13 Day Spectacular Sri Lanka

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Galle
Yala National Park

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This gorgeous island nation will never cease to amaze. It’s diverse landscapes and colourful history will keep you yearning for more. You’ll witness ancient ruins and endless beaches, you’ll admire herds of elephants and search for elusive endemic wildlife.

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TOUR ITINERARY

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Welcome to Sri Lanka! Today begins your magnificent tour through one of this year’s top travel destinations. Upon arrival at Bandaranaike International Airport, you’ll be warmly greeted by one of our representatives and transferred to your hotel in Colombo. This fantastic city brings together the old and the new as its gorgeous Colonial ruins and buildings contrast with modern high-rise hotels and commercial banks.

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Enjoy a late morning today to relax and adjust after your flight yesterday. A little while after breakfast we will enjoy a welcome briefing with the group before beginning our guided Colombo city tour. Colombo is a busy and vibrant place featuring a laid-back ambience where different cultures are constantly mixing. Our city walk today will cover the main spots in the city and give you a wonderful chance to experience local architecture and lifestyle. We will visit both Buddhist and Hindu temples, the Dutch Reformed Church and the mesmerizing Red Mosque, all while learning about Sri Lanka’s complex and fascinating history. We’ll also tour the bustling and colourful Pettah Bazaar, which provides unique and undiluted insights into Colombo. Next we’ll see Independence Square, Parliament, and the National Museum. Our city tour today will finish with a shopping opportunity for a good cause at the Barefoot Fair Trade store. Here you can find a collection of handicrafts from around the country and support small cottage industries. Following our tour, we will depart Colombo and head for the perfectly preserved colonial township of Galle, which features an interesting blend of European architecture and South Asian traditions. Upon arrival in Galle we will take a tour of the Royal Dutch Fort, exploring the winding passageways, maze of gallery-filled narrow streets and 400 years of rich history. After this we will continue on to Weligama, a beach town on the south coast where we will check in to our hotel for the evening.

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You’ll have the choice between 2 of 10 bonus sightseeing experiences to enhance your journey. You may choose to include two (2) optional Inspiring Sights throughout your tour, free as part of your package.

**Inspiring Sight** (1 of 10) - Handungoda Tea Factory Visit - This exquisite tea plantation in the hills above Koggala offers highly informative tours of the estate. You’ll sample and learn how they produce over 25 varieties of tea here, including the fabled Virgin White tea, a delicate brew made from the tiniest and newest leaves. Where the average large plantation worker will pick 23kg of black tea in a day, the workers here manage but 150 grams of virgin white leaves.

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**INCLUDED ACTIVITIES**

- Colombo - Enjoy a tour of Pettah Bazaar, Independence Square, Red Mosque and Dutch Reformed Church
- Galle Fort - Walk the perfectly preserved colonial township of Galle, the ‘Royal Dutch Fort’
- Weligama - Relax in this beach town, which means ‘sandy village’

**DAY 3**

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Today your morning is free to relax alongside the pool or catch some sun at the beach. In the early afternoon, we will depart Weligama and transfer to the town of Tissamaharama. En-route we will stop for lunch and enjoy a very special Inspiring Taste experience. We will meet with a local fisherman and learn about their craft as they tell us how they live their lives. Enjoy the freshest seafood lunch possible with the fisherman’s family – a wonderful crab curry is likely to be on the menu. Following lunch we will continue on to the hotel and check-in for the evening.

You may choose to include two (2) optional Inspiring Sights throughout your tour, free as part of your package.
Inspiring Sight (2 of 10) - Whale Watching - Set out on an early morning whale and dolphin watching safari.

OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT - WHALE WATCHING (WELIGAMA)
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DAY 4
Destination: Tissamaharama
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch
Hotel: 5★ Chaarya Resorts & Spa (by Chandrika Hotels), or similar

Today is one you have certainly been waiting for! After breakfast, you may relax or partake in one of our bonus Inspiring Sights. This afternoon we will transfer to Yala National Park and enjoy a delicious lunch at a local restaurant before we begin our afternoon jeep safari. The National Park encompasses a variety of diverse ecosystems and an impressive array of wildlife, including sloth bears, elephants and lots of exotic birds. We'll search for the leopards that lounge in trees or stalk through the brush, crocodiles that patrol the river or wild elephants that graze across the savanna. Many of the species that we will see are endemic to Sri Lanka.

