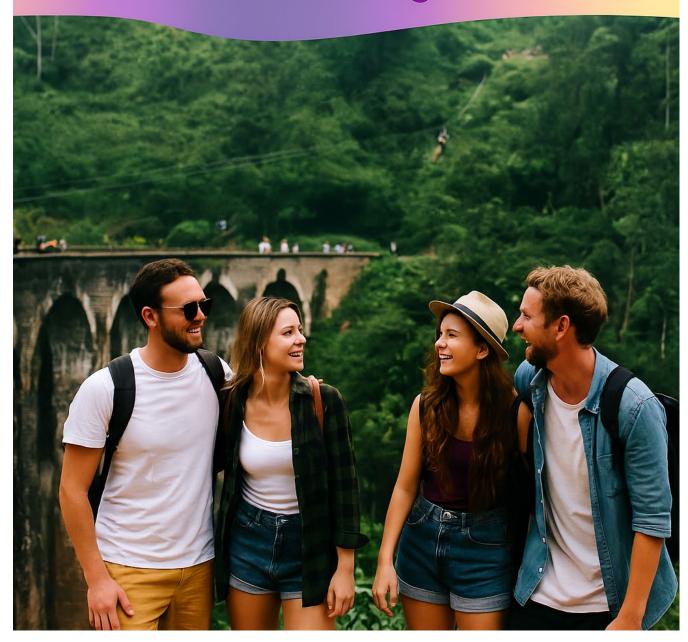


# Scenic South & Wildlife Escape

11 Nights/12 Days

**Tour Package 1** 



#### **ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS**

#### Your tour itinerary highlights at a glance:

- Negombo Golden sandy beach, explore Dutch canals & fishing village
- Nuwara Eliya "Little England" of Sri Lanka
  - o Horton Plains & World's End
  - o Scenic Tea Plantations & Factory Visit
  - o Ramboda Waterfalls
  - Gregory Lake
  - Hakgala Botanical Gardens
- Ella Misty mountains and Waterfalls
  - o Scenic train ride to Ella
  - o Little Adam's Peak & Ella Rock
  - Nine Arch Bridge
  - o Ravana Falls a& Ravana Cave
  - o Cooking class or Zipling (optional, additional charges apply)
  - o Lipton's Seat and Demodara Loop
- Hambantota Coastal exploration and beach
  - o Stroll on Hambantota beach
  - o Kirinda Temple
  - o Wildlife Safari at Yala National Park or any other safaris (optional, additional charges apply)
  - Golfing (optional, additional charges apply)
  - o Kataragama Temple
  - o Hummanaya Blow Hole, Dry Zone Botanical Gardens and Weerawila Lake
- Colombo Commercial capital of Sri Lanka
  - o Galle Face Green & Independence Square
  - o Historic landmarks & temples
  - Modern shopping & dining experiences

# MAP OF SRI LANKA



DAY	DESCRIPTION OF DAILY ACTIVITIES (HIGH LEVEL)	ACCOMMODATION
DAY 01	Airport → Negombo City Tour → Stay in Negombo  (Airport pick up and key Negombo attractions enroute to hotel)	Goldi Sands 4* or similar Suriya Resort & Spa 5* or similar
DAY 02	Negombo → Nuwara Eliya → Stay in Nuwara Eliya (Visit tea plantation & factory, walk/boat ride at Lake Gregory and see Ramboda Falls (and Lovers Leap if time permits))	Araliya Red 4* or similar Araliya Green City 5* or similar
DAY 03	Nuwara Eliya → Stay in Nuwara Eliya (Early start to Horton Plains and World's End, stop at Baker's Fall, visit Hakgala Botanical Gardens, Seetha Amman Temple, Victoria Park and enjoy high tea)	Araliya Red 4* or similar Araliya Green City 5* or similar
DAY 04	Nuwara Eliya → Ella → Stay in Ella (Scenic train ride from Nanu Oya to Ella, embark on a hike to Little Adam's Peak, sunset at Nine Arch Bridge and explore Ella town)	Moi Ella 4* or similar 98 Acres 5* or similar
DAY 05	Ella → Hike & Waterfalls → Stay in Ella (Hike to Ella rock, tuk-tuk ride to Ravana Falls and Ravana Cave and optional cooking class/ziplining)	Moi Ella 4* or similar 98 Acres 5* or similar
DAY 06	Ella → Tea Culture & Demodara Loop → Stay in Ella (Tuk-tuk day trip to Lipton's Seat (viewpoint) near Haputale, admire Demodara Loop and enjoy last minute souvenir shopping)	Moi Ella 4* or similar 98 Acres 5* or similar
DAY 07	Ella → Hambantota → Stay in Hambantota (Travel to Hambantota and take a stroll on the beach and visit Kirinda Temple)	Birds Resort Hambantota 4* or similar Shangri-La Hambantota 5* or similar
DAY 08	Hambantota → Safari Experience → Stay in Hambantota (Wildlife safari adventure to Yala National Park in the morning. Relax or consider options for additional safaris or golfing in the afternoon)	Birds Resort Hambantota 4* or similar Shangri-La Hambantota 5* or similar
DAY 09	Hambantota → Local Attractions → Stay in Hambantota (Visit Kataragama Temple, Hummanaya Blow Hole, Dry Zone Botanical Gardens and Weerawila Lake)	Birds Resort Hambantota 4* or similar Shangri-La Hambantota 5* or similar
DAY 10	Hambantota → Colombo via Galle → Stay in Colombo (Scenic drive to Colombo with a stop in Galle to explore Galle Fort and head to Mahamodara Sea Turtle Hatchery. Enjoy highlights of Colombo including a walk along Galle Face Green in the evening)	Radisson Colombo 4* or similar Courtyard BY Marriott 5* or similar
DAY 11	Colombo → Culture, History & Shopping → Stay in Colombo (Visit notable landmarks and shop for local crafts & souvenirs and enjoy an authentic Sri Lankan meal in the evening)	Radisson Colombo 4* or similar Courtyard BY Marriott 5* or similar
DAY 12	Departure (Transfer to airport for departure flight)	N/A

