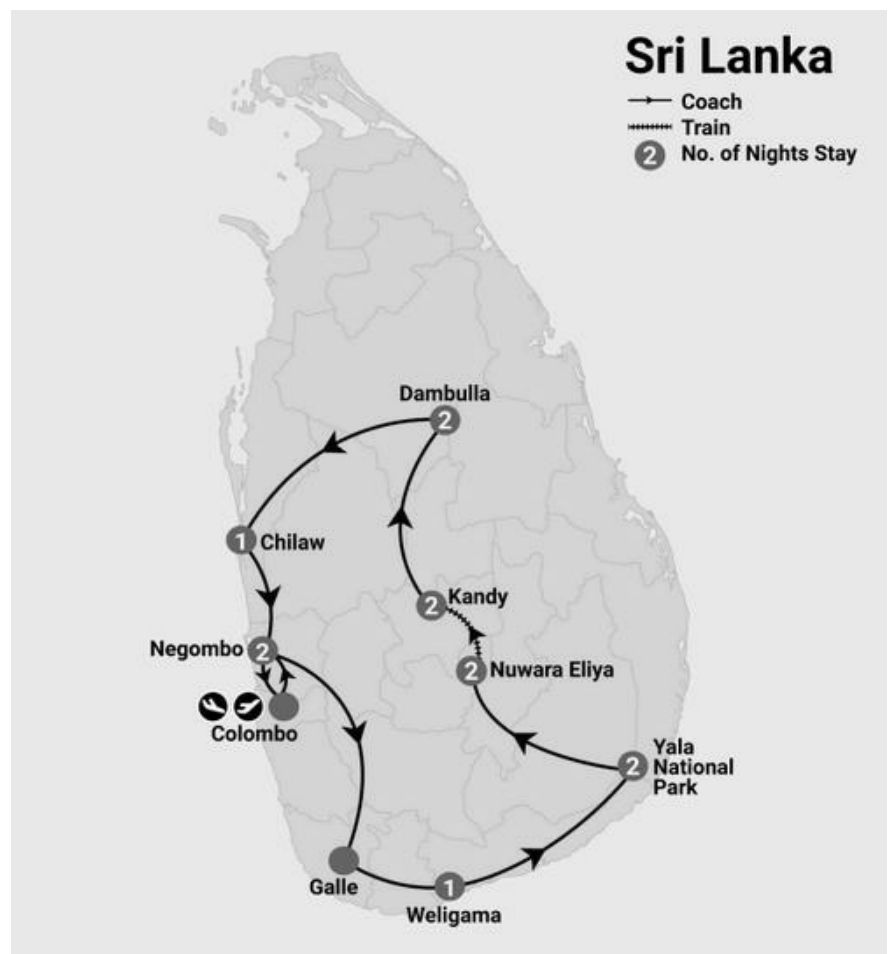


# 13 DAY 5 STAR INSPIRING SRI LANKA

## DESTINATIONS

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COLOMBO  
GALLE  
YALA NATIONAL PARK  
NUWARA ELIYA  
KANDY  
SIGIRIYA



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# TOUR ITINERARY

## DAY 1

Destination	Home ✈ Negombo
Meals included	
Hotel	5 ★ Jetwing Blue, or similar

Welcome to Sri Lanka! You'll be met on arrival at Bandaranaike International Airport and taken to your nearby hotel in Negombo.

On the west coast of Sri Lanka, this popular beach town still retains its fishing village charm.

Highlights of this town include the neoclassical St. Mary's church, completed in the 1920s and featuring a ceiling decorated with vivid religious paintings. 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 the capital, Colombo.

*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 hotel's discretion*

## DAY 2

Destination	Negombo 🚗 Galle 🚗 Weligama
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	5 ★ Weligama Bay Marriott Resort & Spa , or similar

This morning, join your guide and the rest of your group for a welcome meeting.

It's about a one hour drive to Colombo, a vibrant melting pots of races, religions and cultures. Sri Lanka's capital is a city of contrasts – it's a busy commercial hub but has a certain laid-back ambience. We'll take a city tour mid-morning. Depending on the time and weather, we'll explore this bustling port city on foot or by vehicle. On foot, we'll soak in the local architecture with a walk through the city, visiting Buddhist and Hindu temples, historic Jami Ul-Alfar Mosque (Red Mosque) and the Dutch Reformed Church (Wolvendaal).

