

CEYLON TOUR

6-night Escorted Tour with optional Beach Extensions

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**MOUNT LAVINIA • HABARANA / SIGIRIYA • KANDY • NUWARA ELIYA
YALA OR UDAWALAWE NATIONAL PARK (OPTIONAL) • BEACH**

One of our most popular tours, on this classic journey through Sri Lanka you'll discover many of the island's most fascinating archaeological, historical and scenic sights.

Some early starts ensure you'll experience the best of this captivating country, and magical sightseeing and breathtaking scenery make the long days more than worthwhile. We highly recommend upgrading to the private car and driver-guide featured below.

DAY 1 - LONDON TO COLOMBO

Fly SriLankan Airlines from Heathrow, arriving the next day.

DAY 2 - COLOMBO

Transfer to the colonial Mount Lavinia Hotel in a Standard room.
Afternoon at leisure (approx. 31 miles, 1½ hours drive).

MOUNT LAVINIA HOTEL



DAY 3 - COLOMBO TO HABARANA

Morning start for the popular Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage. After lunch continue on to Habarana for two nights (approx. 130 miles, 4½ hours drive).

DAY 4 - SIGIRIYA

In the morning, optional sightseeing is available at extra cost to Polonnaruwa the 12th Century Sinhalese capital. Later, visit the rock fortress of Sigiriya. A climb to the top (only for the energetic!) will reveal a spectacular view. The gallery of frescoes half way up is a definite highlight (approx. 135 miles, 3 hours drive).

TEMPLE OF THE TOOTH, KANDY



DAY 5 - HABARANA TO KANDY

Drive to Kandy for two nights visiting the magnificent Dambulla rock caves, a spice plantation and batik workshop en route. This afternoon visit the famous Kandyan dancing and culture show (approx. 80 miles, 2½ hours drive).

DAY 6 - KANDY

A full day to marvel at Kandy's sightseeing. Visit the Royal Botanical Gardens ablaze with colourful exotic plants. This afternoon enjoy a tour of the market square, a gem showroom and Upper Lake Drive (approx. 20 miles, 1 hours drive).

TEA PLANTATIONS



DAY 7 - KANDY TO NUWARA ELIYA

Drive toward the hill country, with a stop en route to visit a tea plantation and factory. Then travel on to Nuwara Eliya, most celebrated of the hill stations set in a stunning mountain valley some 6,000 feet above sea level. Afternoon sightseeing, with spectacular views of the beautiful green hillsides, rushing waterfalls and tea plantations (approx. 65 miles, 2½ hours drive).

Tour details are correct to the best of our knowledge, however, they are provided for guidance purposes only.
Please check the details of any features that are important to you at the time of booking.

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DAY 8 - NUWARA ELIYA TO THE BEACH

Leave for the Bentota Beach. En route a typical Sri Lankan lunch is served at a charming local restaurant in Kithulgala where the Bridge over River Kwai was filmed (approx. 300 miles, 6 hours drive). Spend the next four nights at the relaxing Club Bentota, staying on an All Inclusive basis. Other hotels and durations are also available.

BEACHES OF SRI LANKA



DAY 12 - COLOMBO TO LONDON

SriLankan to Heathrow arriving later the same day.

NB

This tour follows a different itinerary in 2011, ask for details.

OPTIONAL YALA OR UDAWALAWE EXTENSION

DAY 8 Leave Kandy for Udawalawe National Park famed for its herds of elephants for a jeep safari. Overnight at the simple Centuria Hotel or similar, or the Yala Village for the 4* option.

DAY 9 Travel to Bentota to spend the next four nights at the relaxing Club Bentota, staying on an All Inclusive basis. Other hotels and durations are also available.

DAY 13 Transfer back to Colombo for your SriLankan Airlines flight to Heathrow.

ESCORTED TOUR

The Tour is accompanied by a local guide from departing Colombo on Day 3 to arrival at your beach hotel on Day 8. Extensions are not escorted (excluding Yala or Udawalawe) but assistance is provided by local representatives.

Also included is:

- Air-conditioned transport throughout
- Sightseeing as indicated and all entrance fees
- Return flights by scheduled airline

PRIVATE TOURING

For only £85 per vehicle (maximum 2 persons per car) enjoy the Ceylon tour in your own car with driver-guide.

Your private car only applies following the main tour group from Day 3 to Day 9.

MEAL PLAN

Rather than offer three meals per day, every day, our itineraries are designed to include meals only where necessary or where they add to your overall experience. Where meals are not included, there will be a local choice of restaurants serving a variety of cuisines.

Prices include full breakfast on days 3, to 8, lunch on day 3 and dinner on days 3 and 5 (3 to 7 on the 4 star tour).

ACCOMMODATION

A choice of 3 or 4 star hotels.

GROUP SIZE

Max group size 14. This tour is subject to minimum numbers, please ask for details.

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