# **Inclusions:**

- Meet and Greet with a warm Sri Lankan welcome on arrival at Bandaranaike International Airport by an English-speaking guide (French speaking guide can be provided at an extra cost)
- Accommodations at 4 or 5-Star hotels as per option selected
- Breakfast and Dinner during tour
- Transportation by air-conditioned car, van or mini coach or long coach as per itinerary
- Entrance tickets to all sites mentioned in program
- Complimentary bottled water provided during the tour (two bottles per guest per day)
- Return transfer to airport for departing flight

# **Exclusions:**

- Roundtrip Airfare to/from Sri Lanka
- Tips
- Lunches
- Optional/additional excursions and activities
- Photo/video permits
- Personal expenses
- Hotel stays before or after the tour
- Meals not listed in the itinerary
- French Speaking Guide (can be provided for USD 480 for entire tour including accommodations and all fees)

# **Cancellation Policy:**

- 45 days prior full refund
- Full charge will apply if cancellation is not received within above deadline

# PRICING (IN USD, PER PERSON BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY)

- Prices quoted are in USD and based on double occupancy. Discounts for groups are listed below.
- Children below the age of 5 are free of charge. Discounted price for children aged 5 and 11 when sharing a room with parents. Anyone 12 and over will be charged the adult rate.
- Entrance fees to attractions/excursions listed in the itinerary are included in the pricing unless otherwise stated.

# Pricing (USD, Per Person)

Hotel Category	Season		Tour Price (Per Person)			
	(Non-Peak/Peak)		2 Ppl	3-6 Ppl	7-13 Ppl	14-20 Ppl
	01.11.2025–19.12.2025 11.01.2026–30.04.2026	&	<i>\$1385</i>	\$1290	\$1260	\$1235
4★ Hotels	20.12.2025 – 10.01.2026		\$1530	\$1425	\$1385	\$1360
5★ Hotels	01.11.2025–19.12.2025 11.01.2026–30.04.2026	&	\$1860	\$1760	\$1725	<i>\$1715</i>
	20.12.2025 – 10.01.2026		\$2080	\$1960	\$1925	\$1915

The below fees (quoted in USD) are extra and will be charged by the hotel directly.

- Christmas Eve Supplement for 4★ Hotels \$50
- Christmas Eve Supplement for 5★ Hotels \$80
- New Years Eve Supplement for 4★ Hotels \$70
- New Years Eve Supplement for 5★ Hotels \$125

Entrance fees are included for excursions/activities listed in the itinerary unless otherwise stated and are subject to change.

# DAY 01 – Arrival and Transfer to Negombo

A warm welcome awaits at Bandaranaike International Airport. Your English-speaking guide escorts you to Negombo, near Sri Lanka's airport, is a great start or end point for your tour. Known as "Little Rome," it offers a mix of culture, history, and beaches. Depending on your flight arrival, some of the key Negombo city highlights will be covered.

