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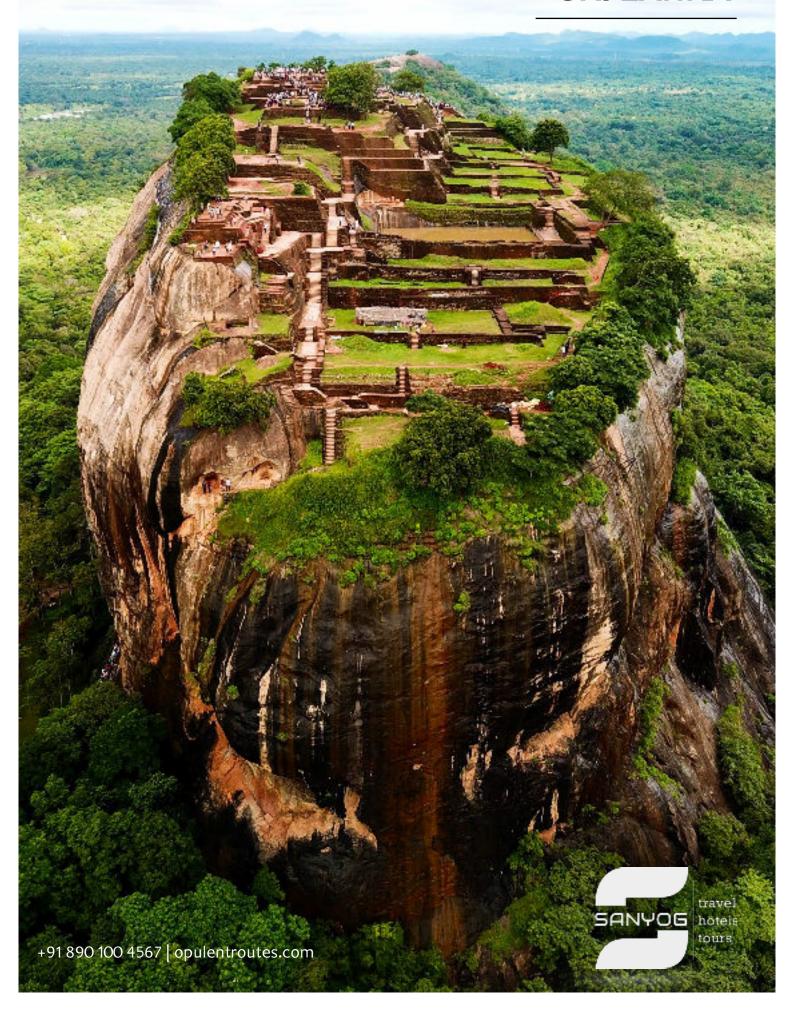




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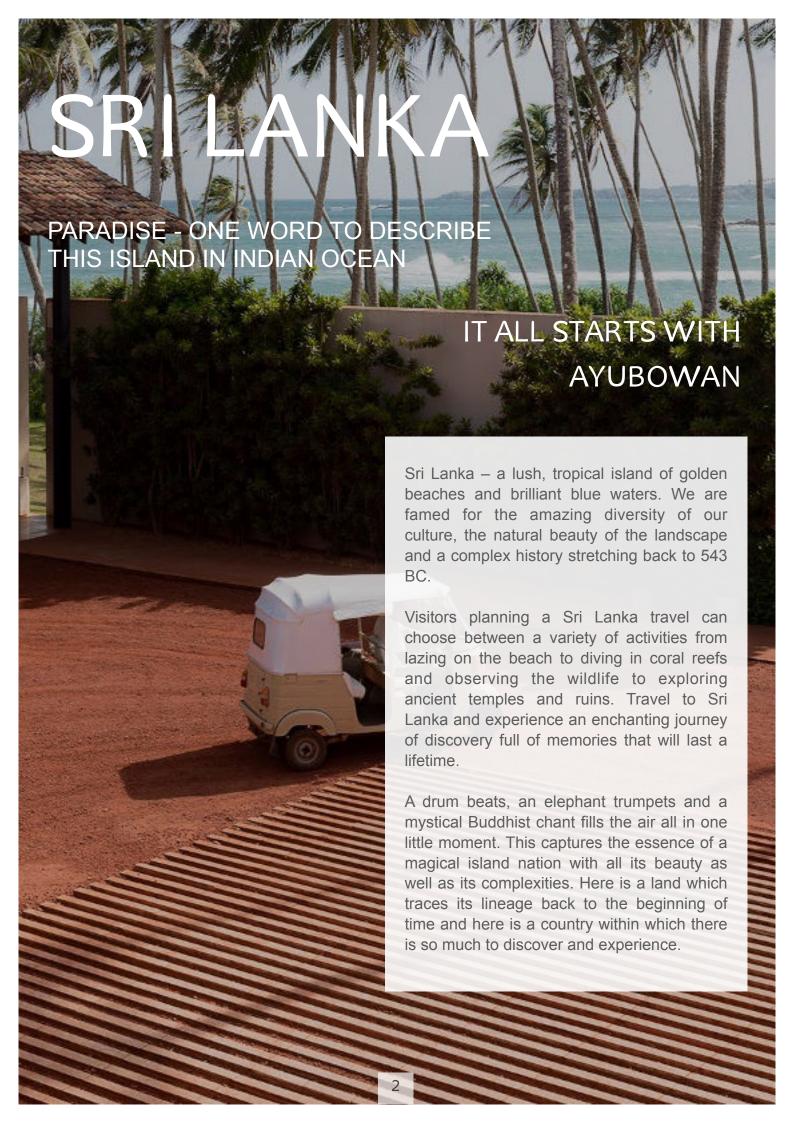
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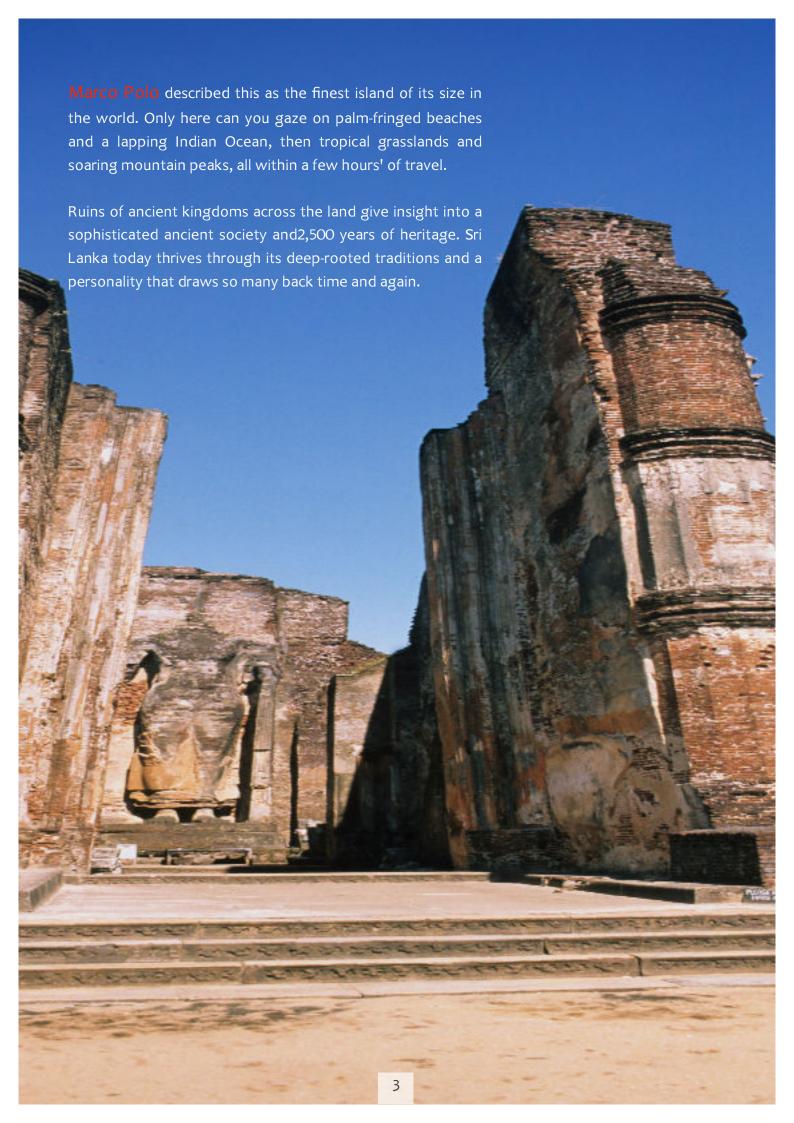
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GENERAL INFORMATION

Getting There

Sri Lankan Airlines, Emirates, and Qatar airways offer one-stop flights from the UK via the Gulf to Colombo. Those travelling from the USA, Europe, the Middle East, South East Asia and the Far East can catch a connecting flight to Colombo from many of the main cities in Europe, the Middle East or South East Asia.

Getting Around

Barter for a 3-wheeler at around Rs.40 per km or take set price taxis for longer journeys. Soak in the spectacular scenery of a train journey. Buses are also cheap and regular. Roads seem chaotic chauffeur-driven cars run at similar cost to independent car hire, and are probably safer. Bicycle hire is only really suitable for the quieter roads.

When to go

Sri Lanka's tropical climate generally offers warmth and sunshine throughout the year. The south-west monsoon (Yala) brings most rain during May/June.

The north-east monsoon (Maha) brings rain between December and February. There are also inter-monsoon rains, usually in October/early November.

Sri Lanka don't mind Mondays

The Sri Lankan Week

Sri Lanka has adopted 8 hours a day 5 working day week in general. While the government institutions are closed in the weekends, some of the commercial enterprises including the banks are open on Saturdays too.

All about the money

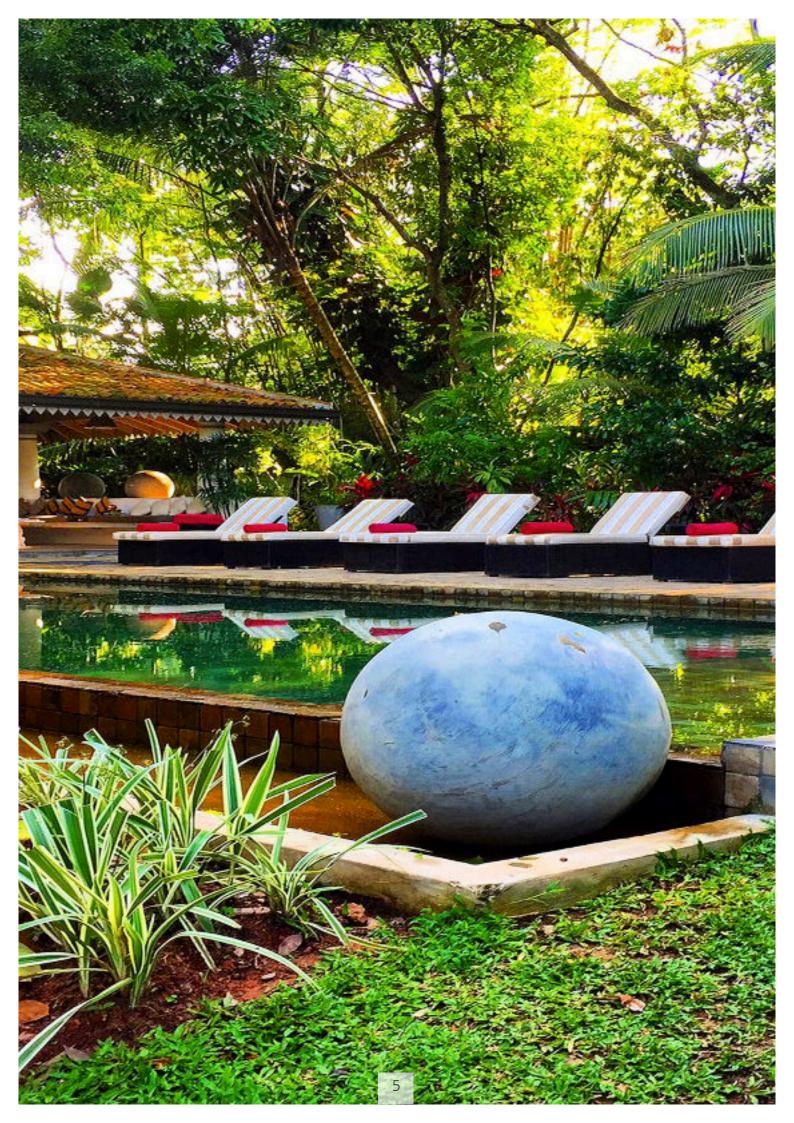
Currency & Exchange

The domestic currency is Rupee (LKR). Local and foreign money may be brought into Israel as cash, traveler's check, and credit cards.

Foreign currency of all kinds may be exchanged at the airport, banks, most hotels or licensed exchange agencies in large cities. Cash withdrawals can be easily made from the many widespread ATMs via International credit or debit cards.

Languages

Sinhala and Tamil are the official languages of Sri Lanka. Sinhala is widely spoken in the southern, western and central parts of the island, while Tamil is almost exclusively spoken in northern and eastern parts of the island.



PLAN YOUR TRAVEL

Tailor Made

SGV provides expert advice, total flexibility, support when you need it, and the keenest prices. You may need a last minute booking or a full, guided Sri Lanka tour.

You may be seeking out Sri Lanka special offers, or the best deals on Sri Lanka flights. Whatever your needs, we offer efficient and caring service.

And, by the way, we have an impressive programme in the Maldives and South India too.

Route Planning

Planning your trip can be one of the most enjoyable parts of your holiday – and there is every chance to indulge yourself on SGV's comprehensive website. We guarantee that our advice is fiercely independent and up-to-date too, as we constantly strive to keep abreast of all the latest developments.

Many people prefer to gather information before they contact us. Some have definite proposals. Others happily leave everything to us. However you prefer to plan your holiday, we offer a free tailor-made service of unrivalled flexibility.

