

# A Taste of Sri Lanka

## Solo

17 Days from \$5,176



Sri Lanka is a country full of unspoilt natural beauty, lush green jungles, tea plantations, ancient sites, beautiful beaches and heaps of elephants. Everyone who visits Sri Lanka is touched by its magic!

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**Day 1 Australia - Negombo** - Welcome to sunny Sri Lanka, the teardropshaped island in the middle of the Indian Ocean. On arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

**Day 2 Negombo** - Take this morning to relax and unwind after your flight. In the afternoon we enjoy a city tour of Negombo, once a trading port for the Portuguese and Dutch, followed by an evening boat ride on the Gin Oya River. For dinner we enjoy a group welcome barbecue set up by a local family. [B,D]

**Day 3 Negombo - Sigiriya** - SPECIAL EXPERIENCE: An amazing morning as we visit one of Sri Lanka's major attractions, the world famous Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage. After a big feed, the elephants are led to the local river for a bath and a refreshing swim. This is a great chance to take some up-close photos! We then head to Sigiriya, arriving in the early evening. [B,D]

**Day 4 Anuradhapura** - A fascinating morning as we visit the spectacular ruins of ancient Anuradhapura, a UNESCO World Heritage site. We then travel back to Sigiriya via the Ritigala Medicinal Forest, an incredibly beautiful and mystical place rarely visited by tourists. [B,D]

**Day 5 Polonnaruwa - Minneriya** - Today we visit the ancient capital of Polonnaruwa before a visit to the Minneriya National Park. Here you can observe the elephants and the huge flocks of birds that come to fish in the shallow waters. [B,D]

**Day 6 Sigiriya** - A must-see in Sri Lanka is the famous rock fortress and palace of Sigiriya, set amongst beautiful gardens. This amazing ancient monument is considered one of the wonders of the world. This afternoon we learn about daily Sri Lankan life as we meet the locals in a small rural village. [B,L,D]

**Day 7 Sigiriya - Kandy** - After breakfast we make our way to Kandy via the surreal cave temple of Dambulla, home to statues and paintings telling of Lord Buddha and his life. We then enjoy the vivid colours and enticing aromas of the Matale spice plantations before continuing to Kandy to see the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic, one of the most important sites of the Buddhist religion. [B]

**Day 8 Kandy** - We start the day in the stunning Royal Botanical Gardens of Peradeniya, which are famous for their

collection of orchids and wide variety of plant species. We then continue with a tour of the city including a visit to its impressive historical museum. The day ends with a dazzling performance by local dancers and a mesmerising Sri Lankan fire walk demonstration. [B]

**Day 9 Kandy - Nuwara Eliya** - Our journey takes us by scenic local train up to the lush tea-growing region of Nuwara Eliya, home of the famous Ceylon tea. We visit a tea plantation and factory to learn all about the tea-making process, and try a few of the local brews! [B,D]

**Day 10 Nuwara Eliya** - Today we tour Nuwara Eliya and also visit the stunning sights of St Clair and Devon Falls. [B]

**Day 11 Nuwara Eliya - Tissamaharama** - A beautiful scenic drive through the mountains takes us to the coast to Tissamaharama, the gateway to Yala National Park. Along the way we have the opportunity to visit the spectacular Ella Waterfalls. [B,D]

**Day 12 Yala National Park** - Today is all about animals and nature as we go on safari in Yala National Park. Here we can spot leopards, elephants, buffalo and black bears. [B,D]

**Day 13 Tissamaharama - Galle - Hikkaduwa** - We drive along the beautiful south coast of Sri Lanka before arriving at the coastal town of Galle. Here we take a guided tour of this great walled city before making our way to Hikkaduwa, a stunning town famous for its beach, surfing and coral. [B,D]

**Day 14 Hikkaduwa** - We start the day with a scenic cruise along the Madu River before visiting the Moonstone Mine, one of the few places where the semi-precious stone is found. This afternoon we return to our hotel to enjoy the sun, sea and sand. [B,D]

**Day 15 Hikkaduwa - Colombo** - We journey to Colombo and en route visit Kosgoda turtle hatchery. Upon arrival in Colombo we take a city tour and also pay a visit to the popular Cricket Club Cafe, run by two Australians. Tonight we enjoy a group farewell dinner. [B,D]

**Day 16 Depart Colombo** - Enjoy a day at leisure to relax by the pool or do some last-minute shopping before we transfer to the airport for our late flight home. [B]

**Day 17 Arrive in Australia**

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### Travel:

- Return economy class flights from Australia to Sri Lanka (taxes included)
- Airport transfers on the first and last day of tour
- All touring conducted in air-conditioned vehicles
- Pre-paid tips - \$105pp

### Accommodation & Meals:

- Single room included in price
- 15 nights accommodation in good quality hotels with private facilities (3-4 star)
- Enjoy a special Sri Lankan BBQ dinner prepared by a local family
- 15 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 11 dinners, including group welcome and farewell dinners

