

Sri Lanka

In the Indian Ocean, south of India lies the island of Sti Lanka. Perhaps we're a slightly less travelled and relatively unknown part of South Asia. But this is an identification we relish!

An idyllic land which synthesizes its deep roots in the early days of Buddhism, with its population's multicultural makeup today, a large portion of it resembles a place time forgot. Here, the cows still graze the land carefree; historic ruins and ancient monuments dot every corner; and the unique landscape supports an unbelievably diverse range of creatures. The Sri Lankan Elephant is a favourite!

For millennia, great explorers were intrigued by the island's natural beauty, its culture, and its aromatic spices. Captivated upon visiting her shores, some wrote of her with lavish praise in centuries-old books, and others came and never left the island after falling in love so completely. A cultural history of over 2000 years is chronicled in the island's ancient kingdoms and religious structures, many of which are UNESCO World Heritage Sites today. In more recent times, the Portuguese, Dutch and British held this formerly sovereign land — finally gaining full independence in 1948.

Today, the island is known for her world-class tea, its untouched beaches, diverse wildlife, and ancient Kingdoms, among many other highlights. An island so small, yet with so much to offer the world!

EXPLORE

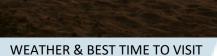
Sri Lanka is an out of this world tropical island which is blessed with an exciting piece of everything possible on earth. Escape to a paradise on earth where you can trot along the golden sands sipping a fresh king-coconut, safari through the lush jungle to see mighty elephants and elusive leopards and perfect your golf swing on a stunning green golf course.

This is an outdoor paradise somewhere to totally escape and fall completely off the grid. Buses, tuk-tuks and mopeds all noisily hurtling along the busy streets. Once known as Ceylon, Sri Lanka was a country that

Sri Lanka is a country whose Buddhist past is as prevalent today as it was thousands of years ago. So, with such a lengthy heritage there's a great array of temples, ancient monasteries and monuments to explore, both in the town and hidden away in the islands' dense forests.

Here you'll find local artists taking their inspiration from Sri Lanka's wildlife. Sri Lankan craftsmanship has a long and vibrant history. Over the centuries the islanders have produced everything from lace work, elaborate metal works & carvings in wood. Buddha's Hindu Gods, traditional Sri Lankan masks and elephants are among the most popular carvings.

The people in Sri Lanka are what makes this wonderful island what it is. The smiles, the ever-so-helpful attitude, the laid-back lifestyle and the rustic architecture all tastefully lingers in your mind every step of the way.



The weather in Sri Lanka is dictated by two monsoon seasons which bring rain to the west and south-west coasts from May to September; and the east coast and northern region between October and February. The rest of the year is sunny and dry. Temperatures are constant year-round, with coastal regions enjoying average temperatures of 25-30C and the highlands 15-18C on average.

Sri Lanka is a year-round destination since there is something for every discerning traveler. From pilgrim experiences to adventure, culture, honeymoon, or even special interest experiences, there is something you can do in Sri Lanka anytime of the year. With recent weather pattern changes, it is hard to predict when it would rain and when the sun is out, however, making a note that Sri Lanka is a tropical destination and rain is to be expected anytime of the day, any time of the year; always helps.

Our recommended best time of the year to travel is between November to April. However, its best to keep in mind that this period is also quite expensive to travel as the European winters and the festive year end generally attracts a lot of travelers to Sri Lanka.

Day 01

Meals

Dinner

Airport - Habarana

Arrive at the Colombo International Airport. Here, you will be met by a designated Chauffeur Guide from Esna Holidays. After the formalities at the airport, you will be escorted to your air-conditioned vehicle and then proceed to Habarana.



In the evening visit Minneriya National park Minneriya National Park: (Optional) One of the main reasons for visiting the beautiful country of Sri Lanka was to see the Sri Lankan elephant in the wild. Kaudulla/Minneriya National Park is one of best national parks to spot Elephants in Sri Lanka. It is home to 200+ elephants, monkeys, crocodiles and even a handful of leopards. The Gathering around the water reservoir takes place in the dry season from July to October. Besides from

elephants, there is so much more to see. Peacocks, small black bears, crocodiles, deer, many monkeys and beautifully colored birds.

Dinner and Overnight stay at Hotel in Habarana / Dambulla / Sigiriya

Day 02 - 03

Meals

Breakfast & Dinner

Habarana - Kandy

After morning breakfast at the Hotel visit Sigiriya Rock Fortress. (Optional)

Sigiriya Rock Fortress: Called by many names including "The Lion Rock" for its initial name of "Sinhagiri", Sigiriya is near the town of Dambulla and is a colossal column of rock nearly 200m high. It was a royal citadel for 18 years (477-495) when it was fortified by King Kasyapa. The architectural and irrigational technologies of Sigiriya, such as the Water Gardens, still baffle engineers. The climb up



steep steps of metal with railings passes a wall decorated with frescoes of barebreasted women. Art experts consider them unique.

Afterward proceed to Kandy, enroute visit Spice Garden in Matale.

Proceed to Kandy.

Afterward the day tour will start off with a visit to the Kandy view point, where you will drive up a hill situated close to the Kandy Lake where you can enjoy the spectacular views of the lake and surrounding town.



In the evening visit the famous Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic followed by the Kandy Cultural Show. (Optional)



Sacred Tooth Relic.

The Temple (Sri Dalada Maligawa) was originally built by the Kandyan Kings in 1595, to house and honor the Sacred Tooth Relic of the Buddha. Attracting crowds of white-clad pilgrims bearing lotus flowers for means of worship, the Maligawa features a myriad of intricate carvings that speak volumes of the architectural heritage of Kandy. Today, the city of Kandy is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, in part due to the Temple of the

Dinner and Overnight stay at Hotel in Kandy.

