

Sri Lanka Round Tour Package

10 Nights & 11 Days



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Sri Lanka

In the Indian Ocean, south of India lies the island of Sri 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 make-up 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.

WEATHER & BEST TIME TO VISIT

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

Airport – Kandy

Meals

Dinner

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

(Optional \$ 10.00 Per Person) Later that evening, visit the famous Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic followed by the Kandy Cultural Show.



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 02

Kandy

Meals

Breakfast & Dinner

After breakfast proceed to Knuckles Mountain range. (Optional)

Knuckles range also called Dumbara mountain range is located off Kandy, in the northern end of Central Highlands of Sri Lanka. To the south and east of the mountain range is Mahaweli river basin while to the west are Matale plains.

The Knuckles range is one of the loveliest nature attractions of Sri Lanka. The changing terrain of grasslands, rugged mountain peaks interspersed with streams and cascading waterfalls make Knuckles Mountain range that covers an area of 18512 hectares the trekker's paradise.



❖ Key Activities

- Trekking at Knuckles Range
- Mini World's End at Knuckles Range
- Bambara Kiri Ella
- Mid Lands Tea Factory
- Village Lunch experience

Return to Hotel in Kandy

Dinner and Overnight stay at Hotel in Kandy

Day 03

Kandy - Habarana

Meals

After an early morning breakfast, check out of the hotel and proceed to Habarana.

Breakfast & Dinner

On arriving visit Sigiriya Rock fortress. (Optional \$ 30.00 per person)



Referred to by many names including "The Lion Rock" due its initial name being "Sinthagiri", Sigiriya is found near the town of Dambulla and is a colossal column of rock nearly 200m high. It was a royal citadel for 18 years (AD 477-495) when it was fortified by King Kasyapa. The architecture and construction methods used at Sigiriya, as well as the advanced irrigation technology, evident in the

Water Gardens for example, continue to baffle engineers to this date. The ascent to the top is made using steep steps of metal with sturdy railings, and you'll pass an ancient wall decorated with frescoes of bare-breasted damsels on the way up. Art experts consider them unique in style and technique and other-worldly almost.

Later that evening, visit the Minneriya National Park. (Optional \$ 30.00 per person)



One of the main reasons people visit Sri Lanka is to see the Sri Lankan elephant in the wild. Minneriya National Park is one of best national parks to spot the majestic creature that is the Sri Lankan elephant. 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

elephants, here you'll be able to spot peacocks, small black bears, crocodiles, deer, many monkeys and beautifully colored birds.

Dinner & overnight stay at Hotel in Habarana

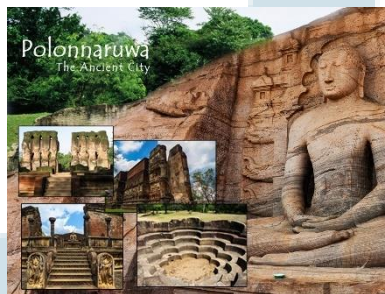
Day 04

Habarana – Polonnaruwa - Habarana

Meals

After morning breakfast, proceed to Polonnaruwa. (Optional)

Breakfast & Dinner



Polonnaruwa is another UNESCO world heritage site on the island which houses elaborately carved statues of Lord Buddha and glorious stupas touching the high skies. The ancient city is not only an oasis for seekers of serenity but also the perfect spot to take in the picturesque views of the dry land.

On completion, return to the hotel.

Dinner and Overnight stay at Hotel in Habarana

Day 05

Habarana – Trincomalee

Meals

After morning breakfast proceed to Trincomalee

Breakfast & Dinner

Trincomalee is a port city on the northeast coast of Sri Lanka. Set on a peninsula, Fort Frederick was built by the Portuguese in the 17th century. Within its grounds, the grand Koneswaram Temple stands on Swami Rock cliff, a popular vantage point for blue-whale watching.

Key locations to visit in Trincomalee

- Sri Pathirakali Amman temple
- Fort Frederick
- Koneswaram temple
- Bay view at Koneswaram temple
- Nilaveli beach



Dinner and Overnight stay at Hotel in Trincomalee

Day 06

Trincomalee

Meals

After morning breakfast.

