19 Day Grand Sri Lanka

Negombo
Chilaw
Anuradhapura
Jaffna
Trincomalee
Sigiriya
Kandy
Nuwara Eliya
Yala National Park
Galle

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Lush and diverse, brimming with captivating wildlife and stippled with ancient ruins, Sri Lanka’s reputation precedes it. This tropical island nation has been gifted with some of the most spectacular sights and some of the most friendly people. Also explore the lesser-visited northern provinces.

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Welcome to Sri Lanka! Today begins your incredible tour through what has been called the must-visit destination of the year. Upon arrival at Bandaranaike International Airport you’ll be greeted by one of our representatives and transferred to your nearby hotel in Negombo.

Negombo is a city on the west coast of Sri Lanka, north of the capital, Colombo. Near the waterfront, the remains of the 17th-century Dutch Fort now house a prison. Negombo Lagoon, lined with fishermen’s huts, feeds into the Dutch-era Hamilton Canal. The canal leads south to Colombo. Neoclassical St. Mary’s Church, completed in the 1920s, features a ceiling decorated with vivid religious paintings.

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Early this morning you may choose to visit the famous local fish market, before breakfast. After breakfast, our group will transfer to Chilaw. Chilaw is a large town in Puttalam District, North Western Province, Sri Lanka. En route we enjoy an Inspiring Taste; a visit to the ‘toddy’ tapping areas while tasting some locally made ‘toddy’. Toddy is a native alcoholic drink of the fermented sap of the coconut flower, a traditional toddy tapper climbs a coconut tree to obtain the sap and then moves skillfully along ropes from tree to tree.

Upon arrival in Chilaw, the rest of the day is free to relax on the beach or by the pool.

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Today we will be departing Chilaw and transferring to the city of Anuradhapura. En route we will be visiting Wilpattu National Park to enjoy an exciting afternoon safari. This park is located in the Northwest coast lowland dry zone of Sri Lanka. There are approximately 25-30 species of mammals in the Wilpattu National Park, including the Sri Lankan...
elephant, Sri Lankan leopard, Sri Lankan sloth bear, spotted deer, buffalo, sambar and mongoose. The Park is also home to many indigenous flora and fauna. Another unique feature of the park are its “Willus” (natural lakes) - natural, sand-rimmed water basins or depressions that fill with rainwater.

Later this evening following our safari, we will continue on towards Anuradhapura where we will check in to the hotel and be spending the rest of the night at leisure.

DAY 4
Destination Anuradhapura
Meals included Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel 4 ★ Rajarata Hotel , or similar

Anuradhapura is one of the ancient capitals of Sri Lanka and is known for its well-preserved ruins. The highlight of today will be a visit to the magnificent Anuradhapura ruins, where we will take a guided bicycle tour. Among the ruins you’ll see the sacred old Bo Tree, a spiritual reminder of the beginnings of Buddhism in Sri Lanka and the inspiration for Anuradhapura’s great buildings. The ruins themselves are spread over quite a large area, some in woodland settings and others appearing park-like with columns and ponds dotted about.

Following our tour here, the rest of the day will be at leisure.

DAY 5
Destination Anuradhapura ➞ Jaffna
Meals included Breakfast, Lunch
Hotel 4 ★ Jetwing Jaffna, or similar

This morning after breakfast we will transfer to the Tamil dominated city of Jaffna. This northern, coastal city was inaccessible for years due to the civil war. Upon arrival we will explore the city and its surroundings with our tour guide. We’ll journey around the Jaffna Peninsula visiting the intriguing ruined dagobas (shrines) of Kantarodai. These two dozen or so dagobas stand 1-2m in height and lie in a palm-fringed field, providing a rather otherworldly vista. We will also visit Nilavarai, a natural underground water well, seemingly bottomless where it’s said the Hindu God, Rama, shot an arrow to get water.

