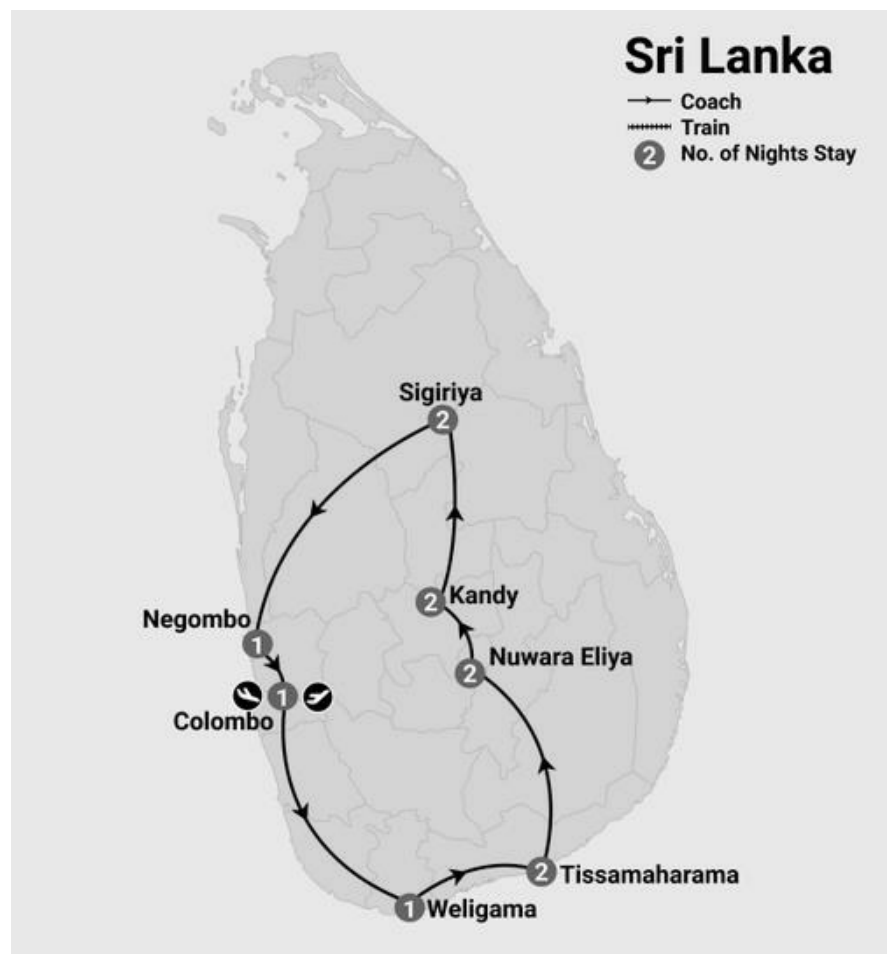


# 13 DAY SPECTACULAR SRI LANKA

## DESTINATIONS

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COLOMBO  
GALLE  
YALA NATIONAL PARK  
NUWARA ELIYA  
KANDY  
SIGIRIYA  
NEGOMBO  
ELLA  
TISSAMAHARAMA  
WELIGAMA



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# TOUR ITINERARY

## DAY 1

|                |                                    |
|----------------|------------------------------------|
| Destination    | Home ✈ Negombo                     |
| Meals included |                                    |
| Hotel          | 4 ★ Heritance Negombo , or similar |

Welcome to Sri Lanka! Today begins your magnificent tour through one of this year's top travel destinations. Upon arrival at Bandaranaike International Airport, you'll be warmly greeted by one of our representatives and transferred to your hotel nearby 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.

*Please note: Some flights may depart the day before.*

*Check in: Passengers will be arriving at various times throughout the day from as early as 6am through to late evening. If arriving prior to standard check-in time, which is generally 3pm local time, you are welcome to leave your luggage with hotel reception and explore your surroundings until check-in becomes available, as there are generally no scheduled activities on Day 1 of the itinerary. The hotel may grant early check-in, however this is strictly subject to availability and at the hotels discretion.*

## DAY 2

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| Destination    | Negombo 🚌 Weligama                                  |
| Meals included | Breakfast   |
| Hotel          | 5 ★ Weligama Bay Marriott Resort & Spa , or similar |

Enjoy a late start to the day, with plenty of time to relax and adjust after your flight yesterday. A little after breakfast there will be a welcome briefing with the group before we begin our guided city tour.

