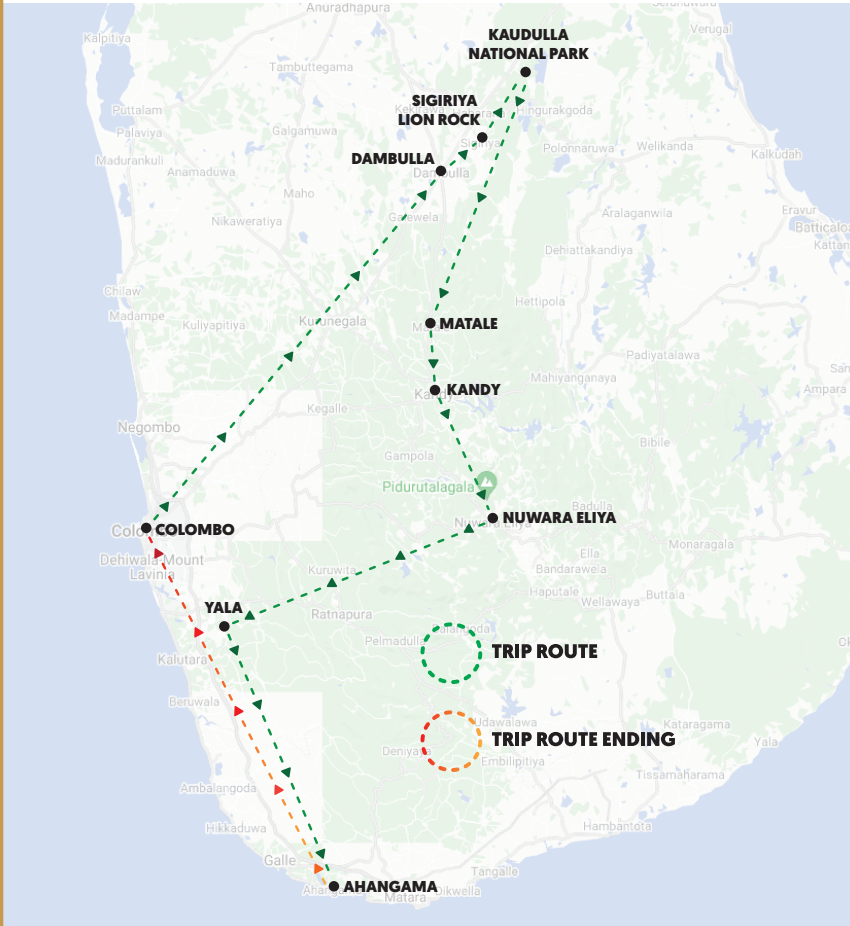


2021 / 2022

BEST OF SRI LANKA





Highlights

- Day 2: Visit Sigiriya Rock Fortress in Sigiriya.
- Day 2: Safari in Kaudulla National Park, a haven for elephants.
- Day 3: Visit a spice garden in Matale.
- Day 4: City tour of Kandy and a visit to the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic.
- Day 5: Visit the Royal Gardens of Peradeniya and a sightseeing tour of Nuwara Eliya.
- Day 7: Safari in Yala National Park where you can experience a multitude of wildlife and hopefully spot the elusive leopard.
- Day 7: Visit Galle Fort, one of the most finest and intact fortified cities.
- Day 10: City tour of Colombo.

- (two 500 ml bottles per person, per day.).
- Picnic hamper with local cookies, local juices (tetra pack) when travelling between cities.
- Local mobile and sim (to be reloaded by self) throughout the journey - Both the mobile device and sim card are to be returned to the chauffeur guide at the end of the trip.
- All applicable current local taxes (subject to change at the time of booking).

Value Additions

- One Sri Lankan lunch at Spice Garden.
- 15 minutes head & shoulder massage at Spice Garden.

Inclusions

- Accommodations at hotels listed in the itinerary or similar.
- Air conditioned transportation with services of an English speaking chauffeur guide.
- Sightings and entrances for Sigiriya Rock Fortress, Kaudulla National Park & one jeep safari, The Temple of the Tooth Relic, Royal Botanical Gardens of Peradeniya and Yala National & one jeep safari.
- Mineral water in the vehicle on the journey

Exclusions

- International flights and airport taxes.
- Early check-ins and late check-outs.
- Tips and portages.
- Entrance fees and services not mentioned in the itinerary.
- Any other services not mentioned in the Inclusions.
- Any expenses of a personal nature.