#### Key attractions:

- Negombo Beach: Golden sand, sunsets, and water sports.
- Negombo Fish Market: A lively, authentic experience to see the daily catch.
- Historic Churches: Visit the magnificent St. Mary's and St. Sebastian's churches.
- Negombo Lagoon & Muthurajawela Marsh: Ideal for boat tours and bird watching.
- Dutch and Portuguese History: See remnants of the Dutch Fort and Hamilton Canal.
- Angurukaramulla Temple: A notable Buddhist temple with a large Buddha statue



Dinner and overnight stay at your choice of 4 or 5-Star Hotel or similar in Negombo

## DAY 02 – Colomb to Nuwara Eliya via Kandy

Morning: After breakfast, depart for Nuwara Eliya, a charming hill country town known as "Little England" for its colonial-era bungalows, cool climate, and lush green landscapes. This region is the heart of Sri Lanka's tea industry, and your visit will be a journey into the world of Ceylon tea. Enroute, you will pass Kandy, which was the last Royal capital of Sri Lanka and home to the famous Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic.

# Nuwara Eliya highlights include:

- Tea Plantation/Factory: The surrounding hills are carpeted with endless rows of tea bushes. You'll visit a working tea factory, such as Pedro Tea Estate or Damro Labookellie, to see the entire process from leaf to cup. Learn about the withering, rolling, fermenting, and drying processes and enjoy a complimentary cup of fresh Ceylon tea.
- **Lake Gregory:** A picturesque lake in the heart of the town, perfect for a leisurely stroll, a boat ride, or simply relaxing by the water. The surrounding park offers a tranquil setting.

- Colonial Charm: Explore the town itself, with its beautiful Victorian-era buildings, including the iconic Nuwara Eliya Post Office and the Grand Hotel. The cool air and manicured gardens will make you feel like you've stepped into the English countryside.
- Waterfalls: The journey to and from Nuwara Eliya is adorned with stunning waterfalls like Ramboda
  Falls (and Lovers Leap if time permits), which cascade down the green hillsides, creating perfect photo
  opportunities.

Nuwara Eliya offers a refreshing change of scenery and pace, providing a captivating blend of natural beauty, colonial heritage, and a deep dive into the culture of one of the world's most beloved beverages



Dinner and overnight stay at your choice of 4 or 5-Star Hotel or similar in Nuwara Eliya

DAY 03 – Horton Plains & World's End & Nuwara Eliya Sightseeing

Nuwara Eliya is perfect for exploring more of the natural beauty and unique culture of the region. After a restful night, you can wake up to the cool mountain air and a beautiful view of the mist-covered hills.

Morning: Visit Horton Plains National Park (a UNESCO World Heritage site) and World's End. Wake up before dawn to get an early start as this park is best visited in the early morning (around 6:00 AM) to catch the iconic views at World's End before the clouds and mist roll in, which they almost always do by mid-morning. The main attraction is a 9.5 km circular hiking trail that takes you through unique montane grasslands and cloud forests. The hike is relatively easy and well-marked. World's End is the dramatic climax of the hike, a sheer cliff with a breathtaking drop of nearly 900 meters. On a clear day, the panoramic views are stunning, stretching out over tea plantations and distant valleys. Along the same trail, you'll also come across Baker's Falls, a beautiful waterfall that offers a refreshing stop.

Late Morning/Afternoon: Explore Hakgala Botanical Garden, the second-largest in Sri Lanka. It's famous for its diverse collection of flora, including orchids, roses, and ferns. The garden is located at the foot of the Hakgala Rock and offers a serene and beautiful environment. As Nuwara Eliya is known for its cool climate, it's a great place to visit a strawberry farm. You can often buy fresh strawberries, or enjoy a strawberry milkshake or other desserts.

Evening: Take a leisurely stroll through Victoria Park, a beautifully maintained public garden in the heart of the town. It's a great place to relax, especially during the flowering season. You can visit the local market to buy fresh produce, tea, and other souvenirs. Then indulge in a traditional English high tea at a colonial-era hotel like The Grand Hotel, a perfect way to cap off your day in "Little England"



Dinner and overnight stay at your choice of 4 or 5-Star Hotel or similar in Nuwara Eliya

# DAY 04- Nuwara Eliya to Ella

Morning: After breakfast, travel to Ella via the scenic train ride from Nuwara Eliya (Nanu Oya station). This is often called one of the most beautiful train journeys in the world, winding through tea plantations, misty mountains, and viaducts. Settle into your accommodation.

