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Ultimate Sri Lanka

25 Days / 24 Nights

Munneswaram – Kalpitiya – Anuradhapura – Jaffna – Trincomalee – Pasikudah – Arugam Bay – Polonnaruwa – Hiriwadunna – Kandy – Nuwara Eliya – Ella – Yala – Galle - Colombo

The ultimate opportunity to see the magnificence of the pearl of the Indian Ocean in its full glory. It covers all cultural, historical as well as nature and wildlife hotspots in Sri Lanka in a very well organized grand tour. You will visit beaches with golden sands and blue water and watch hundreds of elephants and leopards just pass by in famous wildlife parks. In this 3 weeks tour you will visit the island from North to South, exploring hidden beaches, ancient cities and natural beauty in the most unique way.

Full itinerary of the tour

Day 01: Airport – Negombo

-) Welcome at the airport by our concierge and transfer to hotel in Negombo
-) Walk along the golden beaches and relax in Negombo
-) Enjoy delicious seafood and taste the first Sri Lankan spices

Accommodation: Paradise Beach Hotel in Negombo or similar

Transport: 15 km by special tourist coach, mini bus, van, car

Day 02, 03: Munneswaram temple – Kalpitiya beach

-) Visit the Hindu temple Munneswaram, a temple dedicated to Lord Shiva and believed to predate the Ramayana
-) Marvel at the undisturbed natural beauty of Kalpitiya, a coastal stretch between the ocean and the Puttalam lagoon
-) Spot huge whales circling below you, and many dolphins jumping around you on an exciting boat ride in the Indian Ocean
-) Relax at the beach with a book in your hands or jump through the waves at the serene beach of Kalpitiya, a true paradise on the Sri Lankan West coast

Accommodation: Divya Lagoon Hotel or similar in Kalpitiya/ Meals included: Breakfast

Transport: 165km by special tourist coach, mini bus, van, car

Day 04: Ancient city of Anuradhapura

-) Spend the whole day exploring the ancient city Anuradhapura, birthplace of the Sinhala civilisation and the most monumental architectural site of the country, of course a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Accommodation: Heritage Hotel or similar in Anuradhapura/ Meals included: Breakfast

Transport: 175km by special tourist coach, mini bus, van, car

Day 05, 06: Jaffna

-)] Enjoy the drive to Jaffna, which after a 30-year civil war again open for Sri Lankans and tourists alike and offers a unique insight into the cultural mix of the island
-)] Visit the Jaffna library, one of the first targets of the war and now symbol of reconciliation as it was restored thanks to donations from all ethnic groups in Sri Lanka
-)] Take the boat to the island of Nagadeepa, visit the temple and a freshwater pond and if time allows, even relax on the untouched Csuarina beach and peek at India at Point Pedro.

Accommodation: Tilko Jafna City Hotel or similar in Jaffna/ Meals included: Breakfast

Transport: 230km by special tourist coach, mini bus, van, car and boat

Day 07, 08, Trincomalee-Pigeon Island – Koneswaram temple

-)] Spend three days in Trincomalee on the East coast of Sri Lanka, from where you can explore a whole lot of different attractions or simply relax on the long, sandy beaches.
-)] Visit the famous Pigeon Island, one of Sri Lanka's national wildlife parks and home to some of the best coral sites in the country
-)] Wander around Trincomalee harbour, one of the largest natural harbours in the world and if you want, visit a cemetery for British soldiers killed during World War II at this Asian battle place.
-)] Visit the Koneswaram temple and Lover's Leap, a rock dropping 350 feet into the sea, offering breathtaking views of the ocean

Accommodation: Pigeon Island Beach Resort or similar in Trincomalee/ Meals included:

Breakfast

Transport: 300km by special tourist coach, mini bus, van, car and boat

Day 09: Trincomalee-Pasikudah

-)] Head out to the coastal towns of Pasikudah or Kalkudah, boasting one of the longest stretches of shallow coastline in the world.

Accommodation: Anilana Beach Resort or similar in Pasikudah/Kalkudah/ Meals included:

Breakfast

Transport: 157 km by special tourist coach, mini bus, van, car and boat

Day 10, 11: Arugam Bay surfing beach

-)] Leave Trinco for Arugam Bay, one of the best surfing beaches in the world.
-)] You can choose to try your first surfing lessons, or simply watching the pros in the waves. There's also a bird sanctuary close-by so bird-watchers will enjoy spotting hundreds types of tropical birds circling above them.