Short Break - One Week

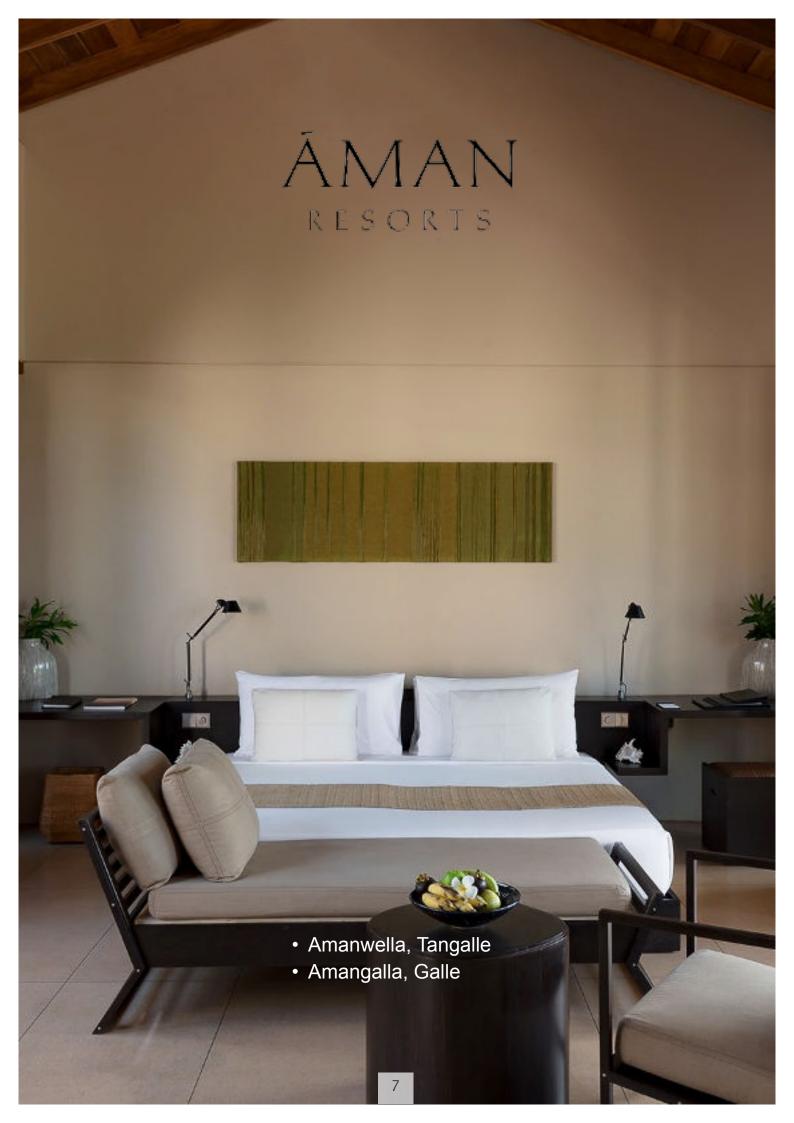
A one week itinerary which involves the Cultural Triangle, Kandy, the highlands, a game park and a quick dip in the Indian Ocean could leave you travel-worn. If that is the holiday you need then expert advice and smooth ground-handling is vital. We advise you to decide which part of the island holds most appeal.

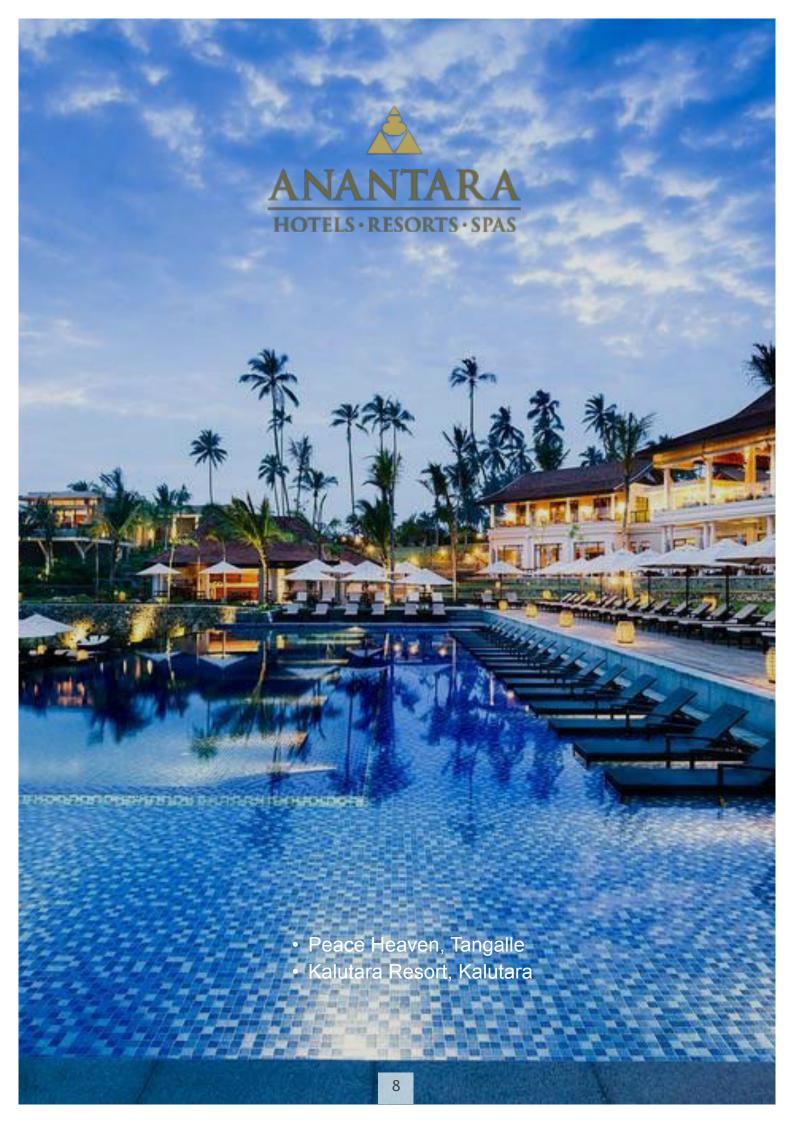
Possible one-week itineraries can include 3 nights of Cultural Triangle, 2 nights in Kandy, 2 nights for Negombo or Wadduwa. Another popular option is 3 nights in the Hill Country and then 4 nights on the south or west coast.

Island Tour - Two Weeks

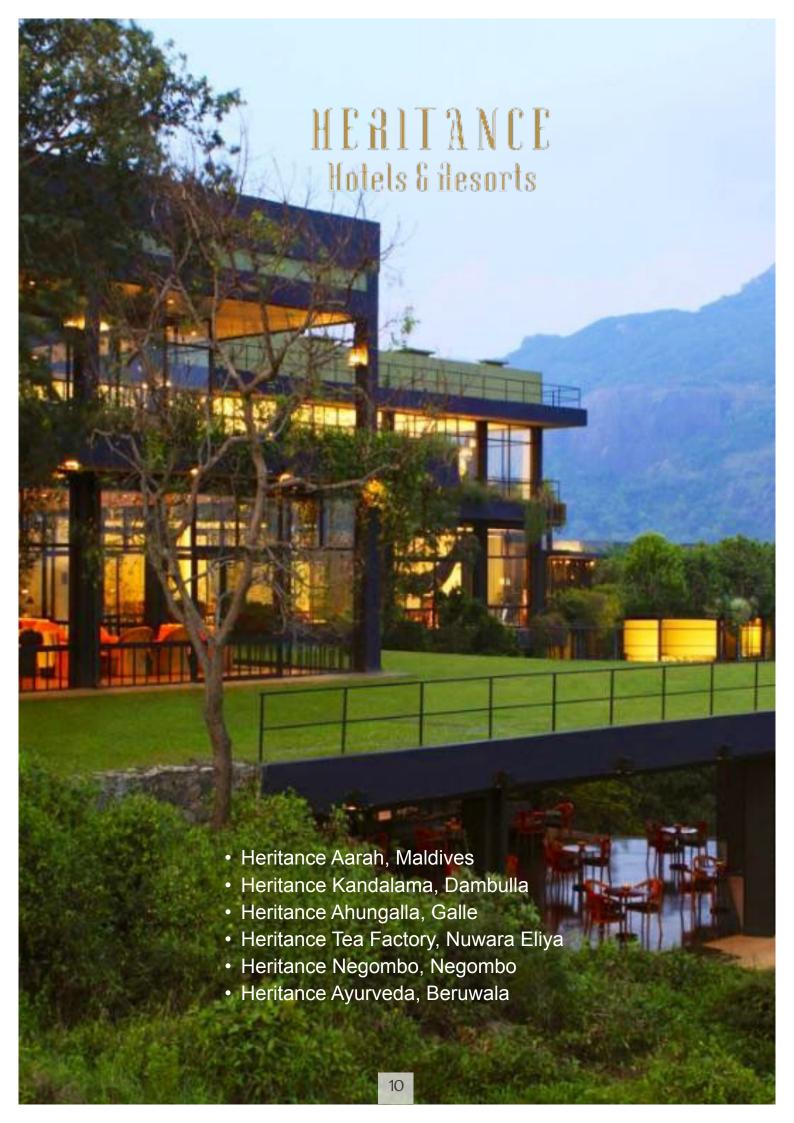
The majority of our Island Tour itineraries are set over two weeks and strives to give you an instant insight into the many alternatives available. Identify your priorities: often a successful holiday is as much about what you leave out as what you put in.

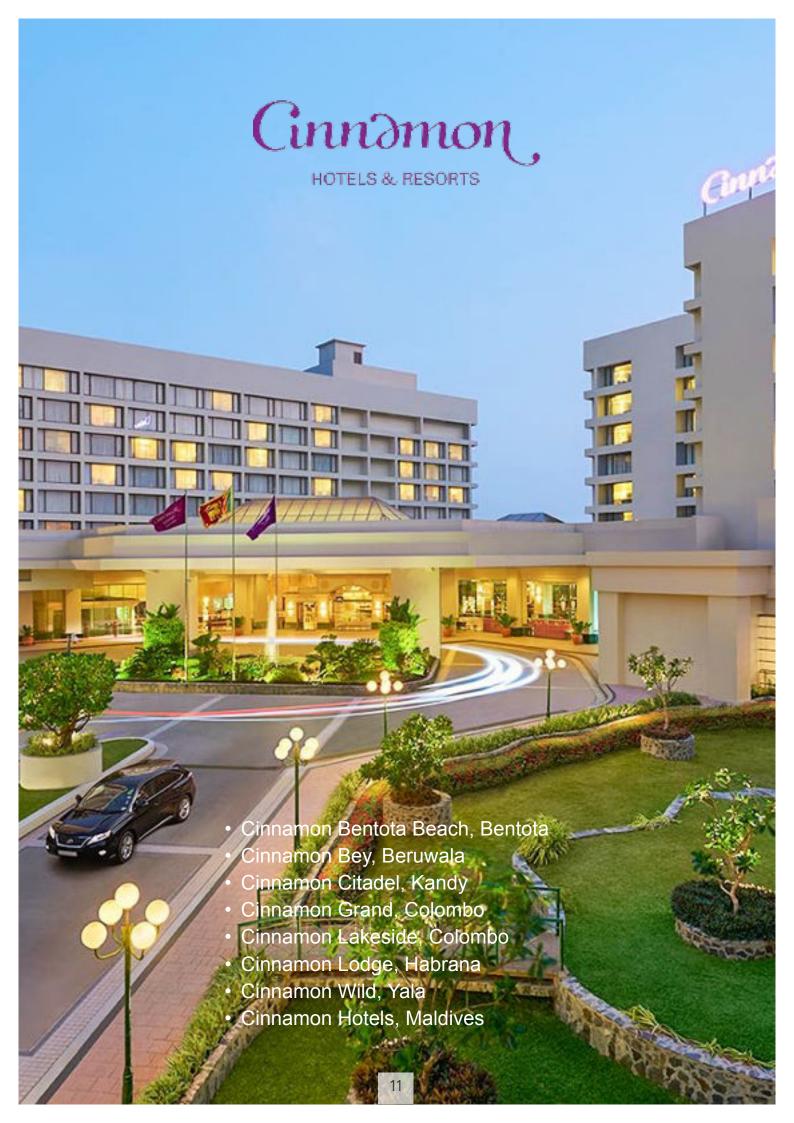
A traditional two-week holiday starts from the North West Coast and then on to the Cultural Triangle in the North Central province, Kandy and the Tea Country in the hill country, and finishing with a few days on the beach in the south. Into this itinerary you can also insert one or two days at either Yala, Sinharaja or Uda Walalwe National Parks.