### A comprehensive sightseeing program is included in the price. Highlights include:

- English-speaking local guides
- English-speaking national guide (based on minimum numbers)

### Tour Negombo and Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage

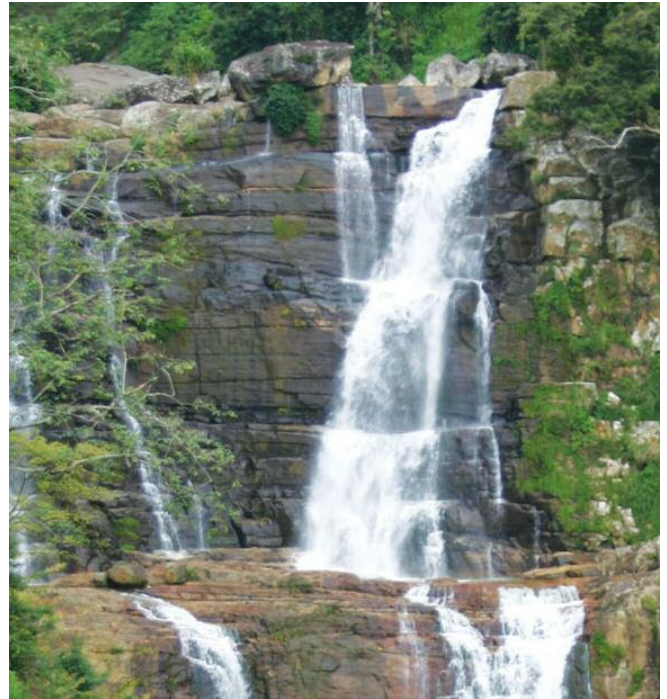
- Observe the true life of Negombo at the local fish markets
- Take a boat safari along the Gin Oya River to watch the sunset
- At the Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage you can photograph young elephants eating palm leaves and drinking bottles of milk, before heading to the river to watch their daily swim

### The ancient ruins of Anuradhapura, Ritigala and Polonnaruwa

- Take a fascinating journey through one of the oldest and largest of Sri Lanka's ancient cities, also home to the oldest documented tree in the world, the Sri Maha Bodhi
- Tour the secluded monastic ruins of Ritigala located in a lush forest rarely visited by tourists, and visit the picturesque ruins of Polonnaruwa which was built alongside a large artificial lake

### Sigiriya, safaris, spices and serene temples

- Enjoy a 4 night stay at our spectacularly located hotel in Sigiriya, with views of the imposing Sigiriya rock fortress
- Tour the ancient rock fortress of Sigiriya
- We take an afternoon jeep safari in Minneriya National Park
- Get an insight into the life of a local family and visit children at the village school in a unique village tour
- Visit the Matale spice plantations which grow a variety of spices such as cinnamon, pepper and nutmeg
- Take a trip to the serene Cave Temples of Dambulla with hundreds of hand-carved statues and hand-painted frescoes



### Explore lively Kandy, the cultural heart of Sri Lanka

- Tour the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic, the Royal Botanical Gardens, the historical museum with artefacts, weapons and jewellery from the Kandian era and watch a local dance performance

### Unwind with a cup of Ceylon tea at Nuwara Eliya

- Join the locals and marvel at the stunning highland scenery as we travel by train up to the colonial city of Nuwara Eliya
- Learn about the tea-making process and sample some high-grade Ceylon tea at a plantation

### Discover the natural beauty of Yala, Galle and Hikkaduwa

- Enjoy a jeep safari in Yala National Park.
- Drive along the stunning south coast to the great walled city of Galle where we see the World Heritage-listed Dutch Fort
- Stay 2 nights at the relaxing coastal resort town of Hikkaduwa.
- Learn about the endangered leatherhead and loggerhead turtles at a local turtle hatchery

### Cosmopolitan Colombo

- Tour Sri Lanka's bustling capital Colombo and stay overnight in the historic Galle Face Hotel

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**Dates & Prices**

**All include single room!**

Starts	Ends	Total Cost*	Status
17/05/14	02/06/14	\$5,176	On Request
06/09/14	22/09/14	\$5,276	Available
29/11/14	15/12/14	\$5,776	Available
14/02/15	02/03/15	\$6,076	Available

**Valid From:** Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane & Perth

**Other departure cities:** Clients ex Adelaide require day use in Singapore. This will be at your own expense, please contact our office for details

**Tips:** Total cost includes - Tipping Made Easy amount of \$105pp.

**Taxes:** Total cost includes - air taxes of \$781pp

**Single supplement:** Single Room is included in the price

- **Day/Date Variations:** Due to airline flight schedules day of arrival and day of departure may vary depending on your city of departure
- **Taxes & Fuel Costs:** Total cost includes air taxes. Taxes and fuel surcharges change regularly so above levies shown as a guide only
- **T&C:** All prices shown are per person based on single room and include airfares, all taxes and tips. Prices and itineraries correct at current time but are subject to change. Please call for more details. View our full terms & conditions on the website.
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