❖ All taxes.

COST DOES NOT INCLUDE: -

- ❖ Entrance fees to the places mentioned in the programme. (Approx. 150 EURO PER PERSON)
- ❖ Jeep Costs & Entrance for Minneriya National Park. (Approx. Euro 65/- Per person.)
- ❖ Dinner cost through-out the tour.
- ❖ The Arches Fort Hotel is on a Bed & Breakfast basis, as there are so many Restaurant within the Fort area.)
- ❖ Camera & Video permits.
- ❖ Any beverages & Optional Tours
- ❖ Airfare
- ❖ Visa fees
- ❖ Any additional visits which occur a cost
- ❖ Early check-in and late check-out (Standard check-in time 14:00hrs and check-out time 12:00hrs)