Colombo is a vibrant place with a laidback ambience. It's also a melting pot of cultures and religions, with a mix of Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu and Roman Catholic residents. Our walk today will cover the main spots in the city, taking in the local architecture and offering insight into the local lifestyle. We will visit both Buddhist and Hindu temples, the Dutch Reformed Church and the mesmerising Red Mosque, all while learning about Sri Lanka's complex and fascinating history. We'll also tour the bustling and colourful Pettah Bazaar – a whirlwind of sights, sounds and scents – as well as Independence Square, Parliament and the National Museum. Our city tour will finish with a shopping opportunity for a good cause at the Barefoot fair-trade store. Here you can find a collection of handicrafts from around the country and support local cottage industries.

Following our tour, we will depart Colombo and head for the carefully preserved colonial city of Galle, which features an interesting blend of European architecture and South-Asian traditions. Upon arrival in Galle we will take a tour of the Old Town of Galle and its fortifications – a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We'll meander through winding passageways, a maze of gallery-filled narrow streets and 400 years of rich history. Afterwards, we will continue on to Weligama, a beach town on the south coast where we will check in to our hotel for the evening.

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### OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT - HANDUNUGODA TEA ESTATE VISIT

You may choose to include 2 optional Inspiring Sightings throughout your tour, free as part of your package. This exquisite tea plantation in the hills above Koggala offers highly informative tours of the estate. You'll sample and learn how they produce over 25 varieties of tea here, including the fabled Virgin White tea, a delicate brew made from the tiniest and newest leaves. Where the average large plantation worker will pick 23kg of black tea in a day, the workers here manage but 150 grams of virgin white leaves.

### DAY 3

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| Destination    | Weligama 🚗 Tissamaharama                                    |
| Meals included | Breakfast, Lunch  |
| Hotel          | 5 ★ Chaarya Resorts & Spa (by Chandrika Hotels), or similar |

Your morning is free to relax alongside the pool or catch some sun at the beach. In the early afternoon, we will depart Weligama and transfer to the town of Tissamaharama. En route we will stop for lunch and enjoy a very special **Inspiring Taste** experience, meeting with a local fisherman to learn about their craft as they tell us about their life. Enjoy the freshest seafood lunch you've ever sampled with the fisherman's family – a wonderful crab curry is likely to be on the menu. Following lunch we will continue on to the hotel and check-in for the evening.

### OPTIONAL TOUR- WHALE WATCHING

You may choose to include 2 optional Inspiring Sightings throughout your tour, free as part of your package. Set out on an early morning whale and dolphin watching safari.

### DAY 4

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| Destination    | Tissamaharama   |
| Meals included | Breakfast, Lunch  |
| Hotel          | 5 ★ Chaarya Resorts & Spa (by Chandrika Hotels), or similar |

Today is one you have certainly been waiting for! After breakfast, you may relax or partake in one of our bonus **Inspiring Sightings**. This afternoon we will transfer to Yala National Park and enjoy a delicious lunch at a local restaurant before we begin our afternoon jeep safari. The National Park encompasses a variety of diverse ecosystems and an impressive array of wildlife, including sloth bears, elephants and lots of exotic birds. 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. Many of the species that we will see are endemic to Sri Lanka.

### DAY 5

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| Destination    | Tissamaharama 🚗 Ravana Falls 🚗 Nuwara Eliya  |
| Meals included | Breakfast, Dinner                            |
| Hotel          | 5 ★ The Grand Hotel Nuwara Eliya, or similar |

This morning enjoy some leisure time at the hotel surroundings before transferring to Nuwara Eliya (Approx 4.5hours).

En-route why not try one of Sri Lanka's favourite ingredients, buffalo curd, served in bright terracotta pots with thick, golden treacle, often eaten as a snack, as an accompaniment to meals or as a dessert. Sri Lankans are famed for their

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sweet tooth and this is just about as sweet as it gets.

We also make a photo stop at Ravana Falls in Ella. The Ravana Falls (popularly known as Ravana Ella in Sinhala) is a popular sightseeing attraction in Sri Lanka. It currently ranks as one of the widest falls in the country. This waterfall measures approximately 25 m (82 ft) in height and cascades from an oval-shaped concave rock outcrop. During the local wet season, the waterfall turns into what is said to resemble an area flower with withering petals. But this is not the case in the dry season, where the flow of water reduces dramatically.