Accommodation: Hideway Resort or similar in Arugam Bay/ Meals included: Breakfast

Transport: 170km by special tourist coach, mini bus, van, car

Day 12: Polonnaruwa cultural site

-) Visit Polonnaruwa, another ancient metropolis and UNESCO World Heritage site,
-) Wander along the shores of the giant man-made lake bordering the ancient capital Polonnaruwa

Accommodation: Kassapa Lions Rock Hotel or similar in Sigiriya/ Meals included: Breakfast
Transport: 260km by special tourist coach, mini bus, van, car

Day 13: Hiriwadunna village – Dambulla cave temple

- KH** Go hiking in Hiriwadunna village, first to a reservoir, where the trunks of long dead trees stand stark against lush wetland greenery. Enjoy a crossing by a catamaran and follow a narrow trail through banana plantations to the home of a chena farmer, where you can quench your thirst with a cool drink of king coconut.
-) Climb up to the Golden Rock Temple in Dambulla and marvel at the rock paintings and more than 100 Buddha statues standing in mysterious rock cave

Accommodation: Kassapa Lions Rock Hotel or similar in Sigiriya/ Meals included: Breakfast
Transport: 70km by special tourist coach, mini bus, van, car

Day 14: Sigiriya – Kaudulla National Park

-) Be amazed by Sigiriya, the incredible “Fortress in the sky” and a UNESCO World Heritage site, and enjoy the views from this ancient rock palace
-) Then you can either return to the hotel to relax in the afternoon or head out on a safari at Minneriya National Park or Kaudulla National Park (depending on the time of the year).
-) In the evening, benefit from one of our free services, a relaxing herbal massage offered by a professional massage therapist

Accommodation: Kassapa Lions Rock Hotel or similar in Sigiriya/ Meals included: Breakfast
Transport: 90km by special tourist coach, mini bus, van, car and 4WD safari tour jeep

Day 15: Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage – Temple of the Tooth

-) Watch elephants taking their bath at Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage
-) Wander through a beautiful spice garden and learn how the famous Sri Lankan spices are grown in their natural habitat
-) Visit the Temple of the Tooth, one of the most important Buddhist centres in the world, or take a look at the gem museum

Accommodation: Earl’s Regent Hotel or similar in Kandy/ Meals included: Breakfast
Transport: 160km by special tourist coach, mini bus, van, car

Day 16: Enjoy Kandy city – Cultural dance performance

-)] Take a walk in the bustling city of Kandy, go shopping at the colourful bazaar, stroll by the lake and soak up the atmosphere
-)] If you want, visit an arts and craft workshops and a Batik manufacturer to see skilled villagers producing some of the most beautiful souvenirs
-)] Choose from our optional excursions: You can visit the Royal Botanical Garden in Peradeniya, home to a huge variety of Sri Lankan plants and flowers, for example hundreds of types of colourful orchids, or go on a tour of the three temple loops (Gadaladeniya, Embekke, Lankathilaka)
-)] Later in the evening witness a cultural dance performance in Kandy with the famous Kandyan dancers performing their incredible skills

Accommodation: Earl's Regent Hotel or similar in Kandy/ Meals included: Breakfast

Transport: 50km by special tourist coach, mini bus, van, car

Day 17: Tea plantation and factory – Ramboda waterfall

-)] Enjoy the ride through the scenic countryside of the Hill Country, watch tea pickers in the fields, stop at roaming waterfalls and breathe the fresh air of the mountains.
-)] Get an insight into the world of the famous Ceylon tea – learn how it is produced at a tea factory and visit a tea plantation. Of course you'll also have the pleasure to taste the world's best tea.
-)] Stroll through the colonial town of Nuwara Eliya, visit the beautiful municipal park and take a look at the old horse racing grounds

Accommodation: Silver Falls Hotel or similar in Nuwara Eliya/ Meals included: Breakfast

Transport: 96km by special tourist coach, mini bus, van, car

Day 18: World's End – Nuwara Eliya

-)] Either sleep in and enjoy the cool weather in your hotel in Nuwara Eliya, or get up very early for an optional excursion to the unique Horton Plains, the highest plateau in the country. Enjoy a morning hike through one of the country's most scenic hiking trails. Visit the Baker's fall and check out the infamous World's End.
-)] In the afternoon, take a nice walk through tea plantations to the Lovers' Leap waterfalls and be impressed by the power of the water crashing down the rocks.

Accommodation: 80km Hotel or similar in Nuwara Eliya/ Meals included: Breakfast

Transport: Silver Falls km by special tourist coach, mini bus, van, car

Day 19: Train ride – Ella Gap – Rawana waterfall – Yala National Park

-)] Enjoy a train ride in a typical Sri Lankan train from Nanu Oya to Ella, the most beautiful train ride in the country, giving you views on impressive mountains, waterfalls, tea plantations and thick, lush greenery.
-)] Take a walk in the authentic village of Ella, admire the views over the paddy fields below you in the valleys and see the powerful Rawana waterfall
-)] Continue your ride from Ella to Yala National Park and go to bed early for next day's safari

Accommodation: Kithala Resort or similar in Yala/ Meals included: Breakfast

Transport: 240km by special tourist coach, mini bus, van, car

Day 20 Yala, Full Day safari

-) Go on an exciting wildlife safari in the Yala National Park. Spot the Sri Lankan leopards and elephants, see lazy crocodiles lying on the shores of lakes, sloth bears crossing your path, tropical birds circling around you. A whole day of adventure from a safe 4WD safari tour jeep!

