

EXPERIENCE SRI LANKA

08 Nights/09 Days



Truly a land like no other with endless bounds of nature. Sri Lanka's vast variety of habitats include exquisite beaches, mist-shrouded mountains covered in forests of wind-stunted trees, highland grasslands, rolling tea plantations, virgin jungles, dramatic waterfalls, mangrove swamps, wetlands, rivers and several internationally recognized National Parks.

With its unusual and interesting fauna and flora, diverse climatic conditions, archeological and historical sites, colourful festivals and various other attractions, this island has something to suit almost any preference. Visit a rural village and enjoy local cuisine, stop for a photo at the scenic waterfalls while driving along misty hills, taste a cup of Ceylon tea, search for leopards and elephants on a safari, explore Colombo, Kandy, Galle and more. This tour includes 08 Nights accommodation, 8 meals including daily buffet breakfast, transport in air-conditioned vehicles, English-speaking Tour Guides and more.

DAY 01 | AIRPORT – COLOMBO

On Arrival at Colombo International airport you will be welcomed by our chauffer guide and transfer to the Hotel in Colombo.

Overnight stay at Cinnamon Lodge Hotel-Colombo.

DAY 02 | COLOMBO - HABARANA

After breakfast, head towards Sigiriya, en route visit to the Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage. (AUS \$ 28 per person) Evening, we climb the Sky fortress of Sri Lanka, Sigiriya (AUS \$ 42 per person)

Pinnawela-Begun in 1972, the Elephant Orphanage at Pinnawela is a remarkable project created to protect abandoned or orphaned wild elephants who would not otherwise have survived in the wild. Relocated to the present size in 1975, today it has grown to become one of Sri Lanka's key attractions. The elephants roam free within the sanctuary – and the highlight of their (and the visitors') day is the feeding sessions and when they are led down to the river for a bath. From the banks of the river you can watch these gleeful herds of elephants splashing around freely on the river.

Sigiriya- The ultimate icon of Sri Lanka's historic past, the giant rock fortress of Sigiriya arises high above the flat landscape, surrounded by jungle on all sides. Sigiriya is also considered to be the 8th wonder of the world today. The feats of artistry, architecture and engineering at Sigiriya continue to impress visitors with their utter magnificence, even thousands of years on. Intricately landscaped pleasure gardens sprawl out below the rock, giant lion paws hewn in stone mark the entrance to the fortress at its foot, a highly polished mirror wall still carries the scrawled writings of ancient poets.

Overnight stay at Cinnamon Lodge Hotel-Habarana.

DAY 03 | HABARANA – DAMBULLA - KANDY

After breakfast head towards Kandy. On the way, you can visit the Dambulla Cave Temple (AUS \$ 14 per person) and a spice Garden in Matale.

Evening Visit the scared Temple of the tooth (AUS \$ 14 per person), which houses the Scared Relic of Lord Buddha, following a visit to the Silk Factory and the Ceylon Tea Museum in Kandy.

The cultural epicenter and the hill capital of the island, Kandy is Sri Lanka's second city and home to the Temple of the Tooth - the country's most important religious shrine, and the traditional pageant the Esala Perahera. The kingdom of Kandy was the last stronghold of the Sinhalese, clinging to its sovereignty long after the island had fallen to the Portuguese and Dutch and the English, preserving its own unique customs and culture until the very last.

Overnight stay in Cinnamon Citadel Hotel-Kandy

DAY 04 | KANDY - NUWARA ELIYA

After breakfast enjoy a cool walk in the Royal Botanical Gardens, Peradeniya. (AUS \$ 14 per person)

Thereafter leave for Nuwara Eliya. On the way, visit the Tea Factory Plantation to witness the manufacturing process of world famous Ceylon Tea.

Hidden away high in the central mountains at an altitude of over 6000 feet, Nuwara Eliya is the resort capital of the hills. The British planters who flocked to the region to grow tea in the mid-19th century developed Nuwara Eliya as their summer retreat. Created as an exact replica of an English town it is often called 'Little England'; and with its primarily colonial architecture, the stately Victoria Park, golf course, racing track, boating lake and grand period style hotels – and the cold, frequent showers of rain adding to the illusion, you could well be in an old English country town.

Overnight stay in Jetwing St Andrews Hotel-Nuwara Eliya.

DAY 05 | NUWARA ELIYA

After breakfast proceed on a short tour in Nuwara Eliya town including possible visits to the Fruit & Vegetable Market. s

Enjoy the day at leisure.

Overnight stay in Jetwing St Andrews Hotel-Nuwara Eliya.