The rest of the day may be spent at leisure. For those wishing to explore Jaffna further, we recommend visiting Nainativu Island. This island is one of the holiest sites in Sri Lanka for both Buddhists and Hindus. One of the popular things for locals to do is to make the pilgrimage to Nainativu Island. Please speak to your guide locally for details.
### DAY 6
**Destination**: Jaffna

**Meals included**: Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel**: 4★ Jetwing Jaffna, or similar

This morning you will have some free time to spend at your leisure. In the afternoon we will begin our half-day Jaffna city tour with our guide. We’ll experience daily life here as we explore this emerging city. First we’ll visit Naga Pooshani Amman Kovil, a colourful ancient Hindu temple complex set amid mature neem trees. The main temple deity is the naga goddess Meenakshi, a consort of Shiva. Women wishing to conceive come here seeking blessings, delivered during the trance-inducing midday puja. Next we’ll tour the beautiful Jaffna Public Library which was lovingly restored after being destroyed during the civil war. We will also see the Hindu Temple of Nallur Kandaswamy Kovil, one of the most important temples in Jaffna.

In the evening we will have the chance to enjoy another **Inspiring Taste**; trying the famous Jaffna crab curry!

### DAY 7
**Destination**: Jaffna ➔ Trincomalee

**Meals included**: Breakfast

**Hotel**: 5★ Amaranthé Bay Resort & Spa, or similar

This morning after breakfast we will begin our drive to Trincomalee, a port city on the northeast coast of Sri Lanka. Upon arrival we will explore this coastal gem with our guide on a city tour. In addition to the city tour, you may wish to visit the Trinco British War Cemetery or Trinco Harbour. Please speak to your guide locally for details. This evening may be spent relaxing on the beach.

### DAY 8
**Destination**: Trincomalee

**Meals included**: Breakfast

**Hotel**: 5★ Amaranthé Bay Resort & Spa, or similar

Today is a full free day to spend at leisure relaxing on the beach or at your resort. Alternatively, you will have the opportunity to participate in one of our bonus **Inspiring Sights** in order to enhance your experience.

**Optional Tour**: Whale Watching - Get up close and personal with the largest animal on Earth! (from November to April only)

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OPTIONAL TOUR - WHALE WATCHING
Get up close and personal with the largest animal on Earth!

DAY 9
Destination Trincomalee Sigiriya
Meals included Breakfast
Hotel 5 ★ Aliya Resort & Spa, or similar

This morning after breakfast we will be transferring to Sigiriya. En route, you may wish to participate in another one of our bonus Inspiring Sights - a visit to Minneriya National Park.

Upon arrival at our resort, the evening is yours to spend at leisure. You may wish to visit the largest fruit and vegetable wholesale market in Sri Lanka, the Dambulla Wholesale Market, or do an evening Sigiriya Cycle Tour, to experience the authentic rural life and interact with locals. Please speak to your guide locally for details. Both of these are included Inspiring Sights.

Optional Inspiring Sight (1 of 4): 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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DAY 10
Destination Sigiriya
Meals included Breakfast
Hotel 5 ★ Aliya Resort & Spa, or similar

The magnificent palace of Sigiriya (Lion Rock) is one of the highlights of any visit to Sri Lanka and one of the most valuable historical monuments in the country. We’ll rise early this morning to avoid the heat of the day and visit this dramatic rocky outcrop, rising from the surrounding plains. Lion Rock is topped by a magnificent ruined palace. It’s a
good workout to climb to the top, but well worth the effort. Following our tour here, we will continue on to the Ancient City of Polonnaruwa, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Ancient city of Polonnaruwa is the second most ancient of Sri Lanka’s kingdoms, and today the city of Polonnaruwa remains one of the best planned archaeological relic sites in the country. It truly is a standing testimony to the discipline and greatness of the kingdom’s first rulers. Here we will explore with our guide and enjoy a visit to the archaeological museum.

**Special Information**
The visit to Lion Rock takes around 3.5 hrs. We’ll start in the morning, reaching the Lion’s Paw in around an hour and a half. On the way we’ll visit the water garden, the boulder garden, Sigiriya Frescos and the mirror wall. After the Lion Paw its a steep climb with plenty of steps and walkways along the side of the rock. This part of the climb takes around 30 minutes. Those not wanting to go to the top can rest in the shade at the Lion’s Paw until the rest of the group returns.