Alternatively, we'll explore bustling Pettah Bazaar, then Independence Square, Parliament, and the National Museum. We'll 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 small cottage industries.

We'll depart Colombo and head for the carefully preserved colonial city of Galle, on the southwest coast of Sri Lanka. It's an interesting blend of European architecture and south-Asian traditions.

On arrival we'll set out for a tour of the Old Town of Galle and its Fortifications, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Our guide will take us on a tour of the Royal Dutch Fort, exploring the winding passageways, maze of gallery-filled narrow streets and 400 years of rich history. The fort was built first in 1588 by the Portuguese, then extensively fortified by the Dutch during the 17th century.

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Afterwards, we'll continue to the beach town of Weligama on the south coast, and settle into our hotel for the evening.

### DAY 3

Destination	Galle 🚗 Yala National Park
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Hotel	5 ★ Jetwing Yala, or similar

It's a free morning to relax poolside or at the beach.

In the early afternoon we'll head for Tissamaharama, gateway to Yala National Park.

We'll stop enroute for your first **Inspiring Taste**, dining with a local fisherman's family. Learn about their craft and livelihood – including how their lives changed after the tsunami. Enjoy the freshest seafood possible with their family; perhaps a wonderful crab curry, a local delicacy.

After lunch, we'll check into our hotel and the rest of the day is free for you to explore.

#### OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT - VISIT A LOCAL CINNAMON PLANTATION

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

Learn more about this native Sri Lankan spice with a visit to a local cinnamon plantation. True cinnamon, known as Ceylon cinnamon or *cinnamomum verum*, has a long history, originally grown wild in central hill country. These days, cultivation is concentrated along the coastal belt from Negombo to Matara. You'll learn about the different varieties, the history and processes involved, and the various uses for this proud export. The visit concludes with a fresh cinnamon tea.

### DAY 4

Destination	Yala National Park
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Hotel	5 ★ Jetwing Yala, or similar

In the afternoon you'll be taken to Yala National Park, one of Sri Lanka's largest and most visited national parks.

We'll have lunch at a local restaurant before an afternoon Jeep safari. Embarking on a guided game drive to explore the dynamic wildlife here is a thrilling experience. Yala National Park – a huge area of forest, grassland and lagoons bordering the Indian Ocean – encompasses a variety of diverse ecosystems. It's home to wildlife such as sloth bears, leopards, elephants and crocodiles, as well as hundreds of bird species.

*Please note that Yala National Park closes for a period between the months of September and October. The exact closure dates are made clear closer to the time. The closure is due to the prevailing dry weather prior to this time and taking into consideration the well-being of the wildlife in the reserve. For departure dates that fall over this period, as defined in the departure dates listed below, Yala National park will be replaced with a visit to Udawalawe National Park, while still being able to visit Block 4 or 5 of Yala National Park.*

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### DAY 5

Destination	Yala National Park 🚗 Nuwara Eliya
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	5 ★ Jetwing St. Andrews, or similar

After a relaxing morning exploring your hotel surrounds, we'll head to Nuwara Eliya, a drive of about four and a half hours.

Enroute, why not try a Sri Lankan favourite, Buffalo curd? Served in bright terracotta pots with thick, golden treacle, it's often eaten as a snack, a side or a dessert. Sri Lankans are famed for their sweet tooth and this is just about as sweet as it gets.

On the way, we'll make a photo stop at Ravana Falls. One of the widest falls in the country, the waterfall measures approximately 25 metres high, cascading from an oval-shaped concave rock outcrop. The falls form part of the Ravana Ella Wildlife Sanctuary.

When we arrive at the tranquil town of Nuwara Eliya, we'll take an orientation tour around the city and the rest of the evening is free for you to relax or explore.

Perched on a mountain ridge overlooking lush green countryside, Nuwara Eliya is a peaceful retreat. Often referred to as 'Little England', it does have a British country village feel, with its colonial-era bungalows and British history. Located in hill country – tea country – it offers many photo opportunities. There are hundreds of acres of tea plantations and plenty of tea factories to visit in the area.

#### OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT - MORNING JEEP SAFARI

You may choose to include 2 optional Inspiring Sight 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, Dinner
Hotel	5 ★ Jetwing St. Andrews, or similar

We'll head to a local tea factory this morning to experience Sri Lankan tea culture. Discover the art of renowned Ceylon tea, one of Sri Lanka's biggest exports, with a guided visit and tea tasting. There will even be a chance to pluck tea leaves yourself!

In the afternoon, relive colonial tradition with an **Inspiring Taste**, high tea at the celebrated Grand Hotel. It's a quintessential British experience and a great chance to sample local teas.

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### OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT - LOCAL ARRACK TASTING

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A favourite in punch bowls the world over, this traditional Sri Lankan spirit is distilled from the sap of coconut flowers. Today you'll be tasting different fusions of the nation's signature spirit, enhancing different ingredients and offering an exciting array of tastes and flavours.

### OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT - LOVERS LEAP WATERFALL

You may choose to include 2 optional Inspiring Sightings 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.

## DAY 7

Destination	Nuwara Eliya 🚆 Kandy
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	5 ★ Amaya Hills , or similar

We'll bid farewell to Nuwara Eliya and hop onto Sri Lanka's most famous train to travel to Kandy, the charming hill capital originally known as Senkadagala.

This scenic train ride takes in the lush vistas of central Sri Lanka, with stunning green, lush tea plantations and rugged mountain peaks.

Kandy was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1988 – the city embodies the style and character of Sri Lankan civilisation; with its lake, temples (including the Temple of the Tooth Relic) and the well-preserved ruins of royal palaces.

Tonight, enjoy a cultural show with traditional dancing.

*Please note: It is not possible to confirm the train ticket reservation due to the fact that Sri Lanka Railway has a manual system for reservations. Tickets can only be booked 30 days prior to departure. The 1st and 2nd class is basic but has air-conditioning. 3rd class sometimes is sometimes the only option available. On the rare occasion the train is fully booked, you will travel by coach*

## DAY 8

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

This morning, we'll visit the golden-roofed Temple of the Tooth Relic (Sri Dalada Maligawa), a deeply significant Buddhist site. Located in the heart of town, this shrine houses Sri Lanka's most important Buddhist relic – a tooth of the Buddha, supposedly taken from his funeral pyre. The insides of the shrine are covered in beautifully detailed and

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elaborate paintings.

We'll take a city tour or you may choose to visit a local market for a fruit tasting and a feel for daily life in these parts.

### OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT - LOCAL COOKING DEMONSTRATION

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

Get involved in traditional Sri Lankan cooking – grinding the herbs, pounding spices and scraping fresh coconut. Take in the mouth-watering aromas as dishes are prepared on a typical outdoor tabletop under the watchful gaze of the birds, squirrels and monkeys! Watch how the coconut milk is extracted and poured over the curries cooking in terracotta clay pots on a crackling wood hearth. You'll learn all the tips and tricks.

### OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT - ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDEN

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

Renowned for its collection of orchids and an impressive array of other flora and fauna, this vast garden covers nearly 150 acres. Originally a royal garden for Sinhalese kings, the park became a botanical garden under British rule in 1821. Features include an artificial lake shaped like Sri Lanka, a palm avenue planted by the British, a spice garden and giant bamboo, the largest species in the world that grows up to 40 metres high. About two million people visit this lush, green oasis each year.

## DAY 9

Destination	Kandy 🚗 Dambulla
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	5 ★ Jetwing Lake Hotel , or similar

This morning, you'll have the choice again of the city tour or market walk. Then, we'll head to Dambulla Cave Temple this morning and explore the magnificent cave complex.

This monastery, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, has been a pilgrimage site for 22 centuries for good reason. It houses 157 Buddhist statues. Also known as the Golden Temple of Dambulla, it's the most impressive cave complex in Sri Lanka.

In the evening, take this chance to relax by the pool.

### OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT - DAMBULLA WHOLESALE MARKET TOUR

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

Experience the hustle and bustle of this colourful market. Open 24/7, the only time it closes is on full moon Poya days. The hectic melange of sights, sounds and smells is a feast for the senses, and it's the perfect place to people watch as the locals go about their day.