You may choose to include two (2) optional Inspiring Sights throughout your tour, free as part of your package.

Inspiring Sight (3 of 10) - Elephant Transit Home - a very special organization which offers a refuge for elephants who have been affected by the human-elephant conflict. The complex is a halfway house for orphaned elephants. After rehabilitation, the elephants are released back into the wild, many into the Udawalawe National Park. Although you can’t get up close and personal with the elephants, this provides the opportunity to see the orphans being fed, and also to see wild elephants in a stunning setting.

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INCLUDED ACTIVITIES
- Yala National Park - Embark on a game drive safari and hopefully see sloth bears, elephants, leopards and crocodiles

DAY 5
Destination Tissamaharama Ella
Meals included Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel 5★ 98 Acres Resort & Spa, or similar

This morning enjoy some leisure time or participate in one of our bonus **Inspiring Sights** to enhance your experience. Shortly before lunch we will transfer to Ella, an area with a rich biodiversity, dense with numerous varieties of flora and fauna. En-route we will have the opportunity to discover one of Sri Lanka’s favorite ingredients - Buffalo curd. Served in bright terracotta pots with thick, golden treacle, it is often eaten as a snack, an accompaniment to meals or as a dessert. Sri Lankan’s are famed for their sweet tooth and this is just about as sweet as it gets. Along the way we will also make a stop at the stunning Ravana Falls. The Ravana Falls (popularly known as Ravana Ella in Sinhala) is a very popular sightseeing attraction in Sri Lanka. It currently ranks as one of the widest falls in the country. This waterfall measures approximately 25m (82ft) in height and cascades from an oval-shaped concave rocky outcrop. During the local wet season, the waterfall turns into what is said to resemble a flower with withering petals. But this is not the case in the dry season, where the flow of water reduces dramatically. The falls form part of the Ravana Ella Wildlife Sanctuary.

Upon arrival in Ella we will enjoy a lovely city orientation tour before checking into our **Inspired Stay**. Here we will spend two magical nights in the hills of Ella at the 5 star 98 Acres Resort & Spa overlooking the misty valley below. The exquisite countryside, breathtaking views and exciting nature trails will assure you of a memorable holiday at one of the most breathtaking hotels in the region.

You may choose to include two (2) optional **Inspiring Sights** throughout your tour, free as part of your package.

**Inspiring Sight** (4 of 10) - Morning Jeep Safari - Jump into a jeep and enjoy another safari tour as we search for the animals that eluded us yesterday.

**OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT - MORNING JEEP SAFARI**
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**INCLUDED ACTIVITIES**

- Ella - Enjoy a tour in this mountain town, 1000 metres above sea level

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Today you have an entire free day to spend at leisure or to enjoy one of our bonus **Inspiring Sights**. You’ll also have the opportunity to participate in an **Inspiring Taste** Arrack Tasting session in the nearby town of Bandarawela. Inside a cozy pub, you’ll enjoy 6 different varieties of Arracks.

You may choose to include two (2) optional **Inspiring Sights** throughout your tour, free as part of your package.

**Inspiring Sight** (5 of 10) - Little Adams Peak Hike - The path up the hill to Little Adam’s Peak is easy to find and is marked by signs showing the way. We’ll start off from the tea plantations and then head up towards the mountain along rocky roads to a spot where a gorgeous sunset can be witnessed. (2-3 hours, 1141m elevation - no non-walking alternatives available)

**Inspiring Sight** (6 of 10) - Visit to Diyaluma or Dunhinda Falls - Dunhinda Falls is one of Sri Lanka’s most beautiful waterfalls. The waterfall, which is 64 meters high gets its name from the smoky dew drops spray, which surrounds the area at the foot of the waterfall. Diyaluma Falls is the third highest waterfall in Sri Lanka. The torrent of water cascades down to the Koslanda Plateau and during rain it is a spectacular sight. On one side of the falls the land is covered in deciduous plants.