Day 04 - 07

Kandy - South Beach

Meals

Breakfast & Dinner

After morning breakfast proceed to South Beach.



Relax at the Hotel / Beach.

Many interesting sightseeing tours are possible from here, such as the Turtle Hatchery, Mask factory, Galle Fort, Mini Zoo, Garden Brief, Boat trips on Bentota River etc.

Dinner and Overnight stay at Hotel in Bentota / Beruwala

Day 08

South Beach - Airport

Meals

Breakfast at Hotel

Breakfast

Later transfer to the Airport for the departure flight back.

End of Tour

3* Hotels

Location	Hotels	Nights	Room Category
Habarana	Fresco Water Villa or Similar	1 Nights	Deluxe Room
Kandy	Oak Ray Regency or Similar	2 Nights	Deluxe Room
South Beach	The Palms or Similar	4 Nights	Deluxe Room

Cost of tour

Period from 1st June 2022 to 15th July 2022 / 1st September to 31st October 2022

Pax	1	2	4	6	8
Standard Room per Person Rate in					
USD	770.00	475.00	398.00	370.00	345.00
Single Supplement (USD) per	-		2	00.00	
Person Rate				00.00	
Triple Reduction (USD) per Person	-			5.00	
Rate				3.00	

Period from 16th July to 31st August 2022

Pax	1	2	4	6	8
Standard Room per Person Rate in					
USD	865.00	548.00	470.00	443.00	415.00
Single Supplement (USD) per	-		21	22.00	
Person Rate			2.	22.00	
Triple Reduction (USD) per Person	-		1	5.00	
Rate			'	5.00	

Period from 1st November to 15th December 2022

Pax	1	2	4	6	8
Standard Room per Person Rate in					
USD	865.00	548.00	470.00	443.00	415.00
Single Supplement (USD) per Person Rate	-	222.000			
Triple Reduction (USD) per Person Rate	-	15.00			

Compulsory Supplements

Kandy Esala Perahera Supplement per person - (02nd August 2022 to 11th August 2022) - \$15.00

4* Hotels

Location	Hotels	Nights	Room Category
Habarana	Sigirlyana resort by Thilanka or Similar	1 Nights	Deluxe Room
Kandy	Thilanka Kandy or Similar	2 Nights	Deluxe Room
South Beach	Turya Kalutara or Similar	4 Nights	Classic Room

Cost of tour

Period from 1st June 2022 to 15th July 2022 / 1st September to 31st October 2022

Pax	1	2	4	6	8
Standard Room per Person Rate in USD	860.00	510.00	433.00	405.00	378.00
Single Supplement (USD) per Person Rate	-		2	55.00	
Triple Reduction (USD) per Person Rate	-		2	20.00	_

Period from 16th July to 31st August 2022

Pax	1	2	4	6	8
Standard Room per Person Rate in USD	910.00	553.00	475.00	448.00	420.00
Single Supplement (USD) per Person Rate	,	260.00			
Triple Reduction (USD) per Person Rate	-		3	30.00	

Period from 1st November to 15th December 2022

Pax	1	2	4	6	8
Standard Room per Person Rate in					
USD	945.00	588.00	505.00	483.00	450.00
Single Supplement (USD) per Person Rate	-	260.000			
Triple Reduction (USD) per Person Rate	-			30.00	

Compulsory Supplements

Kandy Esala Perahera Supplement per person - (02nd August 2022 to 11th August 2022) - \$ 20.00

5* Hotels

Location	Hotels	Nights	Room Category
Habarana	Amaya Lake or Similar	1 Nights	Deluxe Room
Kandy	Amaya Hills or Similar	2 Nights	Deluxe Room
South Beach	Araliya Unawatuna Beach or Similar	4 Nights	Deluxe Room

Cost of tour

Period from 1st June 2022 to 15th July 2022 / 1st September to 31st October 2022

Pax	1	2	4	6	8
Standard Room per Person Rate in					
USD	1090.00	633.00	555.00	528.00	499.00
Single Supplement (USD) per Person Rate	-		3	62.00	
Triple Reduction (USD) per Person Rate	-			45.00	_

Period from 16th July to 31st August 2022

Pax	1	2	4	6	8
Standard Room per Person Rate in					
USD	1200.00	725.00	648.00	620.00	593.00
Single Supplement (USD) per Person Rate	1	380.00			
Triple Reduction (USD) per Person Rate			8	30.00	

Period from 1st November to 15th December 2022

Pax	1	2	4	6	8
Standard Room per Person Rate in					
USD	1260.00	745.00	668.00	640.00	615.00
Single Supplement (USD) per Person Rate	-	420.00			
Triple Reduction (USD) per Person Rate	-	100.00			

Compulsory Supplements

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Tour Includes

- Accommodation in hotels as per the itinerary (Subject to availability)
- Meal plan on Half Board Basis
- Transport in an Air-Conditioned well-maintained vehicle with English-Speaking Chauffeur Guide / National Guide
- All Paging, Parking, Fuel Costs & Highway Tolls.
- All Taxes and Service Charges.

Tour Excludes

- International Flights & VISA (Visit <u>www.eta.gov.lk</u> for VISA)
- Tips and Porterage.
- Entrance fees to mentioned sites
- Lunch
- All beverages & lunches not mentioned in the itinerary.
- Camera & Video Permit Charges if applicable.
- Any other expense not mentioned in the includes section.

Complimentary 1 Liter Bottle of Water Per Person Per Day