We then head to Nuwara Eliya and commence a small orientation tour around this quaint town, before checking into our **Inspiring Stay** at the iconic Grand Hotel, where then the remainder of the day is at your leisure.

### OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT - MORNING JEEP SAFARI

You may choose to include 2 optional Inspiring Sights throughout your tour, free as part of your package.

Jump into a Jeep and enjoy another safari tour as we search for the animals that eluded us yesterday.

## DAY 6

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| Destination    | Nuwara Eliya                                 |
| Meals included | Breakfast                                    |
| Hotel          | 5 ★ The Grand Hotel Nuwara Eliya, or similar |

This morning you will get the opportunity for another iconic Sri Lankan experience, a visit to a tea plantation. Embark on a tea tour through the factory to experience the makings of world-famous Ceylon Tea's from start to finish, including tastings. You may also get the opportunity to get up close and personal with the local tea pluckers.

Today we also visit the famous Hakgala Botanical Gardens, where then the rest of the day is at your leisure.

Later this afternoon, enjoy the infamous High Tea back at The Grand Hotel.

### OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT - LOVERS LEAP WATERFALL

You may choose to include 2 optional Inspiring Sights throughout your tour, free as part of your package.

Walking to this small, scenic waterfall offers sweeping views of tea plantations and the picturesque countryside of Nuwara Eliya. Known for its romantic folklore, this impressive waterfall is a natural gem.

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### OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT - HORTON PLAINS NATIONAL PARK

You may choose to include 2 optional Inspiring Sight throughout your tour, free as part of your package.

Early morning with packed breakfast leave for Horton Plains and Worlds End. This park holds great importance due to the rich and unique biodiversity and being a catchment area feeding some of the main rivers of Sri Lanka. It is also known to be a " Super biodiversity hotspot " and thus declared an UNESCO site in 2010. Couple of kilometers into the park there is a site known as the World's End, an abrupt end, the land plummets straight down 900m, this is just an astonishing view and a somewhat a cool thrill!

Wear strong and comfortable walking shoes, a hat and sunglasses. Bring sunscreen, food and water. The weather can change very quickly on the plains – one minute it can be sunny and clear, the next chilly and misty. Bring a few extra layers of warm clothing.

It is forbidden to leave the paths, which can be slippery and tough to negotiate in places. There are no safety rails available so we recommend this activity for those who are physically fit and go on long walks often. We do not recommend this if you have a difficult time walking along uneven terrain.

*Please note - there are 3 different route options, depending on your general level of fitness:*

Route 1 - Approx. 8.5kms

Route 2 - Approx. 7kms

Route 3 Approx. 4.5kms

### DAY 7

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| Destination    | Nuwara Eliya 🚗 around Nuwara Eliya 🚗 Kandy |
| Meals included | Breakfast, Dinner                          |
| Hotel          | 5 ★ Amaya Hills , or similar               |

Today, we say farewell to Nuwara Eliya as we hop on what is widely recognised as one of the world's most scenic train rides, winding around mist-shrouded hilltops and through vivid green valleys.

The original train system in Sri Lanka was introduced in 1864 to transport tea from the hills to Colombo, but today it serves as a fantastic way to see Sri Lanka's magical landscapes. You'll have the chance to experience the tea culture of Sri Lanka on a tour and tasting of the famous Ceylon Tea, in Nuwara Eliya. Ceylon (Sri Lankan) tea is known for its quality worldwide, and with this guided tour you'll learn how the entire process works, from plucking to drying to packing and more. Guests can also enjoy another unique experience, should they wish – plucking tea leaves in the company of local pickers.

After our experience in Nuwara Eliya, we then transfer to Kandy by private bus. This evening you will enjoy a riveting cultural show with some traditional dancing in Kandy.

### DAY 8

|                |                              |
|----------------|------------------------------|
| Destination    | Kandy                        |
| Meals included | Breakfast, Dinner            |
| Hotel          | 5 ★ Amaya Hills , or similar |

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Perched on a mountain ridge overlooking the lush green countryside, the city of Kandy offers many a photo opportunity. Kandy is the second largest city in the country and the capital of the central hill regions. It's a very peaceful place that's centred around a lake.