Late Afternoon: Embark on a relatively easy hike to Little Adam's Peak. The trail is well-marked and takes you through tea plantations and beautiful scenery. It's a great way to stretch your legs and get a stunning panoramic view of Ella Rock and the surrounding valley. The hike takes about 1-2 hours round trip. After your hike, walk down from Little Adam's Peak to the iconic Nine Arch Bridge. This colonial-era viaduct, built entirely of stone and cement, is a spectacular sight, especially at sunset. Be sure to check the train schedule so you can time your visit to see a train chugging along the bridge.

Evening: Explore Ella town. The main street is full of cafes, restaurants, and bars with a vibrant, youthful atmosphere. Have dinner at a popular spot like Cafe Chill or Matey Hut to enjoy a mix of Sri Lankan and Western food.



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## DAY 05 -Ella Rock and Ravana Falls

Morning: After breakfast hike to Ella Rock, which is a more challenging but incredibly rewarding hike. Start early in the morning to beat the heat and the crowds. The route takes you along the railway tracks, through tea fields, and up a steep climb to the summit. The hike takes about 4-5 hours round trip, and the views from the top are breathtaking.

Afternoon: After the strenuous hike, take a tuk-tuk to Ravana Falls, a majestic waterfall located right by the main road. While you can't swim directly at the main cascade, it's a great place for a photo stop. You can also visit Ravana's Cave nearby, which is steeped in local folklore from the Ramayana epic.

Late Afternoon: Cooking Class or Zipline (optional, additional charges apply).

- For a cultural experience, join a Sri Lankan cooking class. Many local families and restaurants offer these and it's a great way to learn how to make authentic curries.
- For an adrenaline rush, head to the Flying Ravana Zipline, a thrilling ride with incredible views over the valley.

Evening: Relax with a well-deserved meal in town if you choose to do so or enjoy the lively atmosphere of Ella's main street.



Dinner and overnight stay at your choice of 4 or 5-Star Hotel in or similar Ella

#### DAY 06 — Day trip to Lipton's Seat and Demodara Loop via Tuk-Tuk

Morning: After breakfast, take a tuk-tuk for a longer day trip to Lipton's Seat, a viewpoint near Haputale. This is where Sir Thomas Lipton himself would sit and survey his sprawling tea plantations. The drive itself is scenic, and the views from the top are arguably even more spectacular than in Ella. You'll pass through the Dambatenne Tea Factory, which you can tour to see the tea-making process.

Afternoon: On your way back from Lipton's Seat, ask your driver to take you to the Demodara Railway Loop. This is an incredible feat of civil engineering where the railway track spirals on itself to gain altitude, with the train passing over itself. It's a fascinating and unique sight.

Late Afternoon/Evening: Enjoy your last hours in Ella with some souvenir shopping. The town has many small shops selling local crafts, tea, and clothing. Have a final dinner at one of the cozy cafes, perhaps with a cup of the famous Ceylon tea.



Dinner and overnight stay at your choice of 4 or 5-Star Hotel or similar in Ella

# DAY 07 – Travel from Ella to Hambantota

Morning: After breakfast, travel to Hambantota which is located on the southern coast of Sri Lanka.

Afternoon: Arrive in Hambantota and check into your hotel. You'll notice the landscape is drier and more open than the hill country. Settle in and prepare for your adventures.

Late Afternoon: Head to the coast. While Hambantota's beaches aren't ideal for swimming due to strong currents, they offer a dramatic and peaceful setting. Take a stroll along Hambantota Beach or venture to nearby Kirinda.

Evening: Head to Kirinda, a small fishing village with a historic Buddhist temple perched on a rocky outcrop. The temple offers a panoramic view of the coastline, and it's a great spot to watch the sunset. The area is also known for its history, with a statue of Princess Viharamahadevi.



Dinner and overnight stay at your choice of 4 or 5-Star Hotel or similar in Hambantota

#### DAY 08- Hambantota

Enjoy your day as you see fit with optional activities such as a well-deserved spa treatment, wildlife safari or golfing. (Note: Wildlife safari to Yala, Bundala or Ridiyagama or tee time at Hambantota Golf Club can be arranged subject to availability. Additional charges will apply as these are not covered within the itinerary)

#### Key activities to consider:

- Wildlife Safari Adventure at Yala National Park. Get an early start for a thrilling safari in one of Sri Lanka's premier wildlife destinations. It's famous for its high density of leopards, as well as elephants, sloth bears, crocodiles, and a wide variety of birds. An early morning safari (starting around 6:00 AM) gives you the best chance of spotting animals when they are most active.
- Bundala National Park: This UNESCO Biosphere Reserve is a crucial wetland for migratory birds and is a birdwatcher's paradise. It's also home to crocodiles, turtles, and other wildlife.
- Ridiyagama Safari Park: A modern zoo where animals are kept in large enclosures, offering a different safari experience.
- Golfing: Tee off at the Hambantota Golf Club (adjacent to Shangri-La Hotel), an 18-hole championship course featuring costal views.