Arrival In Colombo ► Dambulla

Arrive at Colombo Bandaranaike Airport. An airport representative will meet you upon arrival and introduce you to your chauffeur guide who will accompany you throughout your tour.

Transfer to Dambulla (approx. 4-5 hour drive) where you will check-in to your hotel. Overnight at your hotel.

🍴 Dinner

🏠 Fresco Water Villa





Dambulla ► Sigiriya Rock Fortress ► Kaudulla ► Dambulla

Early in the morning, proceed to Sigiriya (approx. 30-45 minute drive) to witness the magnificent Rock Fortress. An early morning climb is recommended to beat the heat.

Sigiriya Rock Fortress: The fortress is known as the 8th wonder of the world. This rock fortress was built by King Kasyapa in the 5th century AD and was a royal citadel for more than 18 years. In a sheltered pocket, approached by a spiral stairway, are the famous frescoes. The summit of the rock, with an area of nearly one hectare was the site of the palace and the outer wall was built on the very brink of the precipice. The UNESCO sponsored Central Cultural Fund has restored Sigiriya's 5th century water gardens to their former glory.

Upon completion, visit Kaudulla National Park and indulge in a jeep safari.

Kaudulla National Park: Kaudulla is yet another haven for the elephants that migrate from surrounding jungles to enjoy the lush grass fields on the banks of Kaudulla reservoir during the dry season. Reports of elephant sightings range from a mere 100 to an astounding 700. A place to observe the elephants that come to bathe and graze on the grasses as well as the huge flocks of birds that come to fish in the shallow waters.

On completion, return to your hotel and relax. Overnight at your hotel.

🍴 **Dinner**

🏠 **Fresco Water Villa**

**Dambulla ► Matale ► Kandy**

After breakfast, proceed to Kandy via Matale (approx. 3 hour drive). Stop at Matale and visit a spice garden to see many different types of spices Sri Lanka is famous for.

You will be introduced to different spices and shown how some of these spices are grown and processed. Gardens are open to visitors, a delightful place to stroll in fragrant greenery and learn about nutmeg, pepper vines, clove trees and curry, cinnamon and the precious cardamom, a relative of ginger. It grows in the shade of high jungle trees and can only be harvested by hand.

Enjoy a traditional lunch and a 15 minute head and shoulders massage at Spice Garden.

On completion, continue to Kandy and check-in to your hotel. Overnight at your hotel.

🍴 **Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner**

🏨 **The Tourmaline Hotel Kandy**



Kandy

Today, enjoy a sightseeing tour of Kandy.

Kandy: The Hill Capital is another “World Heritage Site”. It was the last stronghold of the Sinhalese Kings during the Portuguese, Dutch and British rule and finally ceded to the British in 1815 after an agreement. To the Buddhists of Sri Lanka and the world, Kandy is one of the most sacred sites as it is the home of the “Dalada Maligawa” - Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic of Lord Buddha.

Thereafter, visit the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic.

Temple Of The Sacred Tooth Relic: Sri Dalada Maligawa or the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic is a Buddhist temple in the city of Kandy, Sri Lanka. It is located in the royal palace complex which houses the relic of the tooth of Buddha. Since ancient times, the relic has played an important role in local politics because it is believed that whoever holds the relic, holds the governance of the country. Kandy was the last capital of the Sri Lankan kings and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site partly due to the temple.

In the evening, attend the ceremony in the Temple of the Tooth Relic.

On completion, head back to your hotel for an overnight stay.

Breakfast • Dinner

The Tourmaline Hotel Kandy



Kandy ► Nuwara Eliya

Visit the Royal Gardens of Peradeniya. Treat your eyes to an amazing, wide and rare collection of tropical and temperate, exotic and indigenous flora, and an orchid house with the largest collection in Asia. On completion, proceed to Nuwara Eliya (approx. 2 hour drive) and check-in to your hotel.

Shortly afterwards, commence on a sightseeing tour of Nuwara Eliya.

Nuwara Eliya: This beautiful city is set in the heart of tea-country where the British succeeded in creating a replica of the English countryside with homes in styles from Georgian to Queen Anne. Well-kept lawns with hedges, an Anglican church, a famous golf course and beautiful parks give the place an air of nostalgia. Situated 6,200 feet above sea level, the air is cool and fresh - a serene retreat from the hustle and bustle of city life.

Pony and horse riding is available at the Turf Club of Nuwara Eliya to facilitate you with some sports and adventure.