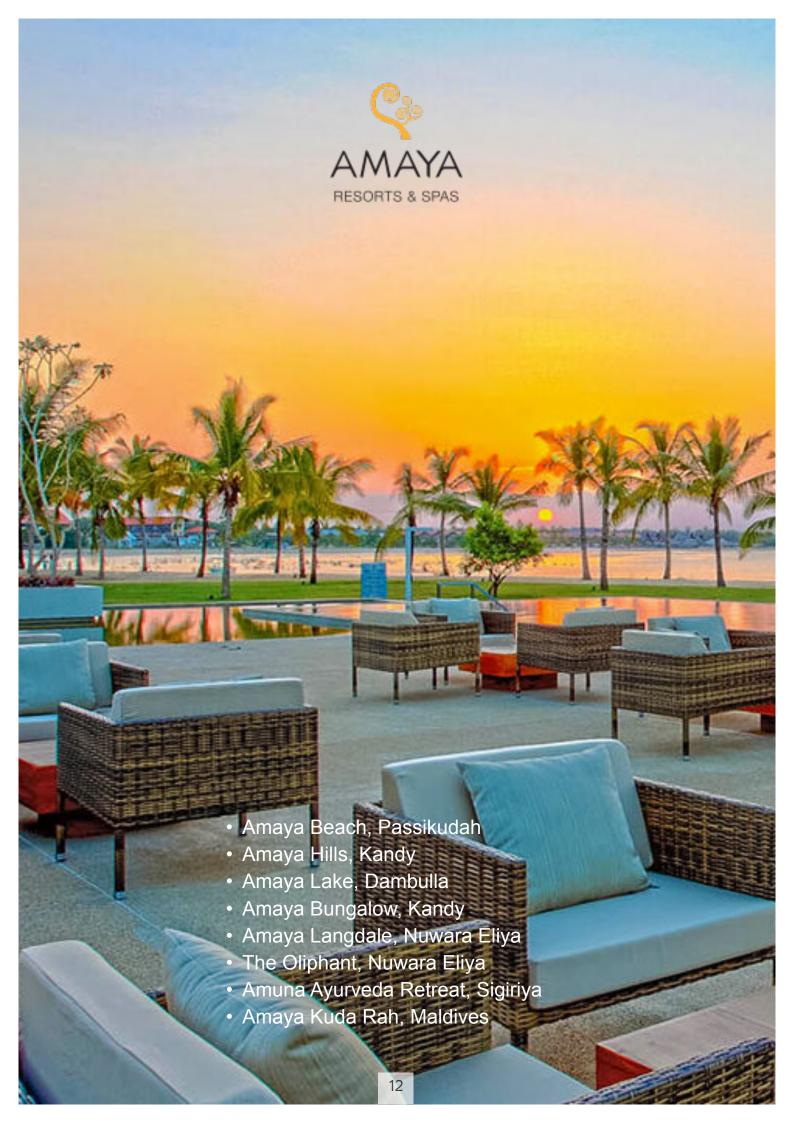


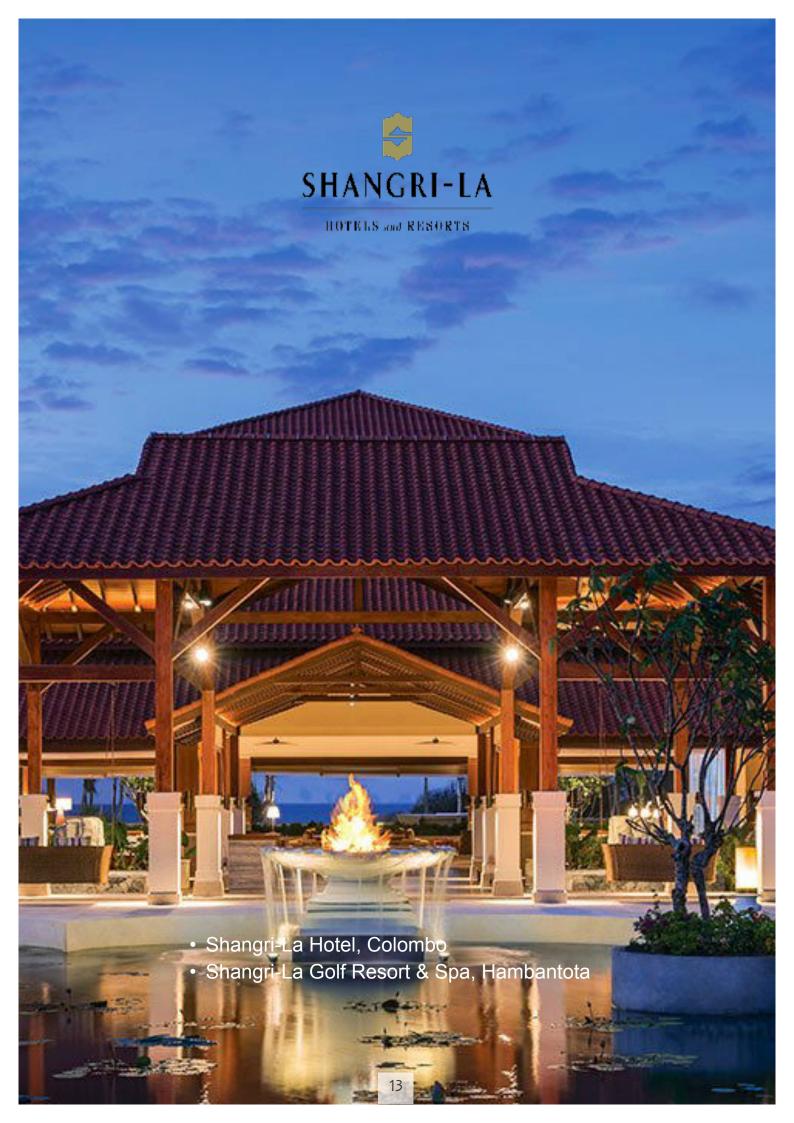


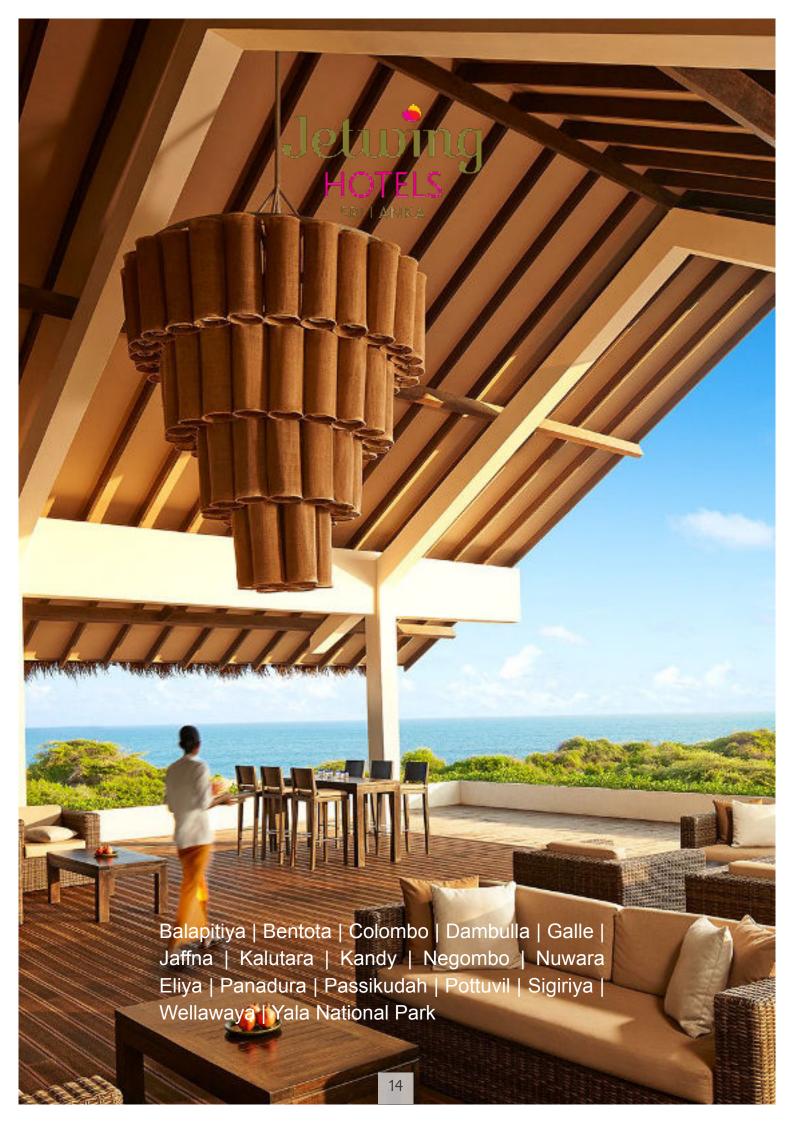


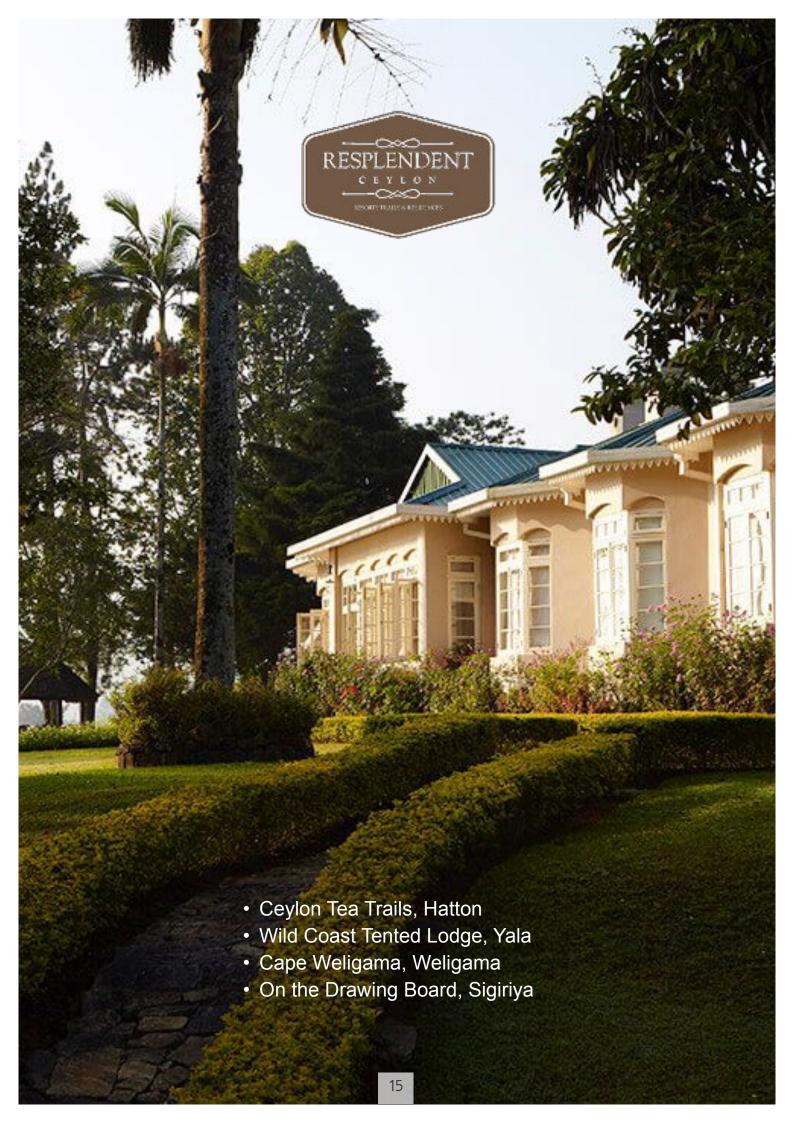


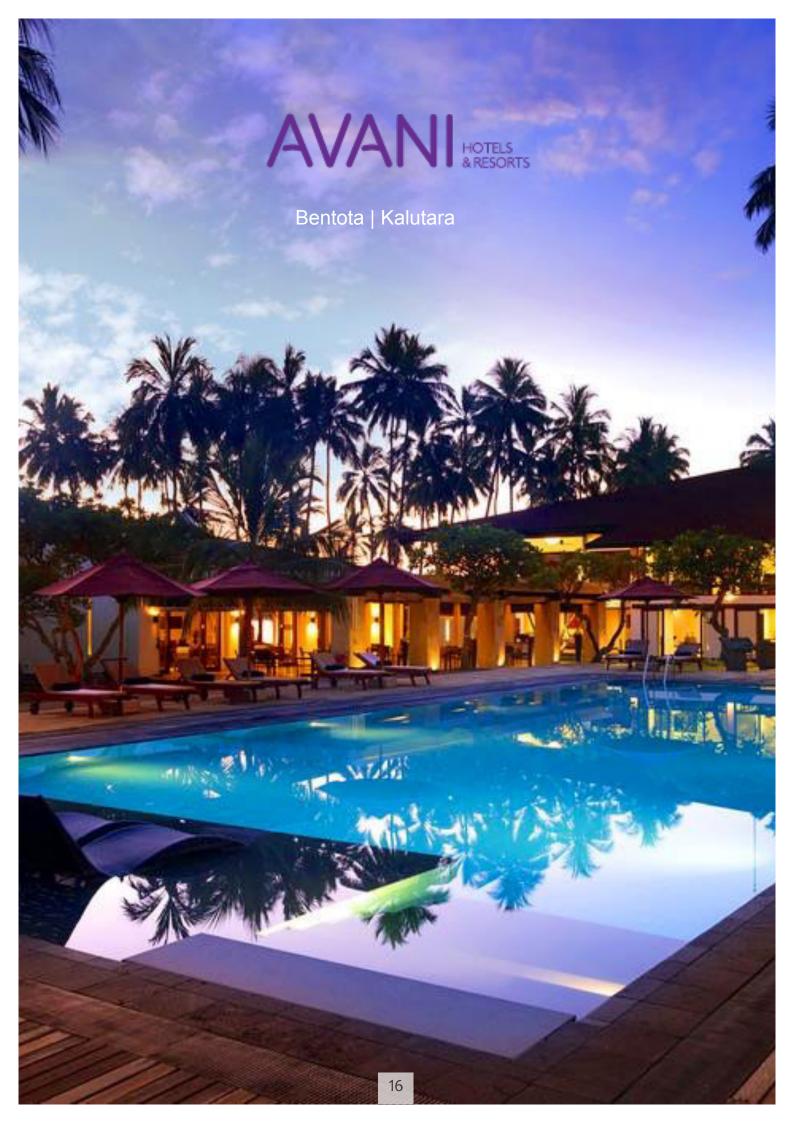




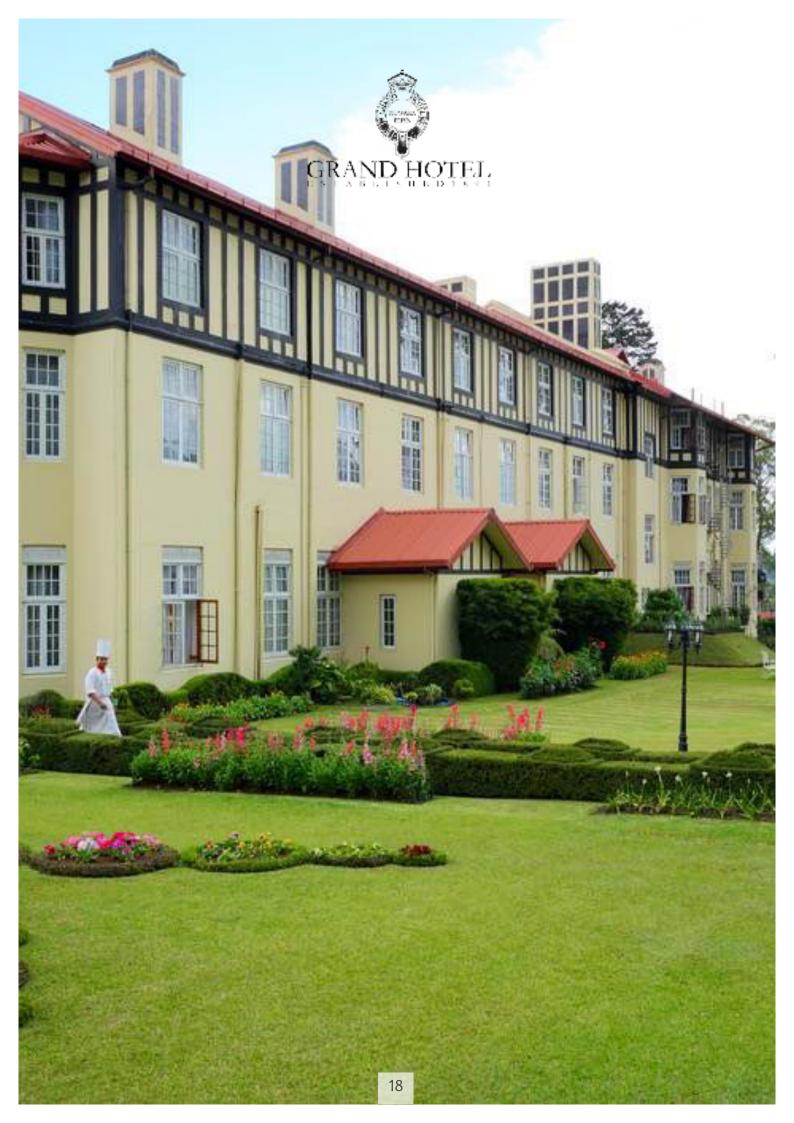




















COLOMBO

A CITY OF CONTRASTS, IT IS BOTH AN ECLECTIC MIX OF SHINY HOTELS AND SWANKY OFFICE BLOCKS, NEIGHBOURING BEAUTIFUL RED-TILED COLONIAL-ERA BUILDINGS.

Cosmopolitan Colombo, gateway to the wonder of Sri Lanka, boasts a rich colonial heritage, featuring a melting pot of races, religions and cultures.

A city of contrasts, it is both an eclectic mix of shiny hotels and swanky office blocks, neighbouring beautiful red-tiled colonial-era buildings. Sprawling bustling street markets brim with fragrant spices, colourful silks, cottons and fresh fruit and vegetables.

Discover Colombo's multi-ethnic legacy with churches, mosques & temples congregating on the same streets, and delve into iconic sites including Fort Station, the Red Mosque, and the Khan clock tower. Plunge into Colombo's enticing street food scene, eat like a local, and immerse yourself in the sights, sounds and aromas of the whirling Pettah Bazaar.

This seaside city offers a plethora of exciting adventures, experiences and places to visit. Delight in an exhilarating tuk tuk ride around the city, relish high tea at a magnificent colonial style hotel overlooking the azure ocean, and play a round of golf on scenic green courses.



CULTURAL TRIANGLE

HISTORIC REGION PACKED WITH MONUMENTS AND TEMPLES

Sri Lanka is often overlooked as being simply a beach destination, but at its heart you'll find a collection of historical and cultural wonders well worth a closer look.

Sprawling between Dambulla, Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa and encompassing everything in between – the Cultural Triangle is a treasure trove of ruins, rocks and wildlife.