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This morning after breakfast we will be transferring to the large central city of Kandy. En-route we’ll be stopping to visit the fascinating Dambulla Cave Temple where we will explore the magnificent cave complex. This World Heritage-listed monastery has been a pilgrimage site for 22 centuries for good reason. Also known as the Golden Temple of Dambulla, this is the largest and best-preserved cave temple complex in Sri Lanka. Following our tour here we will continue on to Kandy, where upon arrival you will have some free time to freshen up before heading out to experience a famous Kandy cultural show and dinner at a local restaurant, another **Inspiring Taste**.

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Today we will enjoy a guided city tour of Kandy, the second largest city in the country and capital of the central hill regions. We’ll begin by visiting the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic (Dalada Maligawa) in the morning. Located in the heart of town, this is the most important shrine in Sri Lanka, housing a relic of a tooth of Buddha, supposedly taken from his funeral pyre. Next we’ll visit a local market where you can get a taste for the delicious local fruit. Here we’ll witness and taste a large variety of endemic fruits while chatting with shopkeepers and shoppers alike. Later in the day you may wish to participate in another one of our bonus **Inspiring Sights**.

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Optional Inspiring Sight (2 of 4): Peradeniya Botanical Garden - The Peradeniya Botanical Gardens are just west of the city and attract 2 million visitors annually. Located near the Mahaweli River, it is renowned for its stunning collection of orchids.

Optional Inspiring Sight (3 of 4): Cooking Class with Local Meal - Try your hand at making and tasting some delicious local cuisine.

OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT - PERADENIYA BOTANICAL GARDEN
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OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT - COOKING CLASS WITH LOCAL MEAL IN KANDY
Try your hand at making and tasting some delicious local Kandy cuisine.

DAY 13
Destination Kandy 🗼 Nuwara Eliya
Meals included Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel 5 ★ The Grand Hotel Nuwara Eliya, or similar

Today we say farewell to Kandy and hop onto Sri Lanka’s most famous train. This iconic train journey weaves through lush valleys, rugged mountain peaks and tea plantations, showcasing some of the countries most spectacular scenery. Throughout the trip, passengers are free to roam the cabins and chat to fellow travellers, all the while taking in the rich vistas that follow the train through central Sri Lanka. Settle into your seat and watch as natural sights like waterfalls and rivers whiz by, begging to be photographed. There are small villages dotted along the route and regular stops at these towns allow food hawkers to board and sell their local treats. Nuwara Eliya, our final destination, is a gorgeous town perched on a mountain ridge overlooking lush green countryside, offering many photo opportunities. Here you will experience your 2 night Inspiring Stay at the incredible Grand Hotel.
The town of Nuwara Eliya is well deserving of its nickname, ‘Little England’. Discovered by British explorer John Davy and officially founded by Samuel Baker in the 19th century, Nuwara Eliya became a haven for expats seeking a taste of Blighty in sweltering Sri Lanka. Today we will be visiting a lovely local tea factory. Here we will experience tea culture in Sri Lanka as we participate in a tea tour (another Inspiring Taste), learning about and tasting the most famous Ceylon Tea. In the evening we will enjoy another Inspiring Taste, a High Tea on the manicured lawn of the Grand Hotel, a notable and distinguished experience.

Today we will be heading to Yala where we will enjoy an exciting afternoon guided jeep safari at Yala National Park, one of the largest parks in Sri Lanka. Encompassing a variety of diverse ecosystems, Yala National Park is a huge area of forest, grassland and lagoons bordering the Indian Ocean. It’s home to wildlife such as leopards, elephants and crocodiles, as well as hundreds of bird species. On our guided game drive we will explore the dynamic wildlife and some of the most luxuriant plant life in Sri Lanka. Following our safari we will check into our hotel where we will spend the evening at leisure.

PLEASE NOTE
Please note that Yala National Park closes for a period between the months of September and October. The exact closure dates are made clear closer to the time. The closure is due to the prevailing dry weather prior to this time and taking into consideration the well-being of the wildlife in the reserve. For departure dates that fall over this period, as defined in the departure dates listed below, Yala National park will be replaced with a visit to Udawalawe National Park.