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### INCLUDED ACTIVITIES
- Ella - Enjoy and Arrack tasting session; a Sri Lankan spirit made from fermented coconut flowers

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Today we say farewell to Ella as we hop on the world’s most scenic train ride from Ella to Nuwara Eliya, where we transfer to Kandy from there by private vehicle. The original train system in Sri Lanka was introduced in 1864 to transport tea from the hills to Colombo, but today it serves as a fantastic way to see Sri Lanka’s magical landscapes. You’ll have the chance to experience the tea culture of Sri Lanka while you participate in full on tea tour and tasting of the famous Ceylon Tea. Ceylon (Sri Lankan) tea is known for its quality worldwide and with this guided tour you will be able to learn how the end product comes to your hand. If you wish to you can also enjoy another unique experience of tea plucking along with local tea Plücker’s. This evening you will enjoy a riveting cultural show with some extraordinary traditional dancing in Kandy.

### INCLUDED ACTIVITIES
- Nuwara Eliya - Experience this spectacular train ride from Ella
- Nuwara Eliya - Tea plantation visit and tea plucking experience

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The city of Kandy is perched on a mountain ridge overlooking the lush green countryside and offers many a photo opportunity. Kandy is the second largest city in the country and the capital of the central hill regions. It is a very peaceful place.

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and attractive place and today we will appreciate an informative city tour. We will begin in the morning at the captivating Temple of the Tooth Relic (Dalada Maligawa). Located in the heart of town, this is the most important shrine in the country, housing a relic of a tooth of Buddha taken from his funeral pyre.

Following this you may choose another Inspiring Sight visiting the Royal Botanical Gardens. Our city tour will also include a walk through a local market where we can taste a large number of endemic fruits while experiencing the city’s day to day life.

This evening you will get another chance to visit a local home to experience an interactive cooking class and delicious meal for our second Inspiring Taste. We’ll join a Sinhalese family to spoil your sweet tooth with a Kandyan sweet-filled Sri Lankan dinner. Try your hand at crafting the perfect hopper (this is an art that takes some practice to master!) and try a chicken curry made with spice-infused coconut milk, closer to a Thai curry than a classic North Indian one. We’ll then fill up on specialty sweets inspired by Dutch and Portuguese dessert traditions.

INCLUDED ACTIVITIES
- Kandy - Visit the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic (of Buddha)
- Kandy - Enjoy a traditional Kandy cultural performance

DAY 9
Destination Kandy 👉 Sigiriya
Meals included Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel 5 ⭐ Aliya Resort & Spa, or similar

This morning you may spend at leisure or enjoy a local market tour as one of our bonus Inspiring Sights to enhance your experience. Following this we will be departing from Kandy to head towards Sigiriya, our next destination. En-route we will be paying a special visit to the breath-taking Dambulla Cave Temple, also known as the Gold Temple of Dambulla, where we will explore this magnificent cave complex. The World Heritage-listed monastery has been a pilgrimage site for 22 centuries and for good reason. Dambulla is the largest and best-preserved cave temple complex in Sri Lanka. After our tour here, we will continue on to Sigiriya.

You may choose to include two (2) optional Inspiring Sights throughout your tour, free as part of your package.

Inspiring Sight (7 of 10) - Wholesale Market Tour - Explore the Wholesale Market and dodge the trucks and people piled high with every type of produce imaginable. Boasting an incredible array of fresh food, much of which is subsequently transported to Colombo for sale, this is the perfect place to get a sense of Sri Lanka’s agricultural diversity.

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Inspiring Sight (8 of 10) - Minneriya Jeep Safari - On this safari you will be able to witness large numbers of Sri Lankan elephants who are attracted to grass fields on the edges of the reservoir during the dry season. The elephant gathering will be a very unique experience.

OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT - MINNERIYA JEEP SAFARI

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INCLUDED ACTIVITIES

- Dambulla - Explore the majestic cave complex of the Dambulla Cave Temples

DAY 10

Destination  Sigiriya
Meals included  Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel  5★ Aliya Resort & Spa, or similar

Early this morning we will head to one of the highlights of any visit to Sri Lanka - the magnificent palace of Sigiriya (Lion Rock). This dramatic rocky outcrop, rising from the surrounding plains is topped by a ruined palace. It’s a good workout to climb to the top, but well worth the effort. The stunning stone facade has been weathered over many centuries and the view from the top is brilliant. On our climb up we’ll visit the beautiful water garden, boulder garden, Sigiriya Frescoes and the mirror wall. Once we pass the Lion Paw it’s a steep climb with plenty of steps and walkways along the side of the rock. Those not wanting to go to the top can rest at the lion paw until the rest of the group return. In the afternoon we’ll visit the 5th century Ancient City of Polonnaruwa and the fascinating Archaeological Museum. The second most ancient of Sri Lanka’s kingdoms, today the city of Polonnaruwa remains one of the best planned archaeological sites in the country. This is a standing testimony to the discipline and greatness of the kingdom’s first rulers. Declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1982, its beauty was used as a backdrop to film scenes for the Duran music video ‘Save a Prayer’.

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**Inspiring Sight** (9 of 10) - Evening Sigiriya Cycling Tour - Experience the authentic rural life and interact with locals on this exciting guided cycling tour.

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**INCLUDED ACTIVITIES**
- Sigiriya - Climb the magnificent palace of Sigirya, Lion Rock Fortress
- Polonnaruwa - Visit this ancient city, the backdrop of Duran Duran’s music video ‘Save a Prayer’

**DAY 11**
Destination: Sigiriya - Negombo
Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel: 5★ Heritance Negombo, or similar

This morning you will have the choice to participate in another one of our bonus **Inspiring Sights**. Alternatively you may spend the morning at leisure. After our visit to this ancient city, we’ll travel to Negombo, a city on the west coast of Sri Lanka, north of the capital, Colombo. En-route you’ll have the opportunity to visit a Coconut Plantation. Upon arrival in Negombo, we will spend the evening touring the city with our guide. Near the waterfront, we’ll visit the remains of the 17th-century Dutch Fort, which now houses a prison. Negombo Lagoon, lined with fishermen’s huts, feeds into the Dutch-era Hamilton Canal. The canal leads south to Colombo. Our tour will finish with a visit to a few local temples.

You may choose to include two (2) optional **Inspiring Sights** throughout your tour, free as part of your package.

**Inspiring Sight** (10 of 10) - Anuradhapura Ruins - Experience a tour in the sacred city of Anuradhapura, one of the main shrines of Buddhism in the country. Explore through intricate monuments and amazing architecture. While here you’ll witness the famous sacred fig tree, Jaya Sri Maha Bodhi.
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INCLUDED ACTIVITIES

- Negombo - Enjoy a tour along a Dutch canal in this beachside town

DAY 12

Destination  Negombo ✈️ Home City
Meals included  Breakfast
Hotel  N/A

Unfortunately today is our last day in this splendid country. After breakfast, take some time to relax before you need to check out of the hotel. From the hotel we will enjoy a lovely market tour to do some last minute shopping and enjoy the cheerful goings-on alongside the beach road. At the appropriate time, you will be transferred to the airport to board your flight back home. We hope you have enjoyed every minute spent in this beautiful and welcoming country.

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Inclusions

WHAT’S INCLUDED
- Return international airfares with Singapore Airlines
- Return airport transfers
- 11 nights 5-star accommodation in Sri Lanka
- Including 2 unforgettable nights at the 98 Acres Resort & Spa in the hills of Ella
- Daily breakfast, 3 lunches and 8 dinners
- The services of a professional English-speaking guide throughout
- In-depth sightseeing & all entry fees as per the itinerary
- Dedicated private transportation throughout
- A ride on the world-famous train journey from Ella to Nuwara Eliya

SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS
- Colombo - Enjoy a tour of Pettah Bazaar, Independence Square, Red Mosque and the Dutch Reformed Church
- Galle - Walk along the old stone fortifications that surround this historic coastal town
- Weligama - Relax in this former fishing town, which boasts incredible sweeps of sand and aquamarine waters at its shore
- Yala National Park - Embark on a game drive and spot sloth bears, elephants, leopards and crocodiles
- Ella - Enjoy a tour of this scenic town in Sri Lanka’s highlands, situated 1,000 metres above sea level
- Ella - Enjoy a tasting of arrack - a Sri Lankan spirit made from coconut palm flowers
- Nuwara Eliya - Experience the spectacular train ride from Ella through tea country
- Nuwara Eliya - Visit a tea plantation and take part in plucking the leaves yourself
- Kandy - Visit the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic, a famous Buddhist site within the royal palace complex of the former Kingdom of Kandy
- Kandy - Enjoy a traditional cultural performance
- Dambulla - Explore the majestic cave complex of the Dambulla Cave Temples
- Sigiriya - Climb the magnificent rock fortress of Sigiriya, also known as Lion Rock
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- Negombo - Enjoy a tour along the Dutch Canal in this laidback beachside town
INSPIRING FEATURES

