



PROGRAM Details



Booking Window: Now till 31 March 2024
Stay Period: 01 May till 30 June 2024
Routing: Colombo | Kandy | South Coast
Stay Length: 5 Nights | 6 days



--- ITINERARY ---

Day 1 – Airport | Colombo

Upon your arrival at the airport, transfer to Colombo, the bustling capital city of Sri Lanka. Your first day in Colombo invites you to immerse yourself in its rich cultural tapestry, exploring landmarks such as the Independence Square and the Colombo Lotus Tower. Stroll through Viharamahadevi Park and enjoy a sunset by the Galle Face Green, savoring local street food.

Overnight stay in Colombo

Day 2 – Colombo | Millennium Elephant Foundation | Kandy

Depart Colombo for a visit to the Millennium Elephant Foundation, offering a more intimate experience with elephants, including walking with them and learning about conservation efforts. Continue your journey to Kandy, a city nestled among hills, home to the sacred Temple of the Tooth Relic. Explore the local market and the serene Kandy Lake in the evening.

Overnight stay in Kandy

Day 3 – Kandy | Temple of the Tooth Relic | Traditional Crafts Center | Tea Plantation Visit | Gem Museum

Start your day with a visit to the Temple of the Tooth Relic, a significant symbol of Sri Lankan heritage. Then, engage in a cultural exploration at a Traditional Crafts Center, observing age-old craftsmanship. Next, venture into the lush greenery of a nearby tea plantation, learning about the process of tea making. Conclude your day with a visit to a renowned Gem Museum, discovering the beauty of Sri Lankan gemstones.

Overnight stay in Kandy

Day 4 – Kandy | Royal Botanical Gardens | South Coast

Journey from Kandy to the Royal Botanical Gardens in Peradeniya, a paradise of flora, including an impressive orchid collection. After reveling in nature's splendor, travel towards the South Coast, famous for its breathtaking beaches and turquoise waters. The evening is yours to relax and enjoy the coastal ambiance.

Overnight stay on the South Coast

Day 5 – Balapitiya Boat Safari | Turtle Conservation Project | Optional Water Sports

Embark on a boat safari in Balapitiya, navigating through the Madhu River's mangrove caves and biodiverse habitats. Visit a Turtle Conservation Project to learn about the efforts in protecting sea turtles. The afternoon offers leisure time for engaging in water sports or unwinding on the pristine beaches.

Overnight stay on the South Coast

Day 7 – South Coast | Airport

Spend your morning soaking in the serene beauty of the South Coast. Enjoy leisure activities such as a beach walk or a visit to local artisan shops for souvenirs. Later, proceed to the airport for your departure, carrying memories of a diverse and enriching Sri Lankan experience.

---- END OF TOUR ----

---- ACCOMODATION AND RATES ----

Tactical Offer				
DAYS	DESTINATION	HOTEL/RESORT NAME	ROOM CATEGORY	MEAL BASIS
1	Colombo	Granbell Hotel	Standard	BB
2-3	Kandy	Amaya Hills	Deluxe	HB
4-5	South Coast	The Villas Wadduwa	Premium Room	HB
PERIOD		01 May – 30 June 2024		
PP IN DBL ROOM		US\$ 1250		

* Rates above are subject to availability by the time of booking.

* Rates above are subject to change without prior notice in case the hotels withdraw the offers or due to fluctuations in the exchange rate.

---- INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS ----

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- Round Trip Ticket Via Air Arabia
- Accommodation in the above-mentioned hotels *or similar*
- Meals as mentioned above
- Transport in a private air-conditioned vehicle with the service of an English/Arabic speaking Chauffeur Guide
- All Government Taxes
- Visa Fees

EXCLUSIONS

- Entrance Fees
- Extra transport
- Tips to drivers, local guides and hotel staff
- Any extra services which are not listed above

COMPLIMENTS:

- 2 water bottles a day
- Garlands on Arrivale

---- ENTRANCE FEES ----

LOCATION	TOUR/ACTIVITY	RATE PER Adult*	RATE PER Child*
Colombo	Lotus Tower	20 per person	10 per person
Pinnawala	Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage	16 per person	8 per person
Kandy	Peradeniya Botanical Garden	12 per person	6 per person
Kandy	Temple of the Tooth Relic (No Head Cover)	12 per person	6 per person
South Coast	Madu River Boat Ride	20 per person	20 per person
South Coast	Turtle Hatchery	5 per person	5 per person

* Rates are subject to change without prior notice due to fluctuations in the exchange rate.

---- DISTANCE & TIMING ----

FROM/TO	DISTANCE*	DRIVING TIME*
Airport to Colombo	40 KM	45 Minutes
Colombo to Pinnawala	110 KM	2 Hours 30 Minutes
Pinnawala to Kandy	60 KM	1 Hour 20 Minutes
Kandy to South Coast	220 KM	5 Hours 30 Minutes
South Coast to Airport	115 KM	1 Hour 50 Minutes

* The distance and time mentioned above are approximate and subject to change depending on road and traffic conditions.