Although smaller in size to Yala National Park, Udawalawe National Park is considered one of the world’s best places to see wild elephants. Largely comprised of grasslands and bush forest, Udawalawe is also one of the best national parks in Sri Lanka for game spotting and being far less crowded than Yala, it makes for a more enjoyable experience for travellers and therefore, we believe is a more than suitable alternative.
DAY 16

Destination: Yala

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hotel: 5★ Jetwing Yala, or similar

Early this morning we will head out on another safari in Yala National Park by jeep to spot the diverse wildlife which calls the park home. 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. Keep your eyes out for anything you missed yesterday! This afternoon you may spend at leisure or you may choose to opt in for another optional Inspiring Sight, and head out on another safari in the afternoon.

Optional Inspiring Sight (4 of 4): Afternoon Yala Jeep Safari - Set out once again on a thrilling jeep safari through one of Sri Lanka’s most visited National Parks. Your experienced guide has an eye for spotting the elusive animals that live within the park and will point you towards some incredible sights.

OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT - AFTERNOON YALA JEEP SAFARI

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DAY 17

Destination: Yala – Galle

Meals included: Breakfast

Hotel: 5★ Amari Galle, or similar

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This morning we will transfer to the last destination on our magnificent journey, the perfectly preserved colonial township of Galle with its blend of European architecture and South Asian traditions. Galle sits on the southwest coast of Sri Lanka. After checking into our hotel we’ll set out for a walk around the iconic Galle Fort in the late afternoon. Our guide will take us on a tour of the Royal Dutch Fort, exploring the winding passageways, maze of gallery-filled narrow streets and 400 years of rich history. The fort was built first in 1588 by the Portuguese, then extensively fortified by the Dutch during the 17th century. After our tour, the rest of your final evening in Sri Lanka is yours to do as you wish.

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Unfortunately today is our last day in this incredible country. Our group will transfer to the Lavinia Beach Hotel in Negombo, where you may use the facilities to freshen up and rest before your flight home. There will be time before your departure this evening to do a guided sightseeing city tour with your experienced local guide who will take you to all of the highlights of Negombo.

At the appropriate time, you will be transferred to the airport to board your flight.

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Arrive home today.
### Inclusions

**WHAT'S INCLUDED**

- Return international airfares with award-winning Singapore Airlines
- Return airport transfers
- 17 nights in mostly 5-star accommodation
- Daily breakfast, 4 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 Kandy to Nuwara Eliya
- Visit many UNESCO World Heritage sights in the northernmost point of the island

**SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS**

- **Negombo** - Explore this laidback beachside town, renowned for its culture and heritage dating back to the Dutch period and beyond
- **Chilaw** - Visit another coastal town, well known for the three 'C's' - Crabs, Coconuts and Coreas
- **Wilpattu National Park** - Safari through this park of 30 species of mammals, spotting elephants, leopards, sloth bears, sambar and mongoose
- **Anuradhapura** - Enjoy a guided bicycle tour of the magnificent Anuradhapura ruins
- **Jaffna** - Explore this coastal city and Peninsula, inaccessible for many years due to the civil war
- **Jaffna** - Marvel at the Hindu Temple of Nallur Kandaswamy Kovil, one of the most important temples in Jaffna
- **Trincomalee** - See Sri Lanka's historic port city beginning to flourish once again
- **Sigiriya** - Climb the magnificent rock fortress of Sigiriya, also known as Lion Rock
- **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
- **Nuwara Eliya** - Experience the spectacular train ride through tea country
- **Nuwara Eliya** - Visit a tea plantation and take part in plucking the leaves yourself
- **Yala National Park** - Embark on another safari, spotting wild elephants that graze across the savanna
- **Galle** - Walk along the old stone fortifications that surround this historic coastal town, with a blend of European architecture and South Asian traditions

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INSPIRING FEATRES

Inspiring Stays

- Enjoy 2 nights at the incredible Grand Hotel in Nuwara Eliya

Inspiring Sights

To enhance your journey, we're offering guests 2 bonus sightseeing experiences out of a choice of 4 options (details listed under 'Optional Tours').