Inspiring Stays

- Spend two magical nights in the hills of Ella at the 5-star 98 Acres Resort & Spa, overlooking the misty valley below. The exquisite countryside, breathtaking views and numerous nature trails guarantee a memorable holiday at one of the region’s most beautiful hotels.
- Enjoy a stopover in Singapore at the end of your tour, taking full advantage of your centrally located 4-star accommodation.

Inspiring Sights

To enhance your journey, we're offering guests two bonus sightseeing experiences out of a choice of 10 options (options listed under ‘Optional Tours’).

Inspiring Taste

- Enjoy an unforgettable lunch with a local fisherman and his family where you’ll learn about their lives before being treated to a crab curry.
- Participate in a local arrack tasting session, sampling six different types of the country’s national drink.
- Visit a local home for an interactive cooking class, where you’ll learn how to recreate delicious local flavours.

Fine Print

DEPOSIT & PAYMENT

Secure your package with a deposit of $250 per person. You will then be invoiced for final payment 120 days prior to departure.
BOOKING PROCESS

1. Select the purple ‘Sign Up For Full Details’ tab to begin your booking (you must sign up first by entering your email and creating a password)
2. Then select the purple ‘Book now’ tab
3. Select your Departure Date, Departure City, number of Passengers, Room Configuration, and enter any Special Requests
4. Click the purple ‘Proceed to Secure Checkout’ tab
5. Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment
6. Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a booking form so that we can fulfil your booking
7. Your booking is confirmed once your booking form is submitted and you can begin the countdown to your Inspiring Vacation!
HOW TO EXTEND YOUR STAY

Some customers like to enhance their holiday by extending their stay pre- and/or post-tour. If you wish to do so, please follow these steps:

1. Follow the ‘Book Now’ prompts after signing up, until you reach the ‘Special Requests’ field
2. Here, please specify your preferred flight arrangements and if you require additional accommodation, with the number of nights needed.
3. After finalising your purchase and submitting your booking form, a member of our team will be in contact with you via email to verify your request.

Please note, a supplement of $150 per person (plus any applicable fare and tax differences) applies to deviate from the standard itinerary. We will contact you via email with a quote and proposed flight itinerary, and then proceed with collecting the additional payment required to confirm your request.

All additional accommodation and sightseeing is at your own arrangement, or alternatively we can offer the following rates:

- Pre-tour accommodation (Colombo): $230 per room per night (single or double/twin) including breakfast
- Post-tour accommodation (Negombo): $280 per room per night (single or double/twin) including breakfast

Please note, if you are not arriving or departing as per the group itinerary, airport transfers are also no longer included. If you would like us to arrange this service for you, an additional cost will apply:

- Airport Transfers: $60 per vehicle each way (1-2 people)

The additional cost for these land arrangements will be added to your final payment invoice, due 120 days prior to departure, and is strictly subject to availability.
SINGAPORE STOPOVER PACKAGE

You may wish to stop over in Singapore before or after your tour.

Includes:

- 3 nights at the 4 star Furama Riverfront or similar
- Breakfast daily
- Return airport transfers

Cost - $499 per person Twin Share ($998 Single Share)

If you wish to book the Singapore stopover package before or after your tour, please select this under ‘Upgrade Options’ before completing your booking. You will then be invoiced for this in your final payment.

The $150pp extension supplement does not apply if selecting this option.

AIRFARE INFORMATION

- Full-service airline used is Singapore Airlines (or similar if unavailable)
- Flights are not direct and include a minimum of one connection (maximum two)
- All tickets will include 23kgs checked baggage.
- Once ticketed, flights are non-refundable; any changes will be subject to the airline rules and change fees
- Full names as per passport (including all middle names) are required
- Any airline schedule changes or cancellations are beyond our control

PREMIUM ECONOMY OR BUSINESS CLASS UPGRADES

Premium Economy upgrade available from an additional $2,000 per person (subject to availability).