Accommodation: Kithala Resort or similar in Yala/ Meals included: Breakfast and lunch

Transport: 40km by special tourist coach, mini bus, van, car and 4WD safari tour jeep

Day 21, 22, 23: Galle Dutch Fort – Turtle hatchery – Whales and dolphins watching – Bentota beach

-) Enjoy the last four days of your unforgettable trip at Bentota beach, where great activities are waiting for you – besides sipping fruit juices by the pool, sunbathing and jumping through the waves of the Indian Ocean
-) Visit beautiful Galle Fort, another UNESCO World Heritage Site where the old and modern city blend together in perfect harmony
-) Spot giant blue whales off the coast of Mirissa and be amazed by hundreds of dolphins dancing around your boat
-) Enjoy the serene atmosphere of Kosgoda beach, where sea turtles lay their eggs. We will visit a turtle hatchery that looks after this beach to ensure the survival of these majestic marine creatures.

Accommodation: Avani Hotel or similar in Bentota/ Meals included: Breakfast

Transport: 360km by special tourist coach, mini bus, van, car and boat

Day 24: Colombo

-) Use your last day to explore the bustling colourful capital of Sri Lanka, Colombo.
-) Say good-bye to the island with a delicious meal in one of the many great fusion restaurants of Colombo
-) Go shopping for designer handloom and batik at Barbara Sansoni's Barefoot Gallery, and enjoy our favourite ginger beer in the Barefoot Café afterwards
-) Visit the temples of the capital or simply enjoy your last-minute souvenir shopping in the traditional Pettah market district or the air-conditioned shopping malls of the city

Accommodation: Pearl Grand Hotel or similar in Colombo/ Meals included: Breakfast

Transport: 160km by special tourist coach, mini bus, van, car

Day 25: Colombo – Airport

Transport: 40km by special tourist coach, mini bus, van, car/ Meals included: Breakfast from the Hotel

Complimentary offers (Depending on your location and tour package):

No hidden prices.

1. Optional tour in Kandy to famous royal temples of Gadaladeniya, Lankathilake and Ambekke Temple saving you 60 Euro per person.
2. Hiriwadunna village tour and lake safari including bullock cart tour across the village and jungle road and a tuk tuk adventure, saving you 30 Euro per person.
3. Exotic elephant safari ride tour in Pinnawala, saving you 18 Euro per person.
4. Traditional 80 minute Ayurvedic massage saving you 40 Euro per person.

Price includes:

- J We cover all costs included in your itinerary description inside Sri Lanka (no air fare)
- J Best reviewed and ranked boutique luxury hotels
- J Accommodation in shared double rooms on bed and breakfast basis in specified luxury hotels (can be upgraded on customer request)
- J Private luxury van, mini bus or car with an experienced driver and/ or guide with special tourist insurance
- J All government charges and taxes
- J Meals on bed and breakfast basis (Can be upgraded on customer request)
- J Safaris with specialist jeeps and wildlife expert drivers; meals included during safaris
- J Free complementary excursions and herbal treatments, massages and lunches
- J Extras on the way such as traditional delicacies and traditional handcraft souvenirs
- J Water and snacks on the way

Price excludes:

- J Medical/ travel insurance
- J Optional tours and activities that are not part of the complimentary offers that come with your package
- J Special permits including camera and video permits to designated sights
- J Tips and other expenses of personal nature
- J Entrance fees to national monuments, wildlife parks and other attractions that are not covered in your offer (can be upgraded on customer request)

Special notes to all travelers

1. All rates are subject to change in case of sudden government charges on fuel and transport, hotel rates, entrance fees and taxes.
2. Above rates are calculated at the latest available conversion rate. You will be informed about any major differences and the final tour price may be reduced or increased.
3. Our cancellation policy will be applicable for any reduction of rooms after the release period.
4. We keep our costs to absolute minimum by picking nonrefundable reservations. Therefore, all tour reservations are subject to a 100% non-cancellation policy. However we may help you to change the dates or change the tour program depending on costs and availability.
5. All reservations are subject to availability at time of booking.
6. Reservation confirmation shall be subject to availability after your consent to confirm the room /round tour package.
7. The official check-in time at all hotels is 14:00. The official check-out time at all hotels is 11:00.
8. Alcohol will not be served by any hotel on Poya Days (full moon) and other days prohibited by the government. Guests are advised to abide by the law at all times.
9. Optional excursions and additional services outside our large number of complimentary options can be provided at additional charge.
10. Visits to wildlife parks will be at client's own risk.
11. Safari vehicles have very basic insurance cover (not as comprehensive as in the case of vehicles used for tours).
12. By booking a tour or request a booking you agree to the following terms:
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 - b. Please visit our important travel information and disclaimers. [Click here](#)