Today, we'll learn all about this former capital during a city tour. In the morning we'll explore the captivating Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic (Sri Dalada Maligawa). Located in the heart of town, this is the most revered site in the country, housing a relic of a tooth of Buddha, taken from his funeral pyre.

Following this you may choose another **Inspiring Sight**, visiting the Royal Botanical Gardens. Our city tour will also include a walk through a local market, where we can taste a large number of endemic fruits while experiencing the city's day to day life.

This evening you will get another chance to visit a local home to experience an interactive cooking class and delicious meal for our second **Inspiring Taste**. We'll join a Sinhalese family who will spoil your sweet tooth with a traditional Sri Lankan dinner. Try your hand at crafting the perfect *hopper* (a savoury, bowl-shaped pancake made from rice flour, coconut milk and eggs) and try a chicken curry made with spice-infused coconut milk. We'll then fill up on specialty sweets inspired by Dutch and Portuguese dessert traditions.

### OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT - PERADENIYA BOTANICAL GARDEN

You'll have the choice between 2 of 4 bonus sightseeing experiences to enhance your journey. You may choose to include 2 optional Inspiring Sights throughout your tour, free as part of your package. 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.

## DAY 9

|                |                                     |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Destination    | Kandy 🚗 Sigiriya                    |
| Meals included | Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner            |
| Hotel          | 5 ★ Aliya Resort & Spa , or similar |

This morning is yours to spend at your leisure, or alternatively, enjoy a local market tour as one of our bonus **Inspiring Sights** to enhance your experience.

In the afternoon we will depart Kandy and head towards Sigiriya, our next destination. En route we will pay a special visit to the breathtaking Dambulla Cave Temple, also known as the Gold Temple of Dambulla, where we will explore this magnificent cave complex. The UNESCO World Heritage-listed monastery has been a pilgrimage site for 22 centuries and for good reason. Dambulla is the largest and best-preserved cave temple complex in Sri Lanka, and features vast swathes of Buddhist mural paintings as well as 157 statues. After our tour here, we will continue on to Sigiriya.

### OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT - MINNERIYA JEEP SAFARI

You may choose to include 2 optional Inspiring Sights throughout your tour, free as part of your package. 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.

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### OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT - WHOLESALE MARKET TOUR

You may choose to include 2 optional Inspiring Sights throughout your tour, free as part of your package. Explore the Wholesale Market and dodge the trucks and people piled high with every type of produce imaginable.

Boasting an incredible array of fresh food, much of which is subsequently transported to Colombo for sale, this is the perfect place to get a sense of Sri Lanka's agricultural diversity.

### DAY 10

|                |                                     |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Destination    | Sigiriya                            |
| Meals included | Breakfast, Dinner                   |
| Hotel          | 5 ★ Aliya Resort & Spa , or similar |

Early this morning we will set off for the ancient rock fortress of Sigiriya, or Lion Rock – one of the highlights of any visit to Sri Lanka. A dramatic rocky outcrop that rises from the surrounding plains like a mirage, the 200-metre tall rock column is topped by the ruins of a 5th-century citadel. Reaching the top of the rock requires a little leg work, but is well worth the effort. The stunning stone facade has been weathered over many centuries and the panoramic view from the top is awe-inspiring. On our climb we'll explore the beautiful water garden, the boulder garden, the colourful frescoes and the so-called 'mirror wall'. Once we pass the lion's paws, hewn from solid rock, it's a steep climb with plenty of steps and walkways. Those who don't wish to venture to the top can rest at the lion's paws until the rest of the group return.

In the afternoon we'll visit the Ancient City of Polonnaruwa and the fascinating Archaeological Museum. The second most ancient of Sri Lanka's kingdoms, the ruins of this city were declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1982, and used as a backdrop for some scenes for the Duran Duran music video *Save a Prayer*.

### OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT - EVENING SIGIRIYA WALKING TOUR

You may choose to include 2 optional Inspiring Sights throughout your tour, free as part of your package.

Experience the authentic rural life and interact with locals on this exciting guided walking tour.

### DAY 11

|                |                                    |
|----------------|------------------------------------|
| Destination    | Sigiriya 🚌 Negombo                 |
| Meals included | Breakfast                          |
| Hotel          | 4 ★ Heritance Negombo , or similar |

This morning you'll have the choice to participate in another one of our bonus **Inspiring Sights**. Alternatively, you may spend the morning at your leisure. After our visit to this ancient city we'll travel to Negombo, a city on the west coast of Sri Lanka. En route you'll have the opportunity to visit a coconut plantation.