DAY 06 | NUWARA ELIYA –YALA

After breakfast, head towards Yala which is located in the southern part of the country.

Situated in the arid South East region of Sri Lanka, Yala National Park is home to the greatest variety of the nation's wildlife and therefore, its most popular wildlife destination. The 44 mammal species found here includes the endangered leopard sub-species *Panthera pardus kotiya*, which found only in Sri Lanka. Yala is also known to contain the highest Leopard concentration in the world. Other 'big game' such as sloth bear, herds of elephants, buffalo, sambar, spotted deer and crocsodiles are also found in great numbers.

Overnight stay in Kithala Resort & Spa-Yala

DAY 07 | YALA - BENTOTA

After an early breakfast, enjoy a Safari ride at Yala National Park. (AUS \$ 50 per person)

Upon completion, proceed to Bentota.

Bentota is a famous coastal town situated approximately 65 km south of Colombo and a tourist hotpot with a local airport and a handful of World Class hotels right on the beach including the lower and budget categories. It is a destination for water sports such as jet skiing, deep sea and river fishing, banana boat rides, river cruises, etc., to name a few. It is an ideal place for a sea swim or if you just want to sit out in the sun reading a book.

Overnight stay in Temple Tree Resort & Spa-Bentota

DAY 08 | BENTOTA

Spend the day at leisure or take part in optional excursions.

Proceed to Balapitiya for river cruise in famous Madu River. (AUS \$ 20 per person) En route visit Kosgoda turtle hatchery. (AUS \$ 7 Per person)

One of the main attractions in Bentota is the Maadu River safari. Maadu River which flows across Balapitiya, boasts of having many small islands most of which are uninhabited and covered with mangroves. With its variety of flora and fauna, it is fast becoming a popular spot for ECO tourists and bird watchers alike.

Overnight stay in Temple Tree Resort & Spa-Bentota.

DAY 09 | BENTOTA – AIRPORT

Breakfast.

Departure transfer to the airport. (Depending on the Departure Time)

We thank you for selecting GETAWAY SRI LANKA as your Trusted Travel Partner and wish you a safe journey back to your destination. We hope to see you soon to discover the rest of our beautiful island.

******* End of Services*******

TOUR COST

PERIOD - 01.05.2019 - 31.10.2019

NO OF PAX	PER PERSON (DBL SHARING) AUS \$
02 PAX	1150.00

PRICE INCLUSIVE OF:

- ❖ Accommodation 04 star hotels on Bed & Breakfast Basis starting with breakfast on Day 02 and ending with Breakfast on Day 09. Cost may change.
- ❖ Arrival, departure transfers and the tour as per the itinerary in an air conditioned Car accompanied with an English speaking licensed Chauffer guide.
- ❖ Passenger Insurance (Vehicle)
- ❖ Fuel, Parking & highway fees
- ❖ Complimentary SIM Card on arrival
- ❖ Garlands on arrival
- ❖ All currently applicable government taxes and service charges

PRICE EXCLUSIONS:

- ❖ Cost of Entrance Tickets & Jeep hire charges to the sites visited in the itinerary.
- ❖ Lunch & Dinner cost
- ❖ Peak period supplements
- ❖ International air-fare, airport tax or any kind of insurance cover other than what is stated.
- ❖ Items of personal nature like drinks, laundry, telephone calls, tips, etc.
- ❖ Any other Sites not mentioned in the itinerary.
- ❖ Any other item not specifically mentioned above in 'PRICE INCLUSIONS'.
- ❖ Visa fees to Sri Lanka.

GENERAL:

- ❖ Hotel check-in time: 1400 h, Hotel check-out time: 1100 h.
- ❖ 'No Show' will not be entitled to any refunds.
- ❖ Acceptance of these 'Terms and Conditions' is a requirement of your booking. Submission of a booking is your acknowledgement that you have read, understood and agreed to be bound by these 'Terms and Conditions'.

PAYMENT:

- ❖ In order to confirm your tour package, full payment is required upon confirmation.
- ❖ Credit Card payments require a 3.5% surcharge.
- ❖ Bank TT or Pay Pal (3.5% surcharge required) are accepted which is a common mode of payment

TOUR CANCELLATION POLICY:

- ❖ 90 days or more before departure – LOSS OF DEPOSIT!
- ❖ 89 to 64 days before departure - 25% of Tour Cost
- ❖ 63 to 43 days before departure - 50% of Tour Cost
- ❖ 42 to 31 days before departure - 75% of Tour Cost
- ❖ Within 30 days of departure - 100% of Tour Cost