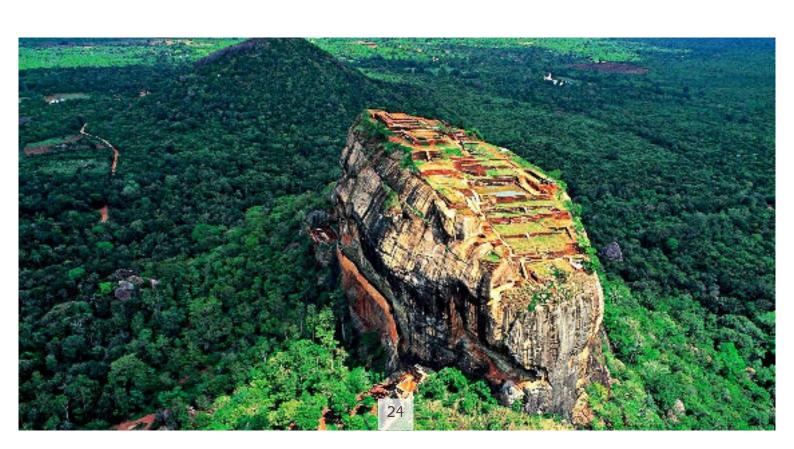
Easily accessible either over land from Colombo, or via a short internal transfer with Cinnamon Air, both ancient cities – Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa – offer a wealth of historical and religious sites, whilst the cave temples of Dambulla make up the third point of the triangle.

Within the triangle you'll also find the iconic Sigiriya Rock and the parks of Kaudulla and

Minneriya, ideal spots for elephant safaris in open-topped 4x4 vehicles.

The Triangle can fit easily into a multitude of different itineraries. Whether you start off on the East coast via a Cinnamon Air flight before heading inland, or make it the start of a journey taking in as much of Sri Lanka as possible, heading south to Kandy, Nuwara Eliya, and Yala National Park.

Alternatively head in to the Triangle before spending a few nights on the beautiful Southwest coast, Negombo or Bentota.



KANDY

TREAT TO THE EYES AND SOUL

A WORLD OF ANCIENT KINGS, ORNATE TEMPLES, LUSH GARDENS AND VIBRANT
TRADITIONS – KANDY IS THE SECOND LARGEST CITY IN SRI LANKA AND ITS CULTURAL
CAPITAL.

Nestled in the midst of hills and surrounded by tropical paddy fields and tea plantations, the town is the home of the Temple of the Tooth Relic (Sri Dalada Maligawa), the country's most important religious shrine.

At the heart of the city is the man-made Kandy Lake, where a scenic shaded path offers views of the surrounding hills and town, ideal for walkers, joggers and bird spotters. Browse bustling market places with bright, fresh produce, local delicacies and fragrant spices, or spend the day exploring the opulent temples and learning about the city's rich history.

The dense downtown area is surrounded by tropical rainforest, so look out for exotic monkeys swinging overhead.

Kandy served as the capital of the last Sinhalese kingdom, before falling to the British in 1815 and navigating its streets reveals an intriguing mix of old Kandyan and colonial buildings.

With the vibrant green of the highlands as a backdrop, Kandy is not only Sri Lanka's most cultural city, but one of its most beautiful.



NUWARA ELIYA

GET CLOSER TO PRISTINE NATURE

NUWARA ELIYA, WHICH LITERALLY MEANS, 'CITY OF LIGHT', IS THE COOLEST CITY OF SRI LANKA. THE PICTURESQUE LANDSCAPES OF THIS BEAUTIFUL CITY WILL SURELY BLOW YOUR MIND IF YOU LOVE VISITING HILL STATIONS. WITH THE HIGHEST MOUNTAIN PEAK IN SRI LANKA, NUWARA ELIYA BOASTS ON ITS NATURAL BEAUTY.

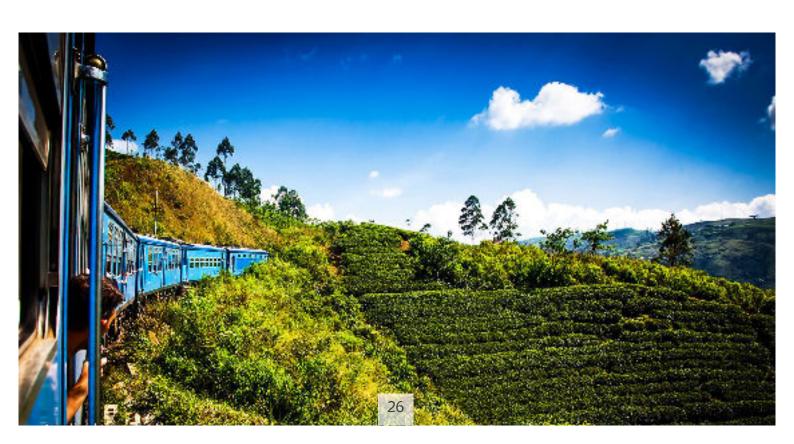
Nuwara Eliya is most famous for its tea gardens and scenery. It is a perfect place to visit for a romantic vacation or for someone who is looking for a relaxing trip. With misty clouds, lush green sloping hills and a train that looks that it has come out of the Harry Potter films, Nuwara Eliya is a hilly paradise and another great addition to Sri Lanka's tourist attractions.

The popular places to visit in Nuwara Eliya include Victoria Park, Bale Bazaar, Moon Plains, Ramboda Falls and St. Clair's Falls.

Nuwara Eliya is also the prime tea producing land in Sri Lanka. With is lush green terraces, it produces some high quality aromatic tea.

Due to its cool climate in a hot and humid country like Sri Lanka, Nuwara Eliya is also referred to as 'Little England'.

During the winters, the nights are chilling. But as soon as the day breaks, the place gets warm and comfortable.



GALLE

A 16TH CENTURY MARVEL

GALLE IS A STUNNINGLY ATMOSPHERIC TOWN AT THE SOUTHERN EDGE OF SRI LANKA WITH FASCINATING HISTORY EVIDENT AT EVERY TURN THROUGH ITS ECLECTIC ASSEMBLAGE OF ARCHITECTURE.

Galle is an important city in Sri Lanka and is a one-stop destination wherein you can take in all sights and sounds. One of the best places to visit in Sri Lanka is the Galle Fort.

The Galle Fort area has wide cobblestoned roads and a number of eateries and cafes. Try and catch the sunset while you are there.

There are a number of trinket shops and galleries that you can visit. It is among the most visited places in Sri Lanka.

Another picturesque place for sightseeing in

Sri Lanka is the Japanese Peace Pagoda. Quite close to the Unawatuna beach, it is a white dome of serenity.

Galle Fort itself is sat on an angular promontory that juts out into the sea. An important seaport for the spice trade long before the Europeans came, the Portuguese arrived in the 16th century only to be usurped by the Dutch who built the impressive granite fort – the largest of its kind in Asia – that encloses and demarcates the old town, before they in turn were replaced by the British.



BENTOTA

THE RESORT TOWN OF SRI LANKA. LOCATED IN MESMERISING SOUTHWEST AND ON ITS COASTAL BELTS, BENTOTA IS A SPECTACULAR PART OF RURAL SRI LANKA WITH GREEN ENVIRONS IN THE BACKGROUND, AWASH WITH TALL COCONUT PALM TREES EVERYWHERE IN THE LANDSCAPE.

The lagoons, the estuaries, the calm weather, all will scintillate you like never before. Bentota is also famous for its dazzling marine life and you will love the atmosphere once you step in.

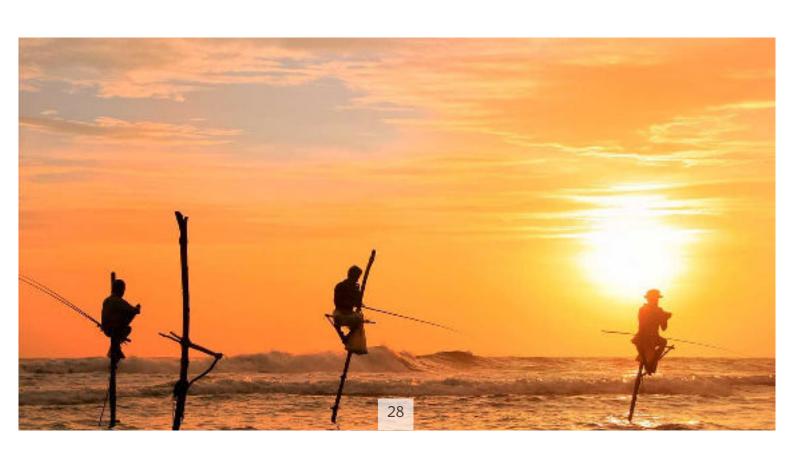
A serene beauty, especially for the newly wedded couples, this place is speechless and its exquisiteness cannot be expressed in words, but only felt.

You can visit Kasgoda Turtle Hatchery and also go on a boat cruise on the Bentota River.

An extraordinary experience amidst an ordinary setup lies 65 kilometres from Colombo and is named Bentota beach.

Soak yourself in the ordinary golden sand while enjoying the marvellous sound of the mighty Indian Ocean crashing against the shores.

The mesmerizing view of the sea will leave you speechless. If you are planning to break the monotony of the routine just try your hands at adventure sports found alongside the palm trees.



HILL COUNTRY

THE MOST MAGICAL PART OF THE ENTIRE COUNTRY, AND THE TRAIN JOURNEY FROM COLOMBO UP INTO THE WINDING HILLS IS ONE OF THE BEST IN THE WORLD.

Home to striking colorful scenery, one of the most stunning train rides in the world, hiking opportunities galore & unique tea plantation accommodation, Sri Lanka's Hill Country is a must for any visit to the island.

Sitting in the observation deck of the old, colonial British train as it slowly snakes its way up into the hills is a truly wonderful experience.

Tea plantations are scattered through the area and you can wave to women picking tea leaves as you pass by.

The temperatures drop the higher you get, and as the mist rolls in it's as if you're in another country entirely.

Away from the heat of the coastal regions, the Hill Country contains some of Sri Lanka's most stunning scenery. From the rolling tea plantations of Nuwara Eliya to the Temple of the Tooth in Kandy, the Hill Country is a land unto itself, pulsating with adventure and charm. Watch out for monkeys in the mist-filled jungle, and the sounds of waterfalls nearby.



YALA NATIONAL PARK

HOME TO A HOST OF WILDLIFE AND BIRDS

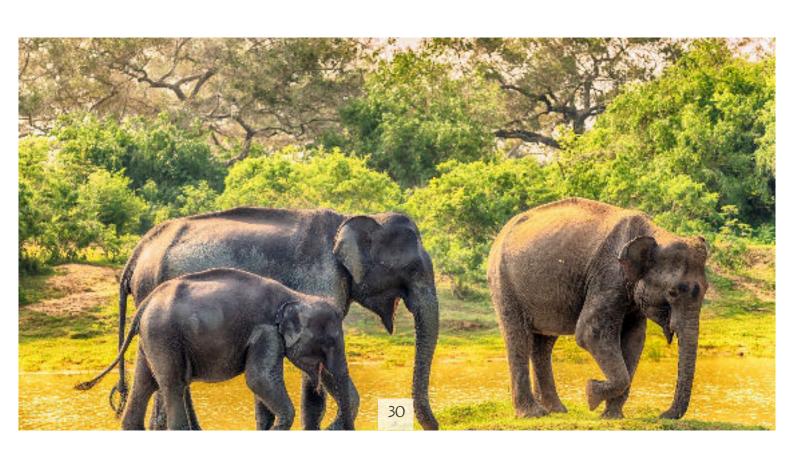
Yala National Park is located in the southeast corner of Sri Lanka and is the most popular destination for wildlife viewing. Leopards are the star attraction and Yala is believed to have the world's highest concentration of these big cats.

During the dry season, which spans from June to September, large concentrations of mugger crocodile can be seen in the dwindling waterholes.

Yala is also an excellent birding destination with close to 300 species recorded.

The varied landscapes from lagoons and beaches to rocky outcrops, immersed among the scrub jungle are also a treat as you search out the park's wildlife. Further north the Gal Oya National Park has a large seasonal gathering of wild elephant in search of food.

The park itself is divided into five blocks, two of which, Ruhuna and Kumana, can be explored on guided game drives, and stretches from the sea inland, encompassing some 979 square kilometres (378 square miles) of forest, wetlands and savannah.



NINE ARCH BRIDGE - ELLA

BRIDGE IN THE SKY

Ella sits right within the verdant Hill Country that Sri Lanka is famed for, making it an ideal destination for both scenic walks and getting a taste of a local tea planter's life.

From the spectacular Nine Arch Bridge in Demodara, to Ella Rock, Little Adam's Peak and the underrated Buduruwagala temple, you can visit several beautiful sites here.

The lush green scenery is a huge draw in itself: if you appreciate unspoiled nature, you will love this region for its rolling hills, cloud forests, cascading waterfalls & mountainous valleys.

Home to arguably 'the most beautiful train ride' in the world, Ella has become a magnet in recent years.

The iconic viaduct built by the British to transport Ceylon tea to the capital is well worth a visit.

If you are lucky, you may catch a glimpse of the handsome 1800's steam train that chugs its way along from Colombo to Kandy and Nuwara Eliya before crossing the bridge to arrive at Ella's charming pink-washed hilltop station.



TRINCOMALEE

AN UNMISSABLE BEACH GETAWAY

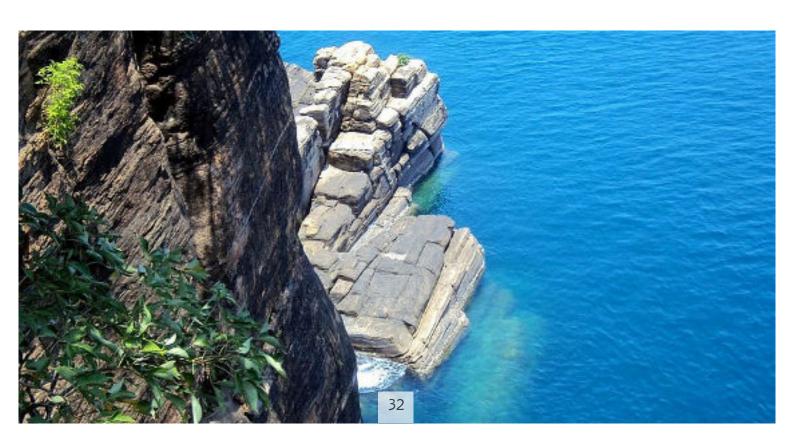
The largest town on Sri Lanka's up-and-coming eastern coast, Trincomalee spreads across a number of rocky promontories surrounding a beautiful harbour and bay. The Portuguese, the Dutch, the King of Kandy, the French and the English all repeatedly fought over this strategically-located harbour, which ultimately even served as a base for the Allied fleet in World War II.

Some of the best beaches in the country can be found here, especially in the northern stretch of 'Trinco', known as Nilaveli, where shallow beach goes up to half a mile into the sea. Palms sway in the breeze and provide dappled shade onto the soft white sand, meaning these beaches are both scenic and comfortable.

Snorkel and scuba-dive here to join the colourful marine life and visit the Pigeon Island National Park nearby if you're after particularly good sightings.

Famed for whale and dolphin watching, we highly recommend visiting Trincomalee if you would like to see these wonderful sea creatures leaping out of the ocean in front of you.

While this is mostly done by boat, we would say that the best way to witness the movements of these magnificent animals is from a helicopter high above, where you can enjoy a bird's eye view.



MIHINTALE

THE BIRTH PLACE OF BUDDHISM

It is a mountain peak near Anuradhapura in Sri Lanka. It is believed by Sri Lankans to be the site of a meeting between the Buddhist monk Mahinda and King Devanampiyatissa which inaugurated the presence of Buddhism in Sri Lanka. It is now a pilgrimage site, and the site of several religious monuments and abandoned structures.