Upon arrival in Negombo, we'll spend the evening touring the city with our guide. Near the waterfront, we'll visit the remains of the 17th-century Dutch Fort, which now houses a prison. Negombo Lagoon, lined with fishermen's huts, feeds into the Dutch-era Hamilton Canal, which leads south to the capital, Colombo. Our tour will finish with a visit to a few local temples.

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### OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT - ANURADHAPURA RUINS

You may choose to include 2 optional Inspiring Sight throughout your tour, free as part of your package. Experience a tour in the sacred city of Anuradhapura, one of the main shrines of Buddhism in the country. Explore through intricate monuments and amazing architecture. While here you'll witness the famous sacred fig tree, Jaya Sri Maha Bodhi.

### DAY 12

|                |                   |
|----------------|-------------------|
| Destination    | Negombo ✈ Home    |
| Meals included | Breakfast, Dinner |
| Hotel          | N/A               |

Unfortunately today is our last day in this splendid country. After breakfast, take some time to relax before you need to check out of the hotel. From the hotel we will enjoy a lovely market tour to do some last minute shopping and enjoy the cheerful goings-on alongside the beach road. At the appropriate time, you will be transferred to the airport to board your flight back home. We hope you have enjoyed every minute spent in this beautiful and welcoming country.

*Check out: Passengers will be departing at various times throughout the day. Standard hotel check-out times will apply no matter what time your flight is scheduled to depart. Check-out time is generally anywhere from 10am-12pm. You are welcome to leave your luggage at hotel reception and spend your final moments of free time exploring the area or alternatively please speak with hotel staff if you would like to extend your check-out time. Please note this service is subject to availability and will likely come at an additional cost. Your tour guide (or hotel staff) will confirm the time of your airport transfer with you directly.*

### DAY 13

|                |      |
|----------------|------|
| Destination    | Home |
| Meals included |      |
| Hotel          | N/A  |

Arrive home today.



## TOUR ITINERARY

### Inclusions

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return international airfares with a full-service airline
- Return airport transfers
- 11 nights 5-star accommodation in Sri Lanka
- Including 2 unforgettable nights at the 98 Acres Resort & Spa in the hills of Ella
- Daily breakfast, 3 lunches and 6 dinners
- The services of a professional English-speaking guide in Sri Lanka
- In-depth sightseeing
- All entry fees as per the itinerary
- Dedicated private transportation throughout Sri Lanka
- Ride on the world-famous train through the hilltops around Nuwara Eliya
- 24/7 customer service and your own Dedicated Support Agent

#### SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS

- Colombo - Enjoy a tour of Pettah Bazaar, Independence Square, Red Mosque and the Dutch Reformed Church
- Galle - Walk along the old stone fortifications that surround this historic coastal town
- Weligama - Relax in this former fishing town, which boasts incredible sweeps of sand and aquamarine waters at its shore
- Yala National Park - Embark on a game drive and spot sloth bears, elephants, leopards and crocodiles
- Nuwara Eliya - Experience the spectacular train ride from Ella through tea country
- Nuwara Eliya - Visit a tea plantation and take part in plucking the leaves yourself
- 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
- Dambulla - Explore the majestic cave complex of the Dambulla Cave Temples
- Sigiriya - Climb the magnificent rock fortress of Sigiriya, also known as Lion Rock
- Polonnaruwa - Visit this ancient city, the backdrop for Duran Duran's music video *Save a Prayer*
- Negombo - Enjoy a tour along the Dutch Canal in this laidback beachside town

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### INSPIRING FEATURES

#### Inspiring Stays

- Spend 2 magical nights at the iconic colonial landmark of Sri Lanka, The Grand Hotel, situated in the high elms of Nuwara Eliya, known as "Little England" or the "Switzerland of the East"

#### Inspiring Sights

To enhance your journey, we're offering guests 2 bonus sightseeing experiences out of a choice of 9 options (further details listed under 'Optional Tours').