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### DAY 10

Destination	Dambulla
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	5 ★ Jetwing Lake Hotel , or similar

Early this morning to beat the heat, we'll visit the magnificent, ancient rock fortress of Sigiriya (also known as Lion Rock). This dramatic rocky outcrop, rising from the surrounding plains, is one of the highlights of any visit to Sri Lanka. Lion Rock is topped by a ruined palace. It's a good workout to climb to the top, but well worth the effort for the 360 degree views. You'll see why this natural phenomenon is one of the most popular attractions in this country.

In the afternoon, we'll visit the ancient city of Polonnaruwa, the second-most ancient of Sri Lanka's kingdoms and another UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The fifth-century city of Polonnaruwa remains one of the best planned archaeological relic sites in the country, standing testimony to the discipline and greatness of the kingdom's first rulers. Enjoy a visit to the archaeological museum to get an idea of what this impressive metropolis was like in its prime.

This evening, enjoy a farewell dinner with your group to celebrate your time in Sri Lanka.

*Please note: The visit to Lion Rock takes about three and a half hours. You'll reach the lion paw in about an hour and a half, passing the water garden, boulder garden, Sigiriya Frescoes and the mirror wall. After the lion paw, it's a steep climb with plenty of steps and walkways – this part of the climb takes about 30 minutes. If you do not wish to go to the top, you can rest at the lion paw until the rest of the group returns.*

### DAY 11

Destination	Dambulla 🚌 Negombo
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	5 ★ Jetwing Beach Hotel , or similar

We'll head to Negombo today. Enroute, we can visit a coconut plantation.

In the evening we'll take a city tour to take in St. Mary's Church, the remains of the 17th-century Dutch Fort and temples. Depending on what time we arrive, we might take this tour tomorrow.

### DAY 12

Destination	Negombo ✈ Home
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	N/A

Enjoy one last delicious breakfast this morning, before your Sri Lankan adventure comes to an end.

After checking out, we'll embark on a market and shopping tour for those last minute souvenirs. Soak up the atmosphere before being transferred to the airport for your flight home.

We hope you've enjoyed this extraordinary journey.

*Check out: Passengers will be departing at various times throughout the day. Standard hotel check-out times will*

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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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Home
Meals included	
Hotel	N/A

Arrive home today. We hope you've been *inspired*.



## TOUR ITINERARY

### Inclusions

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Small group, with no more than 20 people
- Return international airfares with a full-service airline
- Return airport transfers
- Ride the world-famous scenic train through the hilltops around Nuwara Eliya
- 11 nights in 5-star accommodation including highly renowned Jetwing properties
- Daily breakfast, 3 lunches and 6 dinners
- Escorted by a professional, English-speaking guide throughout
- Incredible sightseeing as per the itinerary, including Sigiriya rock fortress, a guided game drive in Yala National Park and the ancient city of Polonnaruwa
- Dedicated private transportation throughout
- 24/7 customer service and your own Dedicated Support Agent

#### SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS

- Colombo – Enjoy a guided city tour of Sri Lanka's capital
- Galle – Tour the iconic Galle Fort and the old stone fortifications that surround this historic coastal town
- Yala National Park – Embark on a guided game drive to discover the dynamic wildlife in this epic national park, like sloth bears and elephants
- Nuwara Eliya – Embark on a famous scenic train ride through Sri Lanka's tea country
- Nuwara Eliya – Learn about the process behind the region's renowned tea at a tea plantation and factory
- Nuwara Eliya – Enjoy a colonial experience with an elegant high tea at the acclaimed Grand Hotel
- 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 third-century Dambulla Cave Temple
- Sigiriya – Climb the magnificent rock fortress of Sigiriya, also known as Lion Rock
- Sigiriya – Visit the ancient city of Polonnaruwa, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Negombo – Enjoy a tour along the Dutch Canal in this laid-back beachside town

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### INSPIRING FEATURES

#### Inspiring Tastes

- High tea at the iconic Grand Hotel Nuwara Eliya. Enjoy a colonial experience with an elegant high tea at this acclaimed hotel.
- Seafood lunch in a local home. Dine on a delectable, authentic home-cooked lunch with a local fisherman and their family. Enjoy the freshest seafood lunch possible – a wonderful crab curry is likely to be on the menu.

#### Inspiring Sights

To enhance your journey, we're offering guests 2 bonus sightseeing experiences out of a choice of 7 options (further details listed under 'Optional Tours').

