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16 Days

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About Sri Lanka

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