- Handunugoda Tea Estate Visit
- Morning Jeep Safari
- Hortain Plains visit
- Lovers Leap Waterfall
- Peradeniya Botanical Garden
- Wholesale Market tour
- Minneriya Jeep safari
- Evening Sigiriya walking tour
- Anuradhapura Ruins

#### Inspiring Tastes

- Enjoy an unforgettable lunch with a local fisherman and his family where you'll learn about their lives before being treated to a crab curry.
- Participate in a local arrack tasting session, sampling six different types of the country's national drink.
- Visit a local home for an interactive cooking class, where you'll learn how to recreate delicious local flavours.
- Enjoy an infamous High Tea at The Grand Hotel in Nuwara Eliya

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### HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

#### Deposit & Payments

- Secure your package with only a \$100 deposit per person.
- Pay a 2nd instalment of \$1700 per person within 28 days.
- You will then be invoiced for final payment 90 days prior to departure.

#### Booking Process

- Select the purple 'Reserve Your Seat' tab to begin your booking (you must 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password)
- Then select the purple 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected
- Select your Departure Date, Departure City, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests
- Click the purple 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab
- Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment
- Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking
- Your booking is confirmed once your Booking Form is submitted and you can begin the countdown to your Inspiring Vacation!
- You will then be allocated and contacted by one of our Dedicated Support Agent's (within 48 hours) who will support you right up until you return from your journey

### FLIGHTS, UPGRADES & EXTENSIONS

#### Airfare Information

- Full-service airline used will be Air New Zealand, Singapore Airlines, Cathay Pacific, Thai Airways, China Southern, Emirates Airlines or similar.
- Flights are not direct and include a maximum of two connections
- If you would like to travel with a preferred airline, please ensure you mention this in the special request field. Please note that appropriate fare and tax difference will be applicable in order to confirm your request.
- 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

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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

### **Premium Economy or Business Class upgrades**

- Premium Economy upgrade available from an additional \$2,200 per person (subject to availability).
- Business Class upgrade available from an additional \$4,500 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.

### **Land Only discount**

A reduction of \$1,200 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 \$60 per vehicle, per direction.

### **Extending Your Stay**

Some customers like to enhance their holiday by extending their stay pre- and/or post-tour or including a stopover in another destination. If you wish to do so, please follow these steps:

1. Once you have logged in to your account, click on 'Book Now' and complete the required fields until you reach the 'Special Requests' free text field.
2. Here, please specify your preferred flight arrangements and/or preferred airline. Be sure to mention if you would like us to also quote additional nights' accommodation, with the number of nights needed.
3. After finalising your purchase by processing your deposit

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payment, please proceed to submit your booking form with all traveller details. Your booking will then be assigned to your Dedicated Support Agent who will be in contact with you via email to verify your request.

By choosing to extend your stay, please note that a supplement of \$150 per person, plus applicable fare and tax differences will apply. 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.

### **Maldives Extension**

You may wish to extend your stay to the beautiful Maldives at the end of your journey.

Package includes:

- Economy Class flight from Colombo to Male and return
- Arrival/Departure airport transfer from Male Airport to port
- Jet Boat transfer from Male to Adaaran Club Rannalhi and return
- 4 nights accommodation at the Adaaran Club Rannalhi in a Water Bungalow
- All meals and drinks (including alcohol)

Please note - There are no included activities, however this can be booked directly through the resort

Cost - \$2,969 per person Twin share (\$4,729 single, \$2,530 Triple)

Valid through to 31/10/2020

Please click [HERE](#) for itinerary. Please click [HERE](#) for information on the Adaaran Club Rannalhi Resort

If you wish to book the Maldives Extension package 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.

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### EXTRA SERVICES

You can enhance your holiday by arriving or departing before or after the tour, adding a stopover package en-route or booking a tour extension. On this tour you can choose from the following options:

**Pre and post tour accommodation** (deviating from group flights forfeits your group airport transfers)

- Pre-tour accommodation: \$339 per room per night for double/twin/single including breakfast and transfer
- Post-tour accommodation: \$383 per room per night for double/twin/single including breakfast

### Arrival and departure airport transfers

- Arrival Transfer: \$61 per vehicle
- Departure Transfer: \$52 per vehicle

Please specify in the 'Special Request' field when making your purchase your preferred travel arrangements and if you would like our team to book additional nights' accommodation and/or airport transfers. The additional cost for these land arrangements will be added to your final payment invoice and are subject to availability.

Please note, the transfers are not private and you may be grouped with other Inspiring Vacations customers.