- Visit a Local Cinnamon Plantation. Learn more about true cinnamon, this native Sri Lankan spice with a rich history and variety of uses.
- Morning Jeep Safari. Safari through Yala National Park to search for animals that eluded us on the afternoon drive.
- Local Arrack Tasting. Experience a delightful arrack tasting experience, Sri Lanka's traditional coconut spirit.
- Lover's Leap Waterfall. Walk up to this small but impressive waterfall, enjoying sweeping views of tea plantations and the picturesque countryside of Nuwara Eliya.
- Local Cooking Demonstration. Get involved in traditional Sri Lankan cooking, bursting with flavours and mouth-watering aromas.
- Royal Botanical Garden. Explore this lush, tranquil oasis that spans nearly 150 acres, renowned for its magnificent orchids and other beautiful flora and fauna.
- Dambulla Wholesale Market Tour. Experience the sights, sounds and smells of this hectic, colourful market where the locals shop. It's a great insight into daily life.

#### Inspiring Stays

- Spend two nights in the tea country hills of Nuwara Eliya at the stunning 5-star Jetwing St Andrew's, designed with colonial charm.
- Enjoy luxury 5-star stays throughout this tour, at handpicked resorts and hotels.

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### GRAND HOTEL UPGRADE

- 2 nights - \$299 per person, twin share (\$495 solo traveller)

Upgrade to enjoy 2 nights at the Grand Hotel in Nuwara Eliya, the famous ex-Governors mansion located in the hills of Nurwara Eliya. Upgrade includes 2 nights accommodation with breakfast in a deluxe room. Please note, the upgrade is subject to availability and not confirmed until 30 days prior to departure. If unavailable a full refund of the upgrade cost will be provided.

## Fine Print

### HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

#### Deposit & Payments

- Book now and secure your package with only a \$100 deposit per person.
- Pay a 2nd instalment of \$1500 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. You may also pay via BPAY (not available within 70 days of departure)
- 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

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## TOUR ITINERARY

### FLIGHTS, UPGRADES & EXTENSIONS

#### Airfare Information

- Full-service airline used will be either Singapore Airlines, Sri Lankan Airlines, Malaysia Airlines, Air New Zealand, Cathay Pacific 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 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
- Any airline 'extras' such as pre-allocated seating are at your own arrangement (additional charges apply)

#### 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 \$1400 per person applies if you wish to arrange your own airfares and transfers. To purchase a land-only fare, please select this option in the booking process under 'Departure City'.

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Please note, if you are not arriving or departing as per the group itinerary, airport transfers are also no longer included. If you would like us to arrange this service for you, please refer to the 'Extra services' section for pricing.

### **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 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.

## TOUR ITINERARY

### EXTRA SERVICES

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

#### **Pre and post-tour accommodation**

- Pre/Post-tour accommodation: \$217 per room per night for double/twin/single including breakfast

**Arrival and departure airport shuttle transfers** (deviating from group flights forfeits your group airport transfers)

- Arrival/Departure Transfer: \$54 per vehicle

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

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. Alternatively, you may purchase 1 pre or post-night accommodation + transfers, at time of booking.

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### OPTIONAL TOURS

To enhance your journey, we're offering guests 2 bonus sightseeing experiences out of a choice of 6 options.

- Visit a Local Cinnamon Plantation (Day 3) - \$27 per person
- Morning Jeep Safari (Day 4) - \$49 per person
- Local Arrack Tasting (Day 6) - \$27 per person
- Lover's Leap Waterfall (Day 6) - \$22 per person
- Local Cooking Demonstration (Day 8) - \$36 per person
- Royal Botanical Garden (Day 8) - \$27 per person
- Dambulla Wholesale Market Tour (Day 9) - \$27 per person

Additional optional tour (not part of the 2 Inspiring Sights for free):

- Morning Jeep Safari (Day 4) - \$88 per person

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.

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.

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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**

Single supplement is \$1099 per person, in addition to the twin-share price.



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### Triple Share

Not available.

### 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.

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

### Group Size

8-20 people.

### Trip Style - Small Group Tour

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### Children

Children must be 5 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

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day-by-day itinerary for the time spent in your destination(s).

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