According to the Mahavamsa, Thera Mahinda (son of India's Emperor Asoka) came to Sri Lanka on the full moon day of the month of Poson (June) and met King Devanampiyatissa and preached the doctrine to the King and his people.

The traditional spot where this meeting took place is revered by the Buddhists of Sri Lanka.

The climb to Mihintale is not strenuous – it takes approximately 15 to 20 minutes. The best time to climb is in the early morning or the late afternoon. Mihintale is a fabulous place to see the sunset.

Mihintale is not touristy at all. Archaeologists and historians say that the ruins of the great 40 foot stupa and the surrounding caves date back to the 1st century B.C.



JAFFNA

PEEP INTO THE PAST

Steeped in a glorious but turbulent history, yet almost completely unknown to tourism, the largely Tamil city of Jaffna is located at the northern tip of Sri Lanka, and was at the heart of the country's 26-year civil war (ended in 2009). Jaffna's post-war recovery has been remarkable and the region is now emerging as Sri Lanka's rising star.

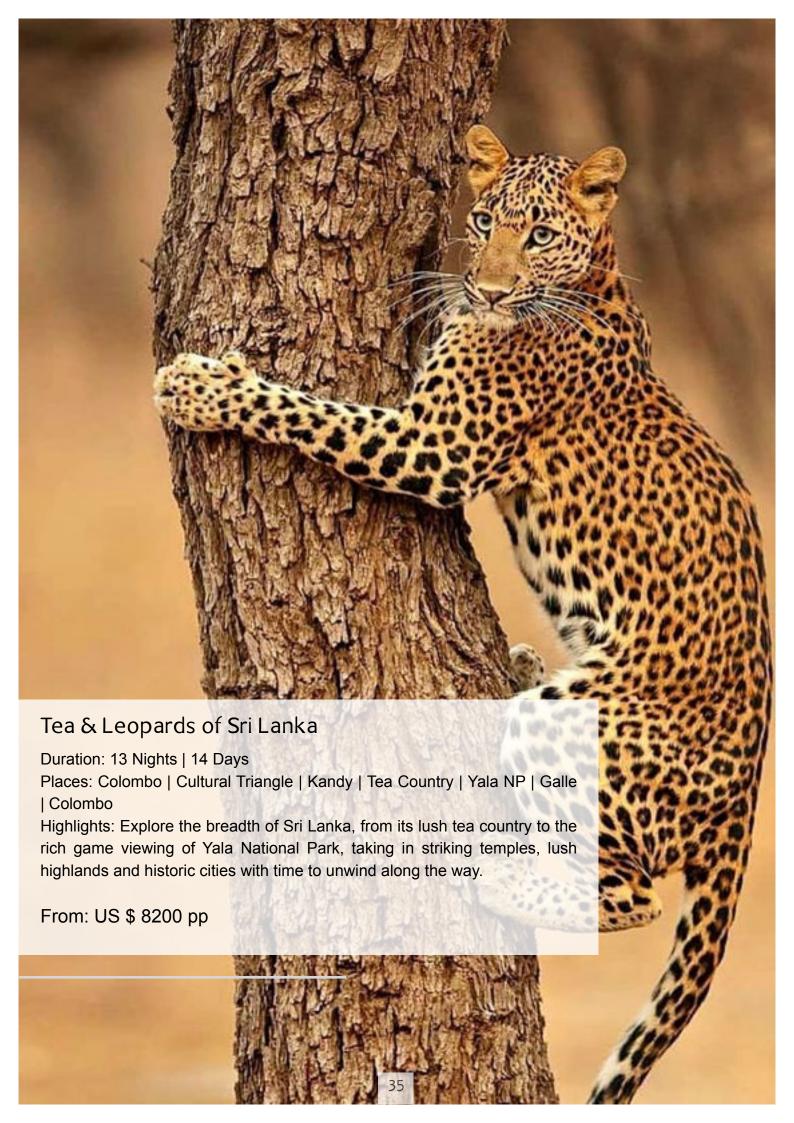
A tour of Jaffna and its surrounds offers visitors the opportunity to explore the province's rich history, as well as its more recent past, and gain an insight into Jaffna's distinct cultural and culinary traditions.

Visit, the star-shaped Jaffna Fort, which was at the heart of several momentous events; view Jaffna library, which was burnt during the civil war, and drive through deserted villages that are yet to recover following the restoration of peace. Stop at Point Pedro, the northernmost point of Sri Lanka; see the Keerimalai hot springs and explore the wonderful Kanthrodai Buddhist stupas.

An absolute 'must see' is the ancient Nallur Kandasamy Kovil - an architecturally striking Dravidian style Hindu temple.

On sparsely populated Neduntivu or Delft Island visit the remnants of the Dutch Fort and the 'growing rock' venerated by the locals, then see the giant Baobab trees and look out for the Wild ponies that roam the island freely.





Day 01: Arrive Colombo

Arrive at Bandaranaike International Airport. After clearing customs and immigration, you are met and transferred to your hotel in nearby Kotugoda.

Day 02 - 04: Cultural Triangle - Ancient Capital, Secred City & Lion's Rock

After breakfast, drive approximately five hours overland to Thirappane, the heart of Sri Lanka's monument-rich Cultural Triangle region. Visit the sacred city of Anuradhapura, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Continue on to Mihintale, the cradle of Buddhism in Sri Lanka. Discover Sigiriya Rock Fortress ("Lion's Rock"), a UNESCO World Heritage Site built in the fifth century AD. Continue on to tour the ruins of Polonnaruwa, a former royal city dating back to the fifth century. Take in the archaeological site's vast reservoir, temple, palace and royal baths.

Day 05 - 06: Kandy - Sacred Temples & Magnificent Flora

Visit Dambulla Cave Temples, some of the most stunning in all of Sri Lanka. explore Kandy city with a drive around Kandy Lake. Visit the bazaar, gem museum and lapidary. visit the Temple of the Tooth Relic during evening prayer services.

Day 07 - 08: Tea Country - Highlands by Rail

Explore Peradeniya's Royal Botanical Gardens. Later, board a train bound to Hatton. Sit back and take in the scenic highlands of Sri Lanka as lush tea estates, mist-covered mountains and cascading waterfalls pass by.

Day 09 - 10: Yala National Park - Wildlife

Transfer to Yala NP. Evening safari through the park with an expert naturalist, keeping your eyes peeled for the endangered leopard. You will have three safaris through Yala NP during your stay.

Day 11 - 12: Galle - Historic Fort and Cinnamon Experience

Travel to the ancient trading post of Galle. Visit UNESCO World Heritage City of Galle, visiting its Dutch fortress. You see the famous stilt fishermen, who use an age-old fishing method to bring in their daily catch. Learn the secrets of Virgin White Tea. Continue on to nearby Villa Mayurana for a cinnamon experience on the lush grounds of the property's fragrant spice plantation

Day 13: Colombo - By Foot

Embark on a historic walking tour with a Colombo native. Experience Pettah Bazaar, and visit the Old Dutch Museum, former home to Count August Carl Van Ranzow.

Day 14: Depart Colombo

Departure transfer to onward destination.

Stays*****

Colombo The Wallawa Thirappane Uga Ulagalla

Kandy W15 Hanthana Estate

Tea Country Ceylon Tea Trails

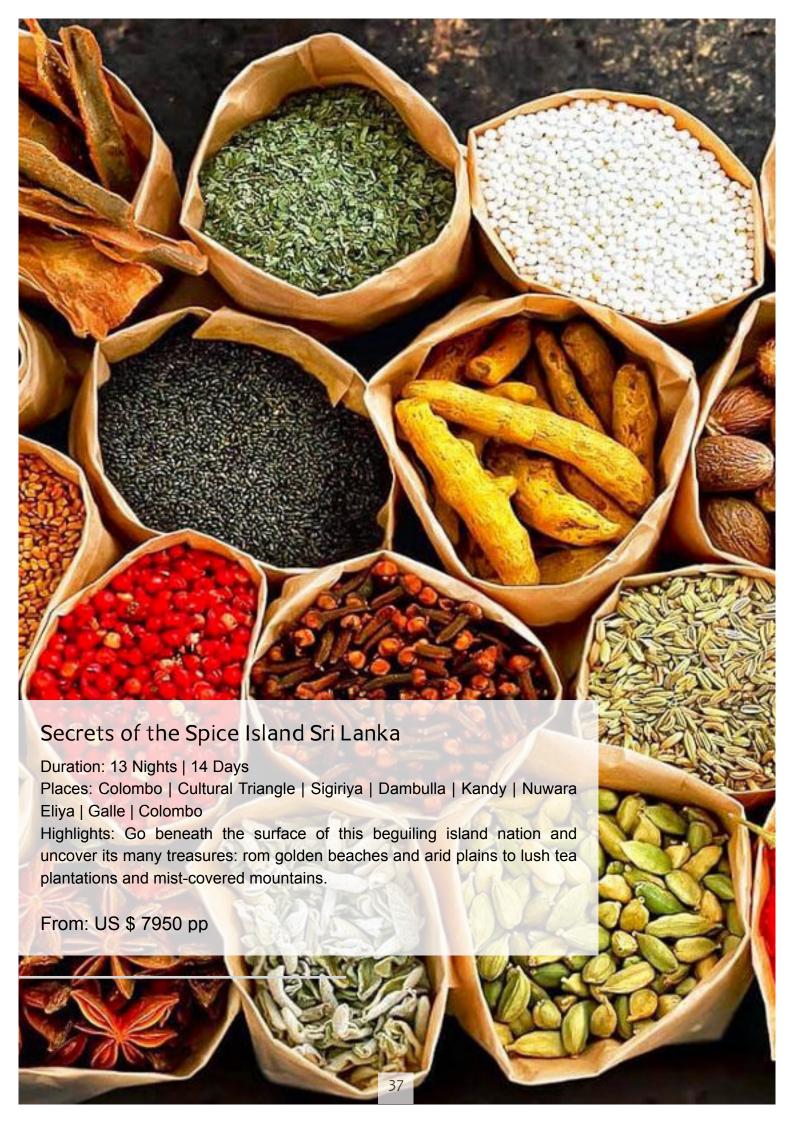
Yala NP Chena Huts Galle Amangalla

Colombo Shangri-La Hotel

Includes

- 13 Nights as per the program.
- Daily Breakfast and Dinners.
- · All Meals & Game Drives at National Park.
- Entrance fees.
- Tour Manager | Tour Director | Tour Guide.
- All transfers, sightseeing and excursions.
- Private vehicle with driver.
- All taxes.

- Tips.
- Travel Insurance.
- Visa (If any).



Day 01: Arrive Colombo

Land in Colombo, enjoying fast-track on-arrival, and transfer to your hotel. Spend the rest of your day at leisure.

Day 02 - 03: Colombo

VISIT the island's capital in the quintessential way — by tuk-tuk. Make a short stop at No. 11 Bawa Residence, designed and built by the great Geoffrey Bawa — a Sri Lankan architect — during the 1960s.

Day 04 - 05: Cultural Triangle

Discover a world of ancient ruins today in the Cultural Triangle. Start at one of Southeast Asia's most impressive sites, Anuradhapura, the country's first ancient capital. Delve further into UNESCO HERITAGE Polonnaruwa, an interesting blend of Buddhist and Hindu archaeological monuments. Don't miss the famous rock temple of Gal Vihara.

Day 06 - 07: Sigiriya

Challenge yourself with a steep climb 656 feet up through the Lion Gate to the top of the imposing fifth-century rock fortress, admiring the water gardens, moats and ancient frescos on the way. Proceed the coastal road to visit Caesarea. Visit the huge amphitheater. Drive via Haifa and take a photo with the beautiful Bah'ai gardens in the background.

Day 08 - 09: Kandy

Get an early start to visit the extraordinary Buddhist cave temples at Dambulla, with statues and murals dating back to the third century BC representing Sinhalese Buddhist art at its best. Continue south to Kandy, the country's cultural capital, with sundowners and a traditional Kandyan cultural performance this evening. Visit Royal Botanical Gardens at Peradeniya. Also, visit Temple of the Sacred Tooth, the city's most famous landmark, which houses the Sacred Tooth Relic of Lord Buddha.

Day 10 - 11: Nuwara Eliya

Travel through the misty highlands into hill country, past lush green tea estates and scenic waterfalls. Visit tea plantations and a factory. Part hotel, part museum, Heritance Tea Factory is where you'll unwind today. Take the scenic train ride through the heart of tea country to Ella.

Day 12 - 13: Galle

Journey south to the colonial seaside city of Galle. Enjoy walking tour of Galle Fort. Walk clockwise from the Old Dutch Church to the Old Gate, bearing the British coat of arms: the Zwart Bastion and lighthouse. meet traditional mask makers.

Day 14: Depart Colombo

Departure transfer to onward destination.

Stays*****

Colombo The Kingsbury
Thirappane Uga Ulagalla
Sigiriya Water Garden
Kandy Jetwing Kandy

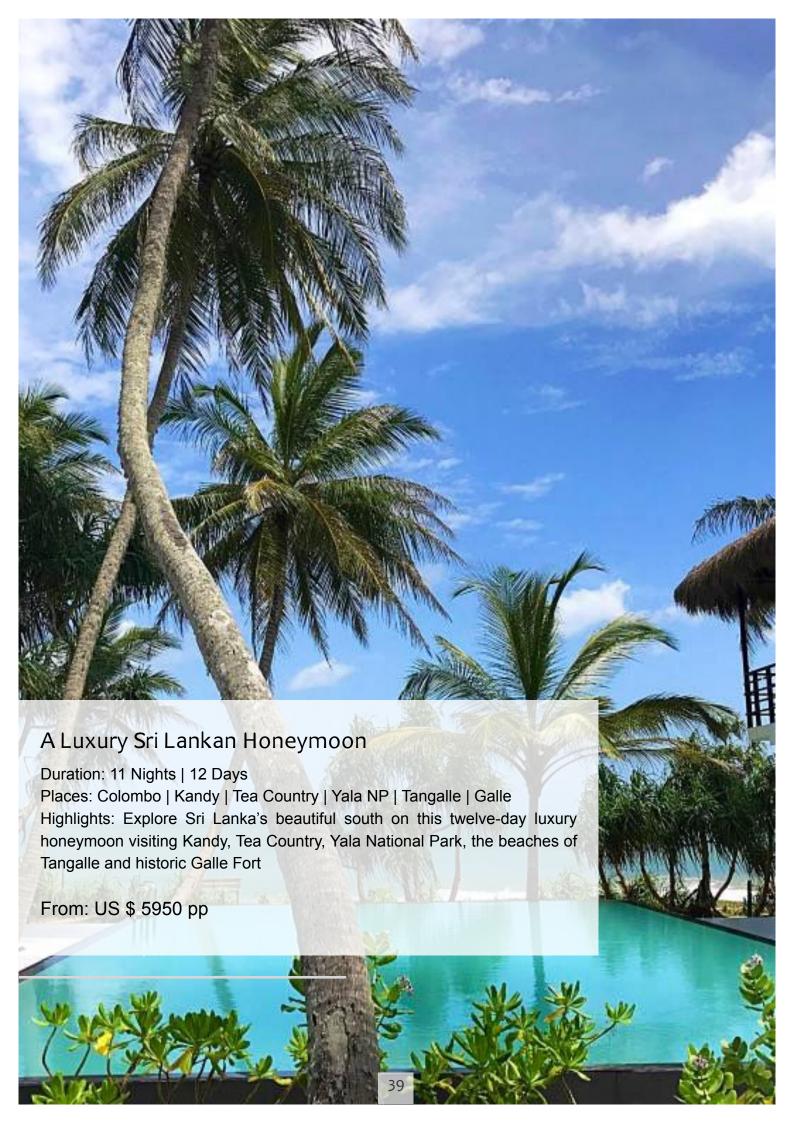
Nuwara Eliya Heritance Tea Factory

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Day 01 - 02: Arrive Colombo - Kandy

VIP meet and greet at Colombo airport and private transfer to Kandy where you will stay for two nights.