Dinner and overnight stay at your choice of 4 or 5-Star Hotel or similar in Hambantota

#### DAY 09 - Nature and Local Culture at Hambantota

Morning: After breakfast, take a trip to the sacred town of Kataragama, a significant pilgrimage site for Buddhists, Hindus, and Vedda people. The main shrine is dedicated to the Hindu God Skanda and is a fascinating place to witness a blend of different religious practices. The atmosphere is vibrant, especially during the daily ceremonies.

Afternoon: Enjoy exploring local attractions;

- Hummanaya Blow Hole: A short drive from Hambantota, this natural geological wonder is one of only a handful of blowholes in the world. When waves rush into a fissure in the cliff, water is forced out with immense pressure, creating a massive jet of spray.
- Dry Zone Botanical Gardens: Visit this unique botanical garden, the first of its kind in Sri Lanka, dedicated to the conservation of plants from the dry zone. It's a beautifully maintained and peaceful place to walk around.
- Weerawila Lake: Enjoy a tranquil boat ride on this large artificial reservoir, a man-made wonder that is now a bird sanctuary. You can spot a wide variety of birdlife and enjoy the serene surroundings.

Evening: Spend your last evening in Hambantota enjoying a fresh seafood barbecue at one of the local restaurants (at your expense) or indulge in the hotel/resort amenities.



Dinner and overnight stay at your choice of 4 or 5-Star Hotel or similar in Hambantota

# DAY 10 – Travel from Hambantota to Colombo

Morning: After breakfast, start the scenic journey from Hambantota to Colombo, which takes around 3 to 4 hours via the Southern Expressway (E01). This modern highway bypasses most of the coastal towns, making the trip fast and efficient. Enroute, stop at Galle and explore the UNESCO World Heritage listed Galle Fort. Then visit Mahamodara Sea Turtle Hatchery, a conservation center dedicated to protecting and breeding sea turtles.











Late Afternoon: Head to the Gangaramaya Temple, one of Colombo's most important and eclectic temples. It's a fascinating complex with a museum housing a vast collection of artifacts. Afterward, walk over to the nearby Seema Malaka Temple, a peaceful, modern temple designed by Geoffrey Bawa, set on the serene waters of Beira Lake.

Evening: Enjoy a walk along Galle Face Green, a large ocean-side urban park where you can mingle with locals, fly a kite, and enjoy delicious street food like the famous "isso wade" (prawn fritters). If you want a high-end Book Your Unforgettable Travel Experiences Now

seafood experience (at your own expense), you can visit the renowned Ministry of Crab or one of the many other excellent restaurants in the city.

Dinner and overnight stay at your choice of 4 or 5-Star Hotel or similar in Colombo

# DAY 11 - Colombo Sightseeing

Morning: Immerse yourself in Sri Lanka's rich history at the National Museum of Colombo. The museum is housed in a grand colonial building and showcases ancient artifacts, royal regalia and impressive art. Then visit the Independence Memorial Hall, a beautiful monument dedicated to the country's independence from British rule. Admire the Lotus Tower and other city highlights.

Afternoon: Explore the Fort area, Colombo's financial and business hub. Walk through the historic streets to see a mix of colonial-era buildings and modern skyscrapers. Visit the Old Colombo Dutch Hospital, a beautifully restored 17th-century building now a precinct of restaurants and shops. Then feel free to indulge in some retail therapy. For local crafts, souvenirs and high-quality textiles, visit Barefoot. If you are looking for modern brands, the malls like One Galle Face offer a comprehensive shopping experience. Alternatively, you can stroll through the chaotic but colorful streets of Pettah Market for a more authentic local shopping experience.

Evening: Enjoy your last evening in Sri Lanka with a special dinner (included in itinerary). You can find everything from authentic Sri Lankan cuisine to international flavors. Then you can venture out to a rooftop bar for drinks with a view of the city lights.



Dinner and overnight stay at your choice of 4 or 5-Star Hotel or similar in Colombo

# DAY 12 – Departure

Morning: Depending on your flight schedule, you can do some last-minute souvenir shopping or visit a landmark you missed.

Afternoon: Your driver will transfer you to Bandaranaike International Airport (CMB) for your departure flight.

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