### OPTIONAL TOURS

To enhance your journey, we're offering 2 free Inspiring Sights out of the following options. Guests may also purchase any of the remaining Inspiring Sights (cost is per person):

- Handunugoda Tea Estate Visit (Day 2) - \$30
- Morning Jeep Safari (Day 5) - \$79
- Hortain Plains visit (Day 6) - \$58
- Lovers Leap Waterfall (Day 6) - \$16
- Peradeniya Botanical Garden (Day 8) - \$30
- Wholesale market tour (Day 9) - \$49
- Minneriya Jeep safari (Day 9) - \$59
- Evening Sigiriya walking tour (Day 10) - \$59
- Anuradhapura Ruins (Day 11) - \$59

The following tour is also optional, but is not part of the bonus Inspiring Sights:

- Whale Watching (Day 3) - \$105 (November to April only)

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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.

### Optional Tour Bundle

As well as choosing 2 optional tours for free, if you're wanting to make the most of your time in Sri Lanka, why not purchase our value-for-money optional tour bundle? These optional tours have been hand-picked by our staff and based on our customers personal favourites:

1. Morning Jeep Safari
2. Evening Sigiriya walking tour
3. Anuradhapura Ruins

\$175 per person.

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

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### Fitness Requirements

While the tour itinerary should give you some guidance and overview to the expected requirements, to determine if this tour is right for you we categorise each of our tours in terms of their intensity. These guidelines are to ensure that each tour group is conducted as expected and to ensure the overall satisfaction of all Inspiring Vacations customers.

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

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As a general rule, portage is not included, therefore at all times you are expected to handle your own luggage where help may not be available.

This particular tour is categorised as a "3":

3 – Moderate Tour: A good level of fitness and mobility is required, as this tour includes a moderate level of physical activity and is considered a medium-fast paced tour. You should be able to walk up and down stairs, get on and off the coach and able to walk reasonable distances of approximately 2 kilometres per day or more with ease. Any physical ailments you may have must be disclosed at the time of booking to determine your suitability. If you have any form of walking aids, other than a walking stick or hiking poles, then this tour is not suitable.

### **Tipping**

A friendly reminder that tipping is not included in your package. At the commencement of your tour you will be asked to provide tipping to your guide towards a 'kitty', which is then used towards the guide tipping for the services of helpers, hotel staff, restaurants and airport portage. You will be asked for NZD\$40 per person. Please note that this tipping is not for the guide or driver, merely for the guide to tip the services of other local workers during your tour. While not made compulsory, if you choose not to contribute to the kitty it means that the guide is tipping for these services out of their own pocket. Your cooperation in this instance is most appreciated.

Further, tipping for your guide and driver will be collected at the conclusion of their services. To remove the uncertainty and stress of not knowing how much is appropriate to tip we recommend NZD\$8 per person per day for your guide and NZD\$5 per person per day for your driver to be paid in local currency. The amount you wish to contribute is dependent on the services received and at the complete discretion of the guest. Thank you for your understanding.

### **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 \$1,299 on top of the twin-share price.

### **Triple Share**

Available. If you wish to purchase triple-share please phone



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64800475025. The third person will also be charged the twin-share price.

### **Travel Insurance**

Travel insurance is required to protect yourself against the unexpected.

### **Visa & 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 your return.

An e-visa is required for entry into Sri Lanka. The Department of Immigration and Emigration launched a system called "[Electronic Travel Authorization - ETA](#)" in order to grant prior approval for a visa online for foreign nationals who visit Sri Lanka. You can visit <http://eta.gov.lk/slvisa/> to purchase your visa online. The cost is US\$35 per person. We can assist you over the phone as best as possible, however cannot submit the application on your behalf.

Please note that these details are subject to change without notice. We recommend visiting <https://safetravel.govt.nz/> for up to date information in terms of entry requirements.

### **Tour Documentation**

Final documentation, including e-tickets and hotel details, will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

### **Group Size**

4-16 people.

### **Trip Style - Small Group**

These tours are our proudest creations. They have been crafted for Inspiring Vacations travellers exclusively, with personal and unique experiences in mind. You will travel with only a maximum of 20 other guests. Enjoy choice features such as hand-picked accommodation, a sampling of the region's best culinary delights and a range of optional activities to choose from to best suit your travel style.

### **Children**

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

### **Tour Length**

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).

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### Train Journey Information - Day 7

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.

### WHAT CLIMATE TO EXPECT

Click [HERE](#) for more information on weather in Sri Lanka