Visit Peradeniya Royal Botanical Garden tour with botanist, Temple of the Tooth tour and afternoon tea at the Queen's Hotel.

A world of ancient kings, ornate temples, lush gardens and vibrant traditions, Kandy is the second largest city in Sri Lanka and its cultural capital.

Day 03 - 04: Tea Country

Your next stop will be in Tea Country for two nights. A leisurely walk or an adventure trek is a delightful way to experience the varied landscapes, exotic flora, abundant birdlife and the relaxed rhythm of life here. Take in vistas of mountain lakes, manicured tea gardens, forests and doll's house villages.

Undulating hills blanketed in green plantations, Sri Lanka (formerly known as Ceylon) is the world's fourth largest producer of tea.

Day 05 - 06: Yala National Park

Occupying the south-eastern corner of the island, the vast Yala National Park is Sri Lanka's second largest national park and also its most popular. You will experience three wildlife safaris during the stay at Yala NP.

Day 07 - 09: Tangalle

Enjoy your three nights relaxing on the laid back sands of Tangalle and exploring the verdant landscape of the interior. A meandering stretch of rugged cliffs and beautiful sandy bays on Sri Lanka's southern coast, all protected by a vast enclosing reef, you'll find a collection of the island's best beaches and a small collection of blissful resorts.

Day 10 - 11: Galle Fort

Spend your last two nights in Galle, soaking up the unique atmosphere of Galle, a stunning town at the southern edge of Sri Lanka with fascinating colonial history evident at every turn through its eclectic assemblage of architecture.

It's walls and everything inside them are a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with beautiful Dutch fusion architecture, a commanding Victorian lighthouse, grand churches and mosques, all in a sultry tropical setting.

Day 12: Depart Galle - Colombo Airport Departure transfer to onward destination.

Stays*****

Kandy Kings Pavilion

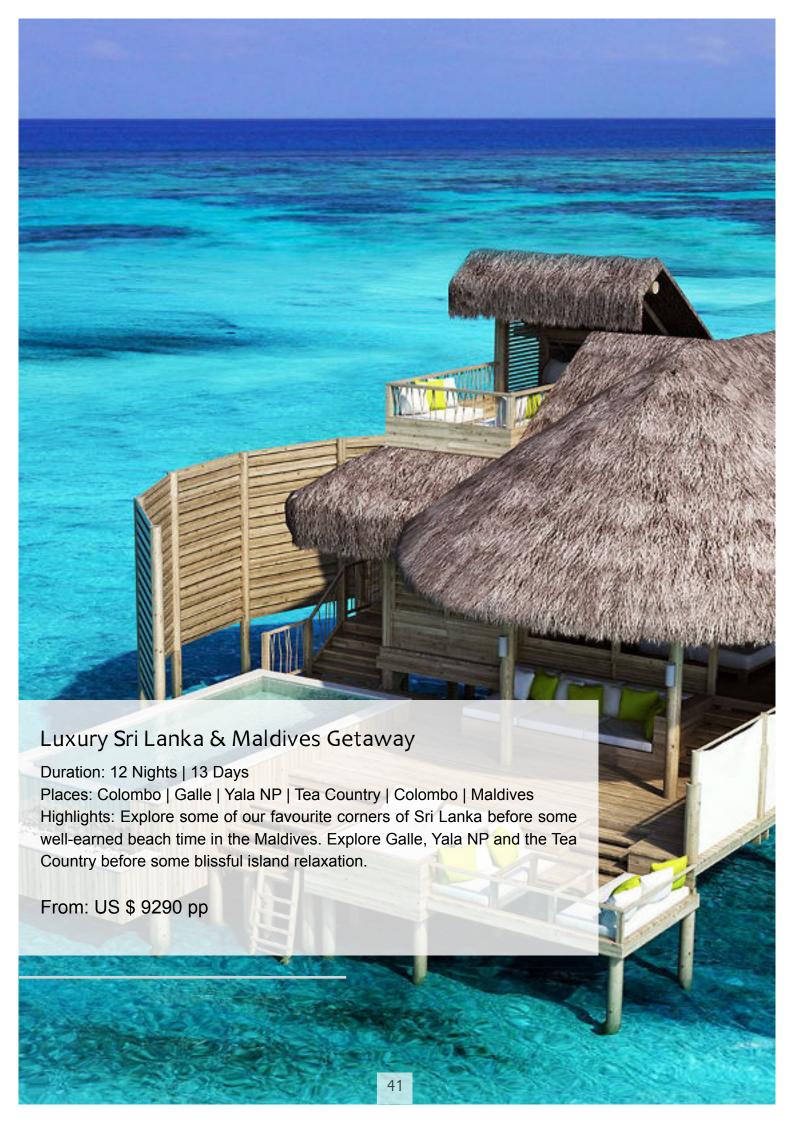
Tea Country Heritance Tea Factory

Yala NP Chena Huts
Tangalle Amanwella
Galle Amangalla

Includes

- 11 Nights as per the program.
- Daily Breakfast and Dinners.
- All Meals & Game Drives at National Park.
- Entrance fees.
- Tour Manager | Tour Director | Tour Guide.
- All transfers, sightseeing and excursions.
- · Private vehicle with driver.
- All taxes.

- Tips.
- Travel Insurance.
- · Visa (If any).



Day 01 - 02: Arrive Colombo - Galle

VIP meet and greet at Colombo airport and private transfer to Galle.

Spend your days soaking up the unique atmosphere of Galle, a stunning town at the southern edge of Sri Lanka with fascinating colonial history evident at every turn through its eclectic assemblage of architecture. It's walls and everything inside them are a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with beautiful Dutch fusion architecture, commanding Victorian lighthouse, grand churches and mosques, all in a sultry tropical setting. You will also enjoy Walking tour of Galle Fort with a local resident.

Day 03 - 05: Yala National Park

Two nights in Yala National Park. Occupying the south-eastern corner of the island, the vast Yala National Park is Sri Lanka's second largest national park and also its most popular. The park itself is divided into five blocks, two of which, Ruhuna and Kumana, can be explored on guided game drives, and stretches from the sea inland, encompassing some 979 square kilometres (378 square miles) of forest, wetlands and savannah.

Day 06 - 07: Tea Country

Two nights in Tea Country. Undulating hills blanketed in green plantations, Sri Lanka (formerly known as Ceylon) is the world's fourth largest producer of tea. You'll see the hills dotted with women quickly but meticulously harvesting leaves by hand, baskets slung across their backs. Skilful workers deftly pluck the most flavoursome and aromatic parts of the bushes – the topmost leaves and buds – which are then sent to nearby factories to be dried and processed.

Visit a typical plantation, and observe how the plant is grown and harvested. From here you

will travel to a factory, and learn about the whole processing procedure and how different types of teas are created.

Day 08: Colombo

Private transfer to your hotel in Colombo. Explore city of Colombo with your guide. Overnight in Colombo.

Day 09 - 12: Maldives

Free day at leisure.

Day 13: Depart Maldives

Departure transfer to onward destination.

Stays*****

Galle Amangalla Yala NP Chena Huts

Tea Country Heritance Tea Factory

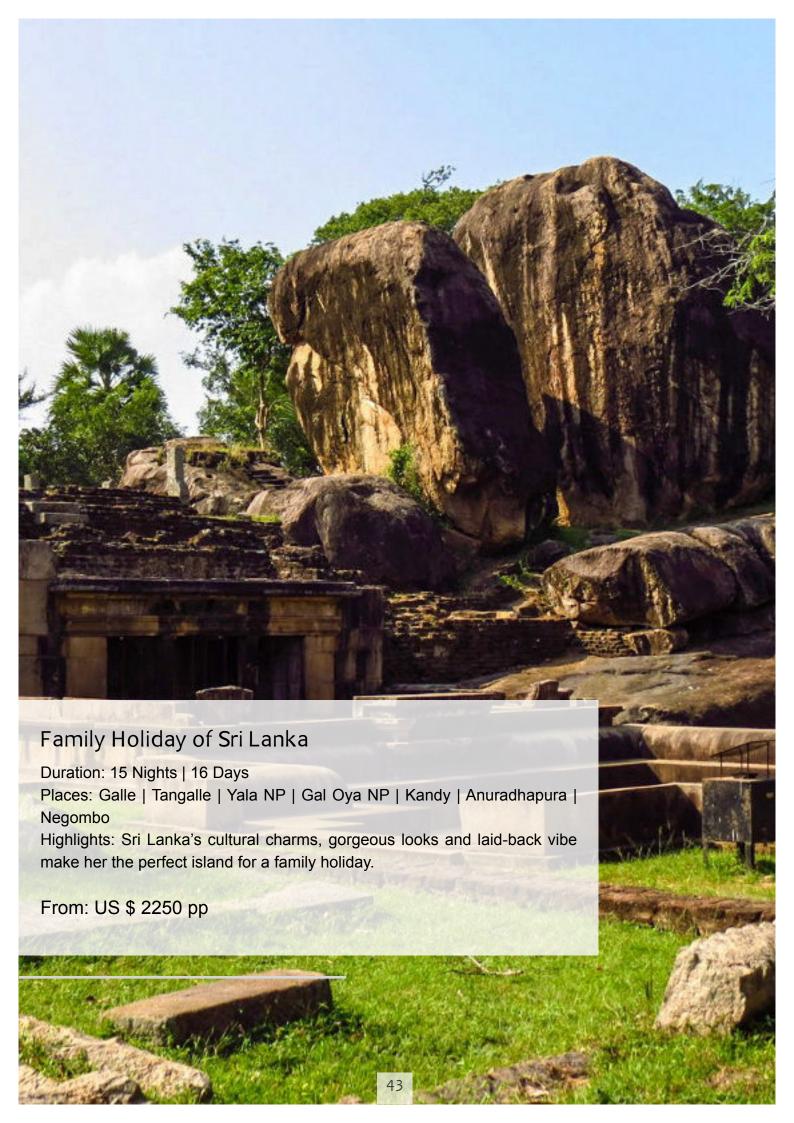
Colombo Taj Samudra

Maldives Six Senses Laamu

Includes

- 12 Nights as per the program.
- Daily Breakfast and Dinners.
- Internal Flights.
- Entrance fees.
- All Meals & Game Drives at National Park.
- Tour Manager | Tour Director | Tour Guide.
- Seaplane or speedboat transfer to your resort in Maldives.
- All transfers, sightseeing and excursions.
- · Private vehicle with driver.
- All taxes.

- Tips.
- Travel Insurance.
- Visa (If any).



Day 01 - 03: Arrive Colombo - Galle

Arrive in Colombo and drive to Galle. Afternoon sightseeing in Galle Fort.

Other family activities include mangrove safaris in Balapitiya or whale watching trips — Sri Lanka has some of the best whale sightings in the world (December to April).

This tour takes in Sri Lanka's many highlights – the Dutch walled fort town of Galle, leopard safaris in Yala National Park, lake safaris in Gal Oya National Park, the stunning central Tea Country and Cultural Triangle – whilst staying in family-friendly villas and boutique hotels with room configurations that are perfect for a family.

Day 04 - 05: Tangalle

Drive to Tangalle. Two nights beach stay.

Day 06 - 07: Yala NP

Drive to Yala National Park. Two nights stay and enjoy two game drives during your stay.

Nothing compares to getting close to nature on a safari and Leopard Trails is the most exclusive safari camp in Sri Lanka. Sharing an elegant canvas tent will make it all the more fun! Yala is an enchantingly beautiful National Park teeming with wildlife, including about 35 leopards, 400 wild elephants, as well as wild buffalo, musk deer, mongoose, pangolins, black bears, macaques, jackals and an incredible number of bird species.

Day 08 - 09: Gal Oya NP

Drive to Gal Oya National Park. Afternoon boat safari. Following day, Gal Oya safari / trek and private picnic lunch at the waterfalls.

Day 12 - 14: Anuradhapura

Drive to Anuradhapura. On route visit Sigiriya and climb the famous rock fortress. Sightseeing around the ancient city of Anuradhapura, Mihintale & Ritigala. You will also take a cooking class and a bike tour of the local area, both with our compliments.

Day 15: Negombo

Departure transfer to onward destination. Afternoon at leisure.

Day 16: Depart Colombo

Departure transfer to onward destination.

Stays*****

Galle Amangalla
Tangalle Amanwella
Yala NP Chena Huts
Gal Oya NP Gal Oya Lodge

Anuradhapura Ulagalla Negombo The Wallawa

Includes

- 15 Nights as per the program.
- Daily Breakfast and Dinners.
- · All Meals & Game Drives at National Park.
- Entrance fees.
- Tour Manager | Tour Director | Tour Guide.
- All transfers, sightseeing and excursions.
- Private vehicle with driver.
- All taxes.

- Tips.
- Travel Insurance.
- Visa (If any).



Day 01 - 03: Arrive Colombo - Anuradhapura On arrival, your driver will take you to Anuradhapura for three nights in the Cultural Triangle.

Days exploring Sigiriya Rock Fortress and the ancient city of Polonnaruwa, Anuradhapura and the cave temples at Dambulla.

Day 04: Kandalama

Day at leisure. Kandalama is a village in Sri Lanka. It is located within Central Province.

Day 05: Kandalama - Kandy

Drive to Kandy. Visit the Temple of the Tooth and Peradeniya Botanical Gardens.

Day 06 - 07: Haputale

Drive to Haputale where you will stay for next two nights. Afternoon visit to Dambatenne bungalow with afternoon tea. Also, explore the Horton Plains.

Day 08 - 09: Yala National Park

Drive to Yala National Park for two nights and enjoy three game drives during your stay.

Day 10 - 12: Welligama

Drive to Weligama. Three nights at leisure. Weligama is a town on the south coast of Sri Lanka, located in Matara District, Southern Province, Sri Lanka, governed by an Urban Council. The name Weligama, literally means "sandy village" which refers to the area's sandy sweep bay.

Day 13 - 14: Galle

Drive to Galle. Afternoon sightseeing in Galle Fort. Galle is a city on the southwest coast of Sri Lanka. It's known for Galle Fort, the fortified old city founded by Portuguese colonists in the 16th century.

Notable buildings include the 18th-century Dutch Reformed Church. Galle Lighthouse stands on the fort's southeast tip.

Day 15: Galle - Colombo

Spend the day sightseeing and shopping in Colombo. Discover Colombo's multi-ethnic legacy with churches, mosques and temples congregating on the same streets, and delve into iconic sites including Fort Station, the Red Mosque, and the Khan clock tower.

Day 16: Depart Colombo

Departure transfer to onward destination.