Business Class upgrade available from an additional $4,000 per person (subject to availability).

Please specify this as a ‘Special Request’ when completing your booking and you will be quoted for the additional fare. In the event your selection is unavailable, or that you are dissatisfied with the quote, you will be provided with a full refund.
Please note that it is not possible to confirm the train ticket reservation as the Sri Lanka Railway Department has a manual system for reservations. Tickets can only be booked 30 days prior to departure. The first and second class carriages are basic but have air conditioning. The third class carriages are not air-conditioned, but on occasion this is the only option available. In the rare event that the train is fully booked we’ll conduct the journey by road.

A reduction of $900 per person applies if you wish to arrange your own airfares. To purchase a land-only fare, please select this option in the booking process under ‘Departure City’.

Please note, if you are not arriving or departing as per the group itinerary, airport transfers will not be included. Should you wish to book airport transfers to match your own flights, the cost is $60 per vehicle, per direction.
OPTIONAL TOURS

To enhance your journey, we’re offering two free sightseeing experiences out of a choice of 10 options, listed below. Guests can also purchase any of the remaining eight sightseeing experiences (cost is per person):

- Handunugoda Tea Estate Visit - $20
- Whale Watching - $69 pp
- Udawalawe Elephant Transit Home - $20
- Morning Jeep Safari - $69
- Little Adam’s Peak - $39
- Visit to Diyaluma or Dunhinda Falls - $39
- Wholesale market tour - $39
- Minneriya Jeep safari - $49
- Evening Sigiriya cycling tour - $49
- Anuradhapura Ruins - $49

Optional tours can be booked at the time of purchase with your package. You will be able to select these as an ‘Add-On’ during the purchase path before paying your deposit. Any additional costs incurred will be added to the final balance of your booking.

If you are not ready to choose your optional tours, you can log in to your account and add them to your order at a later date, or you can contact your Dedicated Support Agent for assistance. Please note that if you are pre-purchasing an optional tour, you must book the tour no later than 60 days before departure.

Additional tours may be purchased while on your trip, however, they are subject to availability and liable to price fluctuations as a result of currency exchange rates at the time.

EXCLUSIONS

- Visas
- Travel insurance (compulsory)
- Tipping
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary
- Optional activities
- Personal expenses

The information provided in this document is subject to change and may be effected by unforeseen events outside the control of Inspiring Vacations. Where changes to your itinerary or bookings occur, appropriate advice or instructions will be sent to your email address.
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It is the traveller's responsibility to ensure they have a valid passport. The passport must be valid for a minimum of six months from the intended date of return to Australia.

Australian passport holders will require an e-visa to enter Sri Lanka.

Please note the e-visa is limited to 30 days validity from the date of arrival and is only valid for three months from the date of issue.

You must make sure that the same travel document that was used for applying online is used for entering Sri Lanka.

Visit http://www.eta.gov.lk/slvisa/ to apply for an e-visa.

Information required:

- Purpose of visit (sightseeing/holidaying/tourist)
- Entry type (single)
- Arrival date and departure date (no specific flight details are required)
- Passport information
- The name and address of your first hotel in Sri Lanka

Pay US$35 (AU$49) per person by credit card. Wait for it to be approved and you will be notified via email within approximately 48 hours. Please note, you will be transferred to an external site when completing your payment online.

Once approved, please ensure that you travel with the following documentation, which is required at customs upon arrival in Sri Lanka:

- Passport with six months validity
- E-visa printout
- Travel itinerary (provided 30 days before departure)
- Hotel list (provided 30 days before departure)

Please note that these details are subject to change without notice. We recommend visiting https://smartraveller.gov.au for up to date information in terms of entry requirements. Visas should not be applied for until you receive your final documentation.
Final documentation, including e-tickets and hotel details, will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

The total length of the tour in days includes time spent inflight and is subject to change, depending on the flight schedule. Please refer to the day-by-day itinerary for the time spent in your destination(s).