Breakfast & Dinner

After an early morning with packed breakfast, experience the **Whales and Dolphins Watching Tour Trincomalee**. (Entrance not included)



Afterward visit Pigeon Island National Park. (Optional)



Pigeon Island National Park is one of the two marine national parks of Sri Lanka. The national park is situated 1 km off the coast of Nilaveli, a coastal town in Eastern Province, encompassing a total area of 471.429 hectares. The island's name derives from the rock pigeon which has colonized it. The national park contains some of the best remaining coral reefs of Sri Lanka. Pigeon

Island was designated as a sanctuary in 1963. In 2003 it was pre-designated as a national park. This national park is the 17th in Sri Lanka. The island was used as a shooting range during the colonial era. Pigeon Island is one of the several protected areas affected by the Indian Ocean tsunami in 2004.

Dinner & overnight stay at Hotel in Trincomalee.

Day 07

Trincomalee

Meals

After morning breakfast.

Breakfast & Dinner

Fort Fredrick, also known as Trincomalee Fort or Fort of Triquillimale, is a fort built by the Portuguese at Trincomalee, Eastern Province, Sri Lanka, completed in 1624 CE, built on Swami Rock-Konamamalai from the debris of the world-famous ancient Hindu Koneswaram temple (Temple of a Thousand Pillars). The temple was destroyed by the Portuguese colonial Constantino de Sá de Noronha under Phillip III, the occupier of the Jaffna kingdom and Malabar country on the island. On the Konamalai cape was also built a new village of Portuguese and Tamil people, 50 Portuguese soldiers, and inside the fort, a church named after "Nossa Senhora de Guadalupe". The Fort of Triquillimale was dismantled and rebuilt by the Dutch in 1665, renamed Fort Fredrick.



Dinner & overnight stay at Hotel in Trincomalee.

Day 08-10

Beach Stay

Meals

Breakfast at the Hotel. You've got an entire day to yourself to spend leisurely as you please.

Breakfast & Dinner

You can spend the day relaxing and taking part in the activities at the hotel.

Dinner & overnight stay at Hotel in Trincomalee.

Day 11

Trincomalee – Airport

Meals

Breakfast at Hotel

Breakfast

Later transfer to the Airport for the departure flight back.

End of Tour

3* Hotels

Location	Hotels	Website	No. Nights
Kandy	Oak Ray Regency	www.oakrayhotels.com/oak-ray-regency/	02 Nights
Habarana	Fresco Water Villa	www.oakrayhotels.com/fresco-water-villa-sigiriya/	02 Nights
Trincomalee	Pigeon Island Beach Resort	www.pigeonislandresort.com/	06 Nights

Cost of tour

Period from 1st June 2022 to 30th June 2022 / 1st November 2022 to 20th December 2022

Pax	1	2	4	6	8
Standard Room per Person Rate in USD	995.00	645.00	539.00	505.00	475.00
Single Supplement (USD) per Person Rate	-	260.00			
Triple Reduction (USD) per Person Rate	-	30.00			

Period from 1st July 2022 to 31st August 2022

Pax	1	2	4	6	8
Standard Room per Person Rate in USD	1105.00	745.00	639.00	605.00	575.00
Single Supplement (USD) per Person Rate	-	300.00			
Triple Reduction (USD) per Person Rate	-	30.00			

4* Hotels

Location	Hotels	Website	No. Nights
Kandy	Thilanka KANDY	www.thilankahotel.com/	02 Nights
Habarana	Sigiriyana Resort by Thilanka	www.sigirianaresort.com/	02 Nights
Trincomalee	Trinco Blu by Cinnamon	www.cinnamonhotels.com/trincoblucinnamon	06 Nights

Cost of tour

Period from 1st June 2022 to 30th June 2022 / 1st November 2022 to 20th December 2022

Pax	1	2	4	6	8
Standard Room per Person Rate in USD	1202.00	755.00	649.00	615.00	585.00
Single Supplement (USD) per Person Rate	-	350.00			
Triple Reduction (USD) per Person Rate	-	40.00			

Period from 1st July 2022 to 31st August 2022

Pax	1	2	4	6	8
Standard Room per Person Rate in USD	1622.00	965.00	859.00	825.00	795.00
Single Supplement (USD) per Person Rate	-	560.00			
Triple Reduction (USD) per Person Rate	-	40.00			

Compulsory Supplements

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

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 www.eta.gov.lk for VISA)
- Tips and Portage.
- 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