10 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT SRI LANKA

1- Weather: Sri Lanka has a tropical climate, characterized by two monsoon seasons. The southwest monsoon brings rain to the southwestern coast and hill country from May to September, while the northeast monsoon affects the northeastern coast from December to March. The weather is generally hot and humid throughout the year, with temperatures ranging from 25°C to 35°C (77°F to 95°F) in coastal areas, and cooler temperatures in the central highlands.

2- Visa Requirements: Visitors to Sri Lanka typically require a visa to enter the country. It is advisable to check the latest visa regulations and obtain the necessary visa before your travel. Sri Lanka offers electronic visas (e-visas) for most nationalities, which can be obtained online prior to arrival.

3- Language: The official languages of Sri Lanka are Sinhala and Tamil. However, English is widely spoken and understood, especially in tourist areas, making it relatively easy for travelers to communicate.

4- Currency: The currency of Sri Lanka is the Sri Lankan Rupee (LKR). It is recommended to carry some local currency for small purchases, but credit cards are widely accepted in hotels, restaurants, and larger establishments. ATMs are available in cities and towns for cash withdrawals.

5- Transportation: Sri Lanka has a well-connected transportation network. Domestic flights operate between major cities, and there is an extensive railway system that covers various parts of the country. Buses and taxis are also popular modes of transportation for both short and long distances. It's worth noting that traffic in urban areas can be congested, so plan your travel accordingly.

6- Health and Safety: It is advisable to consult a healthcare professional or travel clinic before visiting Sri Lanka to receive any necessary vaccinations or medications. It's important to drink bottled water

and take precautions against mosquito bites, as there is a risk of mosquito-borne diseases such as dengue fever. Additionally, it's recommended to take out travel insurance to cover any unforeseen circumstances during your trip.

7- Etiquette and Customs: Sri Lankan culture is influenced by Buddhism, and it is important to respect local customs and traditions. When visiting temples and religious sites, dress modestly and remove your shoes before entering. It's also customary to greet people with a smile and be polite in interactions.

8- Electrical Outlets: The standard voltage in Sri Lanka is 230V, and the frequency is 50Hz. The most common plug type is the three-pin rectangular plug (Type D/G), so it's advisable to bring a universal travel adapter if your devices have different plug types.

9- Time Zone: Sri Lanka operates on Sri Lanka Standard Time (SLST), which is UTC+5:30. There is no daylight saving time observed.

10- Cultural Sensitivity: Sri Lanka is a multi-ethnic and multi-religious country. It's important to be respectful of local customs and traditions, dress modestly, and seek permission before taking photographs of individuals, especially in rural areas.

By keeping these aspects in mind, you can better prepare for your visit to Sri Lanka and have a smooth and enjoyable experience exploring this remarkable island nation.



DOS & DON'TS

DO: Make arrangements for your visa in advance. Since 2012, most nationalities are required to obtain an Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) before entering Sri Lanka. You can apply for your ETA on the official website www.eta.gov.lk.

DON'T: Take photographs of people without their permission. This guideline applies not only to Sri Lanka but to many destinations, as it can be intrusive and disrespectful. If you politely ask for permission at an appropriate time, most people will be willing to have their picture taken. It's a nice gesture to share the photo with them as well.

DO: Dress appropriately and cover up when required. When visiting sacred sites in Sri Lanka, it is important to keep your shoulders covered. While Sri Lankans are friendly towards tourists, the country is conservative, and modest dressing is expected in public and religious sites. Women should carry a scarf in their daypack to cover their shoulders, and men should wear shirts or T-shirts. Additionally, removing shoes may be required at certain sacred sites.

DON'T: Wear shoes or head coverings in Buddhist temples. It is customary to remove your shoes and head coverings before entering Buddhist temples. Signs at the entrance will indicate the designated area where shoes and hats cannot be worn.

DO: Ask for permission before taking photos in temples. Always seek permission before taking pictures, especially inside temples. Some places may not allow photography due to potential damage to paintings caused by camera flashes. It's better to confirm the rules beforehand. If photography is allowed, consider making a donation as a gesture of appreciation.

DON'T: Take a selfie with Buddha. In Sri Lanka, it is considered highly offensive to take a picture with your back facing Buddha. Respectfully pay your respects to Buddha face-to-face and refrain from using selfie sticks. Some temples and cultural sites may also restrict photography in specific indoor areas, so follow your guide's instructions and watch for any warning signs.

DO: Carry USD or AED and use your card. Changing currency in Sri Lanka is a straightforward process with favorable exchange rates. Your local guide can provide advice on which ATMs to use and where to exchange money. It is recommended to use your card for payments in hotels, supermarkets, restaurants, malls, and places with point-of-sale (POS) terminals to ensure safety and avoid carrying excessive cash that may be lost.