On completion, return to your hotel for an overnight stay.

🍽️ **Breakfast • Dinner**

🏠 **The Tourmaline Hotel Kandy**

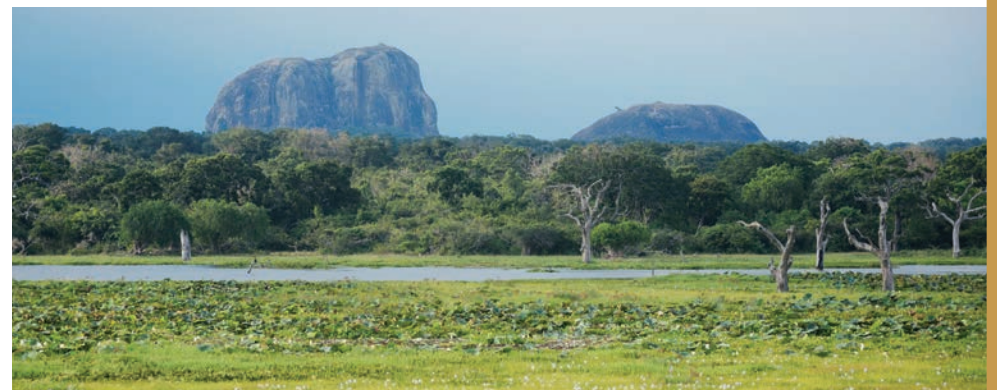


Nuwara Eliya ► Yala

After breakfast, check-out of your hotel and proceed to Yala (approx. 4-5 hour drive). Upon arrival in Yala, check-in to your hotel and spend the rest of the day in leisure. Overnight at your hotel.

🍴 Breakfast • Dinner

📍 Big Game Safari Camp Yala





Yala ► Ahangama

Early in the morning, proceed to Yala National Park for an exciting jeep safari.

Yala National Park: At Yala National Park, the elephant is undoubtedly the best known attraction and is usually seen in various sized herds. Herds of spotted deer are seen all over the park. Pink faced Rhesus monkeys and grey faced Langur monkeys live and play on tree tops as well as on the ground below. Wild buffalo and wild boar could give a good surprise while the sight of a leopard basking in the sun or drinking water at a water hole can be a memorable experience. The peacock is easily the most famous of the birds at Yala. The painted stork, many varieties of heron, spoonbill, bee-eater, parakeets, king fisher and wood pecker are some of the birds that can be seen in the park.

After the safari, check-out of your hotel and proceed to Ahangama (approx. 3 hour drive) where you will check-in to your hotel and spend the afternoon in leisure.

In the evening, commence on a sightseeing tour of Galle.

Galle: Galle Fort is the finest and most intact fortified city build by the former European colonial powers in Asia. The narrow streets of Galle Fort are lined with Dutch merchant villas, pillared verandas, carved doors and windows. British and Dutch period offices are still in use. This is a living world heritage city with residents walking the 300-year-old ramparts at sunset. Strolling along the high rampart walls, you will see the Old Dutch and English churches, the Governor's house, the massive VOC warehouses, the Square of Courts, the elegant pillared facade of the Old Dutch hospital, the Portuguese Black Fort, the lighthouse, the clock tower and much more.

Upon completion of your tour, you will return to your hotel for an overnight stay.

🍴 **Breakfast • Dinner**

🏨 **Insight Resort**



Ahangama

Spend these two days in leisure. Sit back, relax, enjoy the beach stay and hotel amenities.

🍽️ Breakfast • Dinner

🏠 Insight Resort





Ahangama ► Colombo

After breakfast, check-out of your hotel and proceed to Colombo (approx 2-3 hour drive). Upon arrival in Colombo, commence on a city tour.

Colombo: Colombo is the largest city and former capital of Sri Lanka. It is located on the west coast of the island and adjacent to Sri Jayawardenapura Kotte, the capital. Colombo is a busy and vibrant city with a mixture of modern life and colonial buildings. The main city is home to a majority of Sri Lanka's corporate offices, restaurants and entertainment venues. Colombo is a shopper's paradise! Choose from the many branded wear available at a fraction of the price.

After completion of your city tour, check-in to your hotel for an overnight stay.

- 🕒 Breakfast • Dinner
- 🚗 Fairway Colombo



Depart Colombo

Today, after breakfast, you will be transferred to Colombo Airport (approx 1-2 hour drive) to catch your flight back home.

☺ **Breakfast**

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