- Take a jeep safari into Minneriya National Park, one of the best places in Sri Lanka to spot large numbers of wild elephants
- Visit Peradeniya Botanical Garden in Kandy, renowned for its stunning collection of orchids
- Try your hand at making and tasting some delicious local cuisine, with a Kandy cooking class
- Set out on a thrilling jeep safari through one of Sri Lanka’s most visited parks, Yala National Park

Inspiring Tastes

- Taste some locally made ‘toddy’, a native alcoholic drink of the fermented sap of the coconut flower
- Delight in a local Jaffna crab curry
- Experience a Kandy Cultural Show and dinner at a local restaurant
- Enjoy an elegant High Tea on the manicured lawn at the Grand Hotel
- Experience Sri Lanka’s Tea Culture and their famous Ceylon Tea

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DEPOSIT & PAYMENT

Secure your package with a deposit of $500 per person.

Pay a 2nd instalment of $2749 per person within 28 days.

You will then be invoiced for final payment 90 days prior to departure.

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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 (Negombo): $205 per room per night (single or double/twin) including breakfast
- Post-tour accommodation (Negombo - different hotel as upon arrival): $110 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 90 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 20 kilos checked baggage per person, along with 7 kilos of hand luggage.
- Despite the airlines baggage allowance, we recommend travelling with 20 kilos per person due to restrictions with internal flights (where applicable), as well as coach and train transportation. Also, you will be responsible for handling your luggage at all times as the services of porters is not included. If travelling over this amount, you will be liable for any excess baggage fees enforced by the airline, payable direct.
- 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
- Any airline 'extras' such as pre-allocated seating are at your own arrangement (additional charges apply)

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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.

TRAIN JOURNEY INFORMATION

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.

LAND-ONLY DISCOUNT

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 $50 per vehicle, per direction.

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OPTIONAL TOURS

To enhance your journey, we’re offering 2 free sightseeing experiences of the options listed below. Guests can also purchase the remaining 2 sightseeing experiences (cost is per person):

- Minneriya Jeep Safari (Day 9) - $30 per person
- Peradeniya Botanical Garden (Day 12) - $20 per person
- Cooking Class with local meal in Kandy (Day 12) - $20 per person
- Yala Jeep Safari (Day 16) - $30 per person

Optional Tour - The following may also be pre-purchased but is not included as one of your Inspiring Sights:

Whale Watching (Day 8) - $70 per person (from November to April only)

Optional tours can be selected once you have finalised your tour purchase and paid your deposit. When completing your Passenger Booking Form, you will be asked if you would like to add Optional Tours, where any applicable cost will be added to your final balance. If you choose not to select them at this time, you can choose to add them later by logging in to your Account online or speaking with your Dedicated Support Agent for assistance.

Please note that you must select your Optional Tours no later than 65 days before departure, after which you will be required to purchase them on tour. Please keep in mind that anything purchased on-tour is subject to availability and prices may vary as you will be paying in local currency. We appreciate your understanding.

EXCLUSIONS

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

ACCOMMODATION

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences, however any changes are beyond our control.
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT | The single supplement is $1,499 on top of the twin-share price.

TRIPLE SHARE | Available. If you wish to purchase triple-share please phone 1300 886 688. The third person will also be charged the twin-share price.

GROUP SIZE | 2-16 people.

CHILDREN | Children must be 2 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are charged the same price as adults.

TRAVEL INSURANCE | Travel insurance is required to protect yourself against the unexpected.

We have partnered with QBE Insurance to offer our customers competitive rates for their travel insurance. You can book comprehensive or budget cover, earn Qantas Frequent Flyer points and save 25% on retail rates.

Simply click [HERE](#) to arrange your policy.

VISA AND PASSPORT INFORMATION | 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.


Information required:

The information provided in this document is subject to change and may be affected 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.
• 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.

OTHER INFORMATION

• 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).
YALA NATIONAL PARK CLOSURE - SEPTEMBER TO OCTOBER

Please note that Yala National Park closes for a period between the months of September and October. The exact closure dates are made clear closer to the time. The closure is due to the prevailing dry weather prior to this time and taking into consideration the well-being of the wildlife in the reserve. For departure dates that fall over this period, as defined in the departure dates listed below, Yala National park will be replaced with a visit to Udawalawe National Park.

Although smaller in size to Yala National Park, Udawalawe National Park is considered one of the world’s best places to see wild elephants. Largely comprised of grasslands and bush forest, Udawalawe is also one of the best national parks in Sri Lanka for game spotting and being far less crowded than Yala, it makes for a more enjoyable experience for travellers and therefore, we believe is a more than suitable alternative.