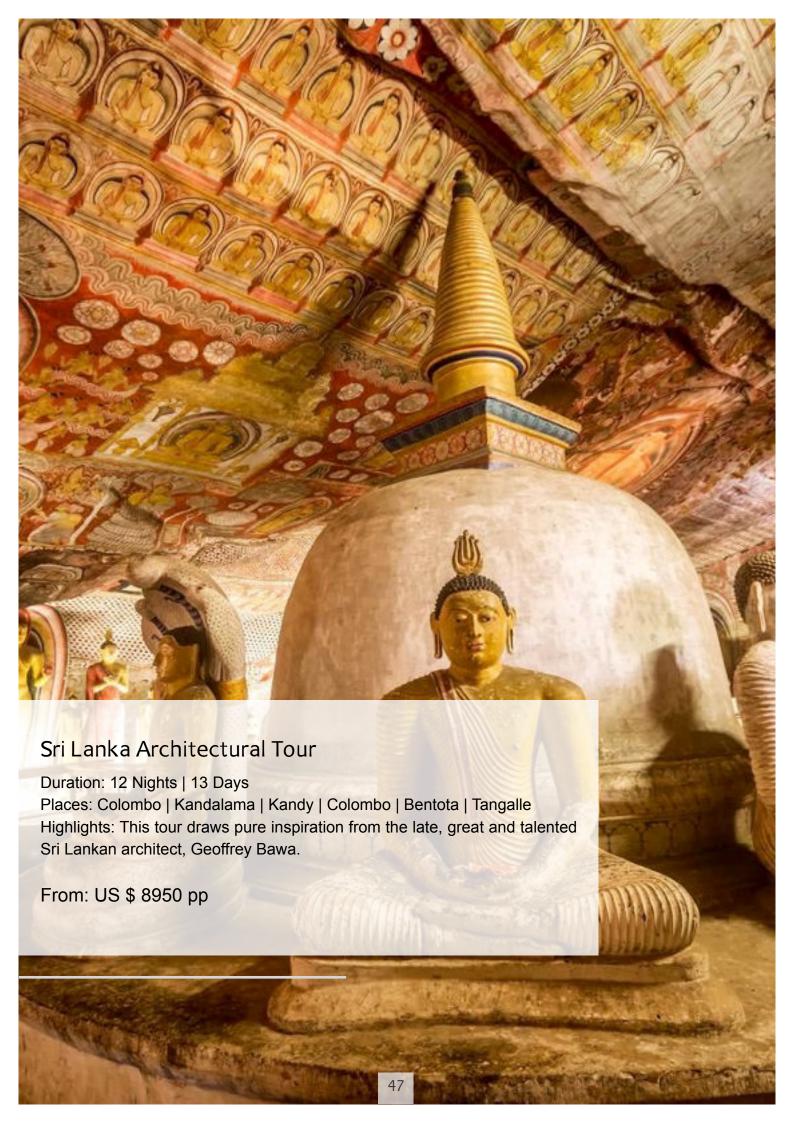
Stays*****

Anuradhapura Uga Ulagalla Heritance Kandalama Kandalama Kandy Kings Pavilion Haputale Thotalagala Yala NP **Leopard Trails** Welligama Cape Weligama Galle Amangalla Colombo Taj Samudra

Includes

- 15 Nights as per the program.
- · Daily Breakfast and Dinners.
- All Meals & Game Drives at National Park.
- · Entrance fees.
- Tour Manager | Tour Director | Tour Guide.
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Day 01 - 02: Arrive Colombo - Kandalama

On arrival in Colombo you will be driven to Sigiriya for two nights. Explore Dambulla and Sigiriya Rock Fortress.

Kandalama is a beautiful ancient man-made lake close to Sigiriya and Dambulla. Located on its shores is the famous Kandalama Hotel built by Sri Lanka's foremost architect Geoffrey Bawa. The lake is also the starting point for balloon safaris which run from October to March.

Day 03 - 04: Kandy

Drive to Kandy. En-route visit Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage. Explore the Botanical Gardens and Temple of the Tooth.

Kandy was the last royal capital and is arguably one of the most picturesque cities in Sri Lanka. As it is the gateway to the Hill Country, it is famed for its gorgeous setting; emerald tea plantations and rolling mountains surround the city, while a scenic lake lies at its centre.

Day 05 - 06: Colombo

Drive to Colombo. City sightseeing. Visit to the Geoffrey Bawa museum.

Sri Lanka's former capital (the modern capital is Sri Jayawardenpura Kotte nearby) sits in a prime position, stretching 14 kilometres along the island's western shore, and has a buzzy atmosphere.

Day 07 - 08: Bentota

Drive to Bentota. En-route visit Lunuganga Villa. Beach leisure stay. Bentota also has a strong Bawa connection; over 60 years, from 1929, the bon vivant, artist and sculptor Bevis Bawa worked on his labour of love, a five-acre plot of beautiful landscaping.

Day 09 - 12: Tangalle

Drive to Tangalle. Day relax for leisure at the beach. Tangalle is a small fishing village on the southernmost coast of the island and is best known for its beautiful stretches of palm-fringed beaches, sheltered bays, golden sands and azure waters. Should you tire of lying on the beach you can visit the impressive Mulgirigala cave temple close by

Day 13: Depart Colombo

Departure transfer to onward destination.

Stays*****

Kandalama Heritance Kandalama

Kandy Kandy House
Colombo The Kingsbury
Bentota Avani Bentota
Tangalle Amanwella

Includes

- 12 Nights as per the program.
- Daily Breakfast and Dinners.
- Entrance fees.
- Tour Manager | Tour Director | Tour Guide.
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Day 01 03: Arrive Colombo - Negombo

Arrive Colombo, meet assist and transfer to hotel in Negombo. Beach Relax.

Located just 7 kilometres from the international airport in Colombo, Negombo is the principle seaside destination for those seeking to stay close by without the hustle and bustle of built-up city life.

Day 04 - 06: Kandalama

Drive to Sigiriya. En-route visit the ancient sites of Anuradhapura, Mihintale and Ritigala. Exploring Aukana, Sigiriya, Polonnaruwa and Dambulla.

Kandalama is a beautiful ancient man-made lake close to Sigiriya and Dambulla. Located on its shores is the famous Kandalama Hotel built by Sri Lanka's foremost architect Geoffrey Bawa. The lake is also the starting point for balloon safaris which run from October to March.

Day 07 - 11: Trincomalee

Drive to Trincomalee for whale and dolphin watching. Beach Relax for five nights.

The largest town on Sri Lanka's up-and-coming eastern coast, Trincomalee spreads across a number of rocky promontories surrounding a beautiful harbour and bay. The Portuguese, the Dutch, the King of Kandy, the French and the English all repeatedly fought over this strategically-located harbour, which ultimately even served as a base for the Allied fleet in World War II.

Day 12 - 15: Kalpitiya

Drive to Kalpitiya for whale and dolphin watching. Stay for four nights in Kalpitiya.

Kalpitiya is located on the West Coast, four hours north of Colombo. A dry and hot part of the island, Kalpitiya is rarely beaten when it comes to weather.

The area remains home to a large fishing community and the crabs caught here in the lagoon are considered the best in the world.

Day 16: Depart Colombo

Departure transfer to onward destination.

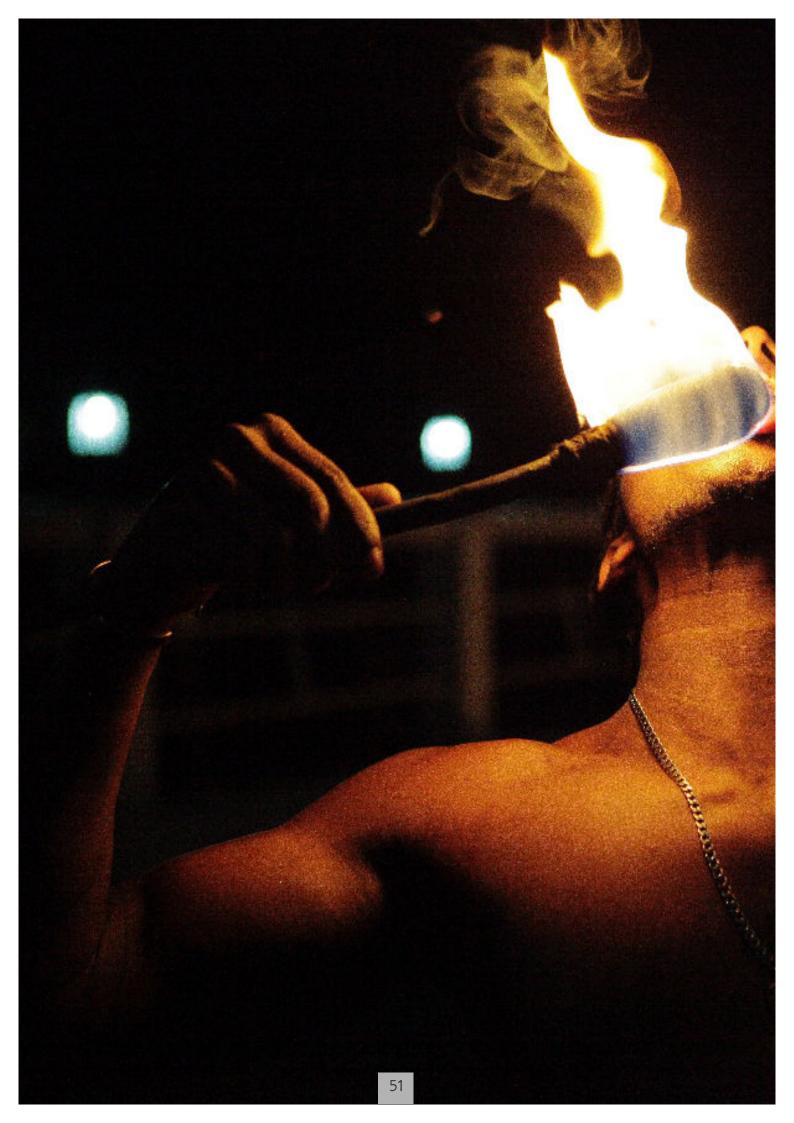
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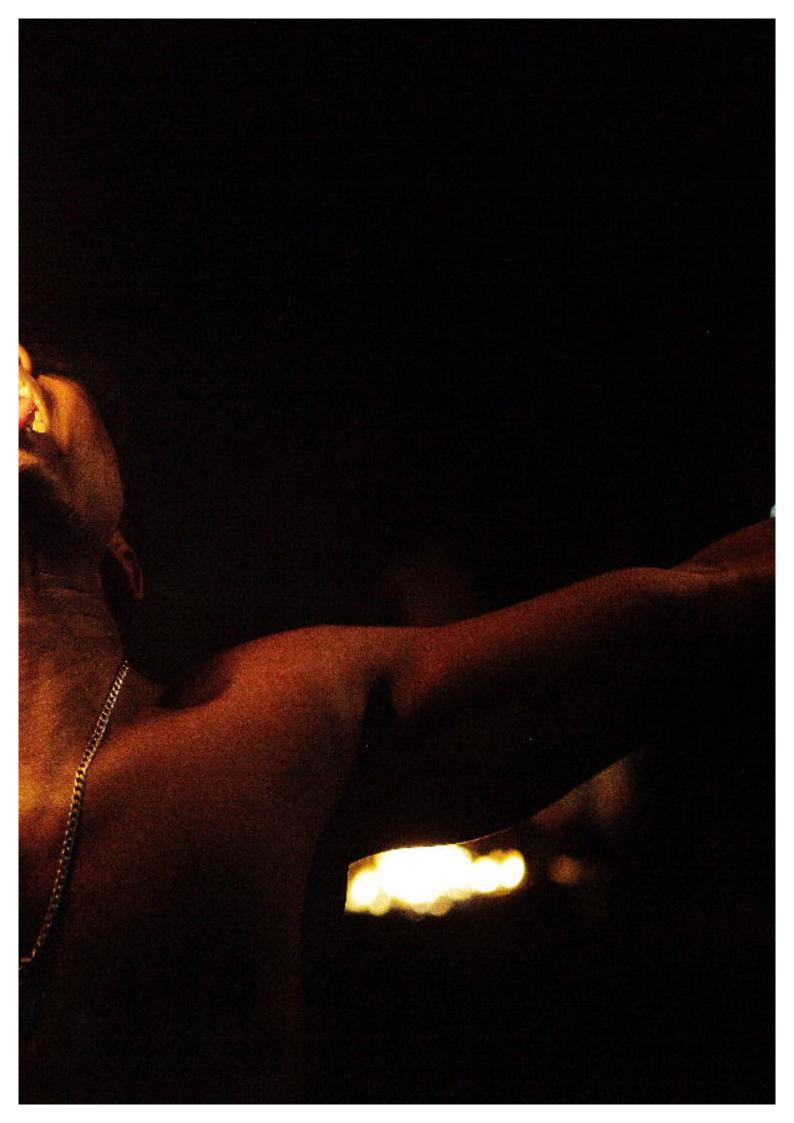
Negombo Heritance Negombo
Kandalama Heritance Kandalama
Trincomalee Uga Jungle Beach
Kalpitiva Bar Reef

Includes

- 15 Nights as per the program.
- Daily Breakfast and Dinners.
- · Entrance fees.
- Tour Manager | Tour Director | Tour Guide.
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Frequently Asked Questions

Will I have trouble with the language barrier in Sri Lanka?

You'll find some degree of English available in most tourist areas, or at least a friendly, English-speaking local willing to help out when you order food or purchase tickets. The language difference is rarely an issue and will not affect your enjoyment of Sri Lanka.

You'll encounter more language difficulties in remote places off the beaten path for sure. Even in places with little or no English, you'll be able to point or charade your way through with a little patience.

What will be the benefits of visiting Sri Lanka?

There are lots of benefits in visiting Sri Lanka. First, it is a great place to regroup during the vacation after a very hectic lifestyle. It also provides the best way to be connected with nature with all the ecotourism going on.

Touring Sri Lanka, you can get the first-hand taste in the culture which is very vibrant and most of all awe-striking. These are just a few of the many benefits that we can list.

What kind of clothes should be worn?

It actually depends in where you are , religious places have a strict protocol when it comes to clothes where people should cover themselves up.

However, other than that you can wear almost anything that goes with the warm climate, sundresses, shorts, t-shirts and sandals are some of the clothes that you can wear to fight of the heat.

Ayuruvedic Medicine, can I get any access to it?

Sri Lanka boasts a very ancient medicinal system that can be used by almost anyone, lots of spas offer treatments as well as Ayuruvedic hospitals, special Ayuruvedic packages, getaways are offered by hotels.

What is the Size of the island?

At 65,525 square kilometres (25,299 Sq. miles). Its length from northernmost point at Point Pedro to Southernmost point at Dondra Head is 435km (271 miles) while the greatest width is 240km (149 miles).

What is the voltage type in Sri Lanka?

Sri Lanka's electricity runs at 230-240V, 50 cycles AC. Round, three-pin sockets are normally used although you may occasionally find square three-pin sockets as well.

Is a VISA required to visit Sri Lanka?

Visitors to Sri Lanka visiting for tourism purposes must obtain an Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA), unless they are exempt, prior to arrival or on arrival to Sri Lanka or they must obtain a visa in advance. All visitors must hold a passport valid for 6 months. For more information, you may contact our travel experts.

I have never been to Sri Lanka and have no idea where to start with?

What do you hope to see and experience during your trip?

Our travel specialists will make recommendations based on your travel preferences. Most travelers incorporate Colombo, Kandy, Habarana, Dambulla, and/or Polonnaruwa. However, many also include visits to the tea plantations in Nuwara Eliya and beaches of Hikkaduwa / Galle.

Is Sri Lanka a safe country?

For decades, Sri Lanka was battling political unrest. A civil war between Tamil insurgents and the Sinhalese government almost destroyed the tourism industry. The riots have ended and a peaceful environment has been restored. As with any international travel, be aware of your surroundings. Do not leave your valuables unattended on the beach, the balconies or terraces.

What will I eat whilst in South-East Sri Lanka?

Western food is sparse outside the main center so come open-minded about eating local food. At our stops we will recommend tasty restaurants but when you get into local villages and home stays be prepared to eat simple local fare, with maybe the odd wild-card ingredient (which is part of the fun!).

Supermarkets are not the norm but we will point out places where you can stock up on food for the day. Depending what you eat, you can spend US\$5 - 15 a day on food.

When is the best time to travel?

It depends on your destination, activities and season of travel. Our destination specialists will recommend certain travel times after learning more about your preferences. The favourable months are usually December - March for the west coast and south coast, and from April - September for the ancient cities and the east coast.

The northeast monsoon is usually November – March and the southwest monsoon is June – October

Are vaccinations required?

Immunisations are not required to visit Sri Lanka. Depending on the season and region of travel, certain vaccinations and medications are suggested and we will recommend preventative measures.

Are trips physically demanding?

Want to lie in a hammock and not move until cocktail hour? We've got a trip for that. Want to power up the side of mountain at high altitude? We've also got a trip for that. To determine what type of trip suits you best, each of our trips comes with a Physical Rating to let you know how physically demanding it is... or isn't. Find out more about ratings.

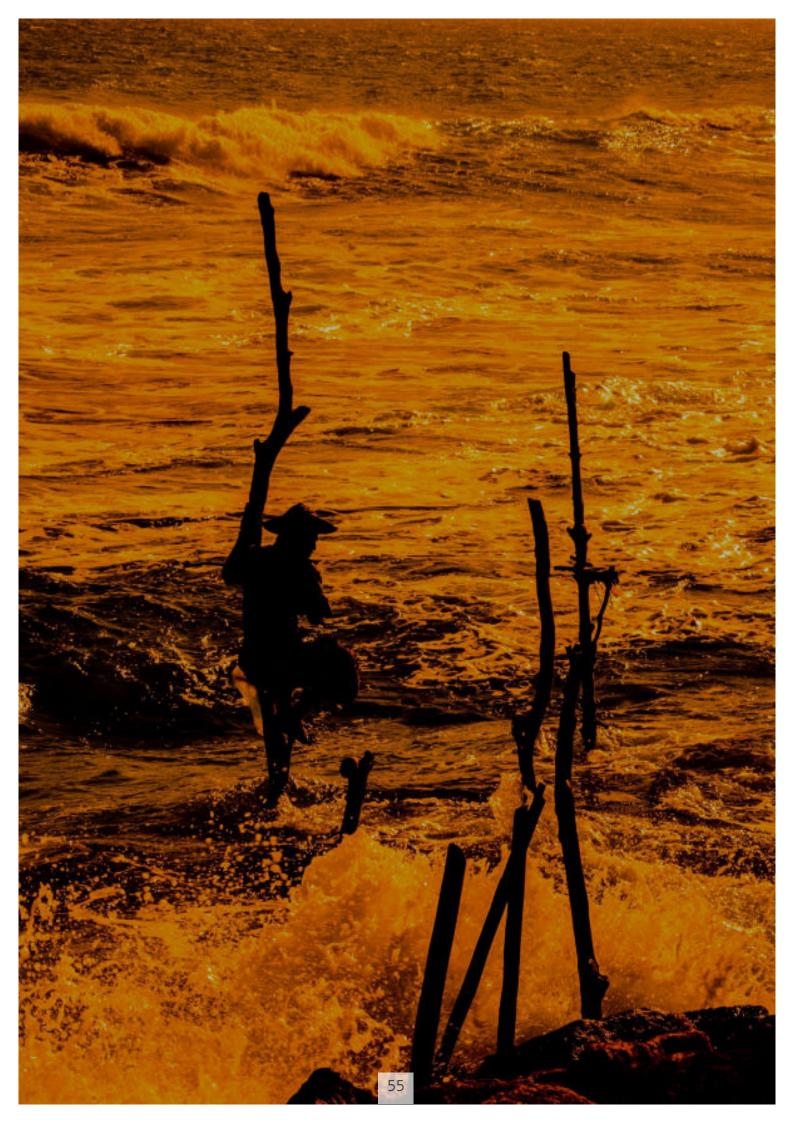
Does SGV have family trips?

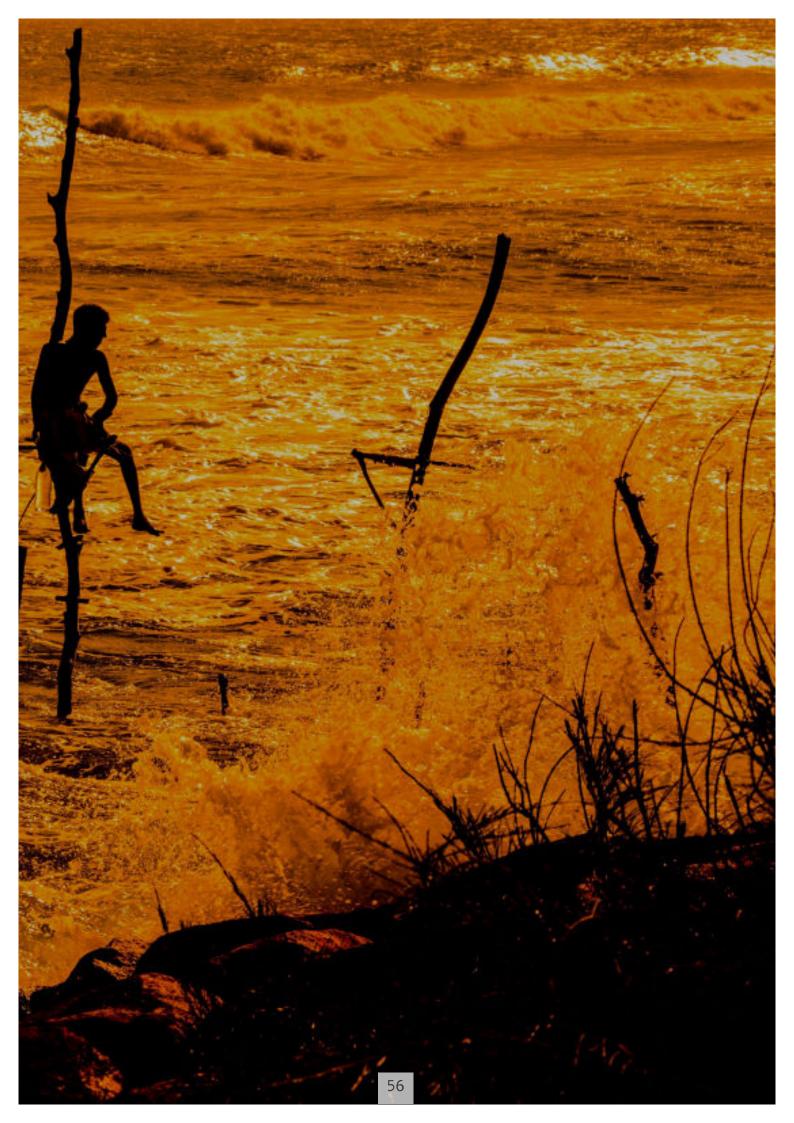
SGV offers a wide range of Family Adventures around the globe. The minimum age (for Family trips) varies depending on destination, and SGV has set minimum ages to ensure that the included activities suit each age range.

Additionally, you'll notice that some of the more adventurous destinations have a higher minimum age.

Are there age restrictions on your trips?

For the majority of our trips the minimum age is 15. An adult must accompany all children under the age of 18. We have a minimum age of 18. Younger children can join us on our Family trips and Short Break Adventures. Most of our trips don't have a maximum age limit, but a Self- Assessment Form is required for all passengers 70 years and over.





Tips - On the go

BAGGAGE REGULATIONS AND SOME RECOMMENDATIONS

- · Make sure you check the baggage allowance on your international / internal flights.
- · We recommend to travel light especially when there is internal flight involved in the program due to baggage weight limitation.
- · We suggest that you carry one set of clothes along with your daily utility items and other accessories in your hand baggage. This is just a precautionary measure in case your baggage is misplaced.
- · We advice that you travel as light as possible, since porterage is not included in your holiday price and carrying heavy luggage would be inconvenient. Take bags with wheels and sturdy handles, as they are more convenient and easy to pull.
- · Please note that airlines do not permit items like loose batteries, razor blades, nail cutter, scissors, knives, gels any form of liquid, cigarette lighter in your hand baggage. If required carry such items in your check –in bag.
- · Please ensure that you do not place any valuables in your check in bag. Carry foreign currency / travel documents / jewellery / insurance in your hand bag.

COACH

- · Since travelling distances are comparatively long, we have carefully chosen air conditioned luxurious coaches for your convenience luxurious coaches for your convenience and comfort. It is very important to maintain a pleasant environment on board the coach and keep it clean.
- · Drinking, Smoking and eating is not allowed in the coach.

MEALS

· You have a choice of local and international cuisine meals. The menus, however are fixed in advance and a la carte is also possible upon request.

- · Most lunches and dinner are unlimited buffets, but it is requested that you do not waste food.
- · If there is any early morning departure to the airport a box breakfast may be provided.
- · Some cities you may be served local meals.

CLIMATE

- The climate is as varied as its countries, but it is mostly temperate.
- · Frequent changes of weather make forecasting difficult. To be on the safe side, be sure to bring a sweater and an umbrella with you.

HOTELS & ROOMS

- · Most hotels offer the facility of complimentary safe deposit lockers (few hotels charge a refundable deposit. we advice that you keep all your valuable like money, passport, tickets and jewellery in the locker, in case you are staying for more than one day at the hotel.
- · Please make sure that no damages are done to your hotel room during the stay, as the same would be charged to you directly by the hotel.
- · Hotel rooms may have facilities like mini bar, pay television channels, telephones, etc. please note that these facilities are not complimentary and will be charged as per actual usage.
- · Most of the hotels do not have a tea/ coffee kettle in the rooms.
- · Please note that we will try our best to provide you with adjacent rooms asked by you at the time of booking, but the same will be subject to availability at the time of check –in. It is also difficult to provide interconnecting rooms, however the tour manager and the hotel will try their best to ensure that you are provided with adjacent rooms wherever possible.
- The standard check in time at hotels is after 14:00 HRS and standard check –out time is 10:00 HRS.

TIME MANAGEMENT

- · It's very important to be on time and punctual on your holiday, since your itinerary has been designed and planned to offer you the most on your holiday.
- · Every sightseeing trip where you get off has an allotted time, please make sure you remain with the group return at the allotted time. Any delay would actually deprive the entire group of their sightseeing time.

ON ARRIVAL

- · ALL passengers will be met by our tour manager / local representative outside the arrival hall at the airport.
- · All joining direct passengers will have to reach the respective hotel/ airport, on their own and check in.

CLOTHING

- · Carry 4/5 pairs of comfortable clothes like jeans/ trousers, shirts/t- shirts, pants and necessary undergarments.
- · Warm clothing like sweaters , jackets, woolen, thermals is essential. You must carry a cap, sunglasses, a folding umbrella, comfortable footwear preferably walking shoes.

ESSENTIAL ITEMS TO BE CARRIED

- · Your passport, air tickets, original insurance policy, tour confirmation voucher & necessary foreign exchange for personal use.
- · Carry a photocopy of your passport including valid visas & keep them separately from the original.

- · Please do not forget to carry an additional pair of spectacles if you are using one, digital camera chips with higher GB, extra batteries, charges for digital camera and mobile.
- · Carry your mobile phone's charger if you are taking your cell phone with global roaming. Also carry multipurpose adapter as sockets are different.
- · Required medicines, with doctor's prescription.

MONEY AND CURRENCY

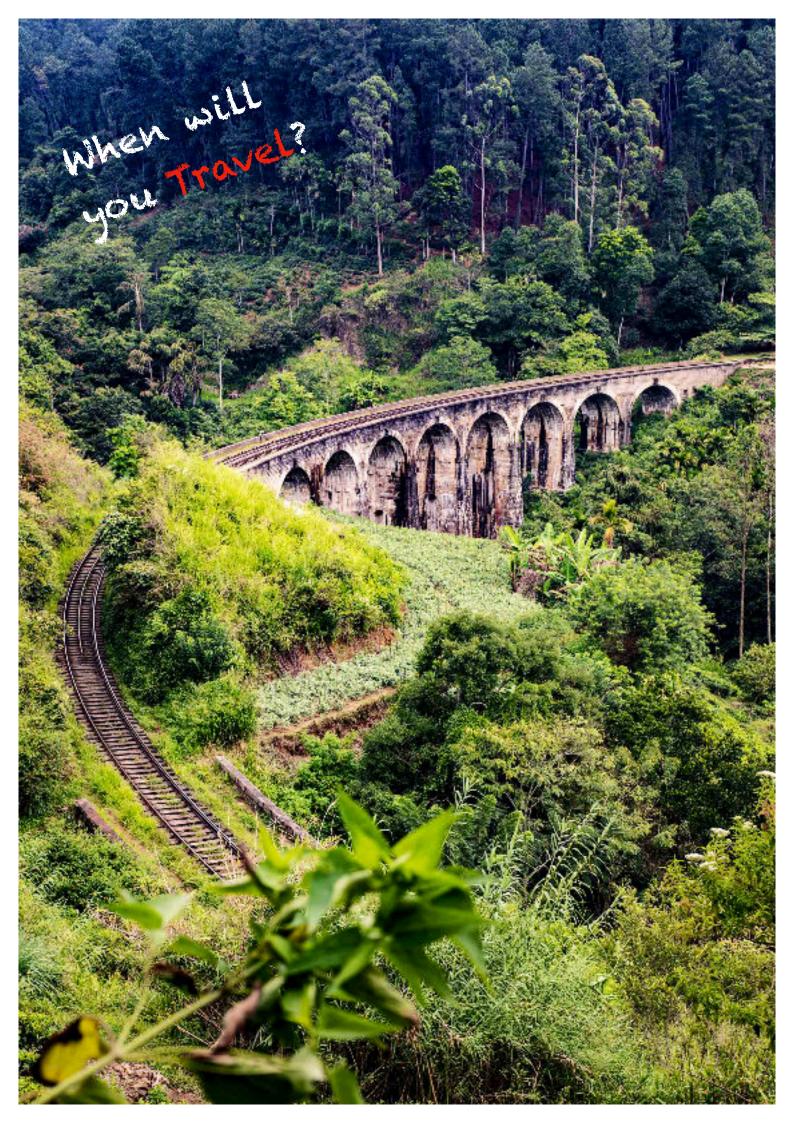
• EURO and USD are widely accepted in the country and can be exchanged to any major currency exchange counter. it is better to carry USD before you start your trip.

TIPPING POLICY

- · Tipping is something that is expected of anyone providing you a service, e.g. coach driver local guides, etc. it is mandatory to tip a nominal amount of EUR 3 / USD 5 / GBP 2 per person per day.
- · Public toilet attendants need to be tipped nominally after use.

ARRIVAL / DEPARTURE TRANSFERS

- · As other members of your group would be flying from different cities/towns/countries, you would be required to wait for some time so that they can join you at the arrival area as common airport pick- up facility is provided for the entire group.
- · Also in view of the common airport drop facility provided for your group, you would be required to travel to the airport along with other group members even though your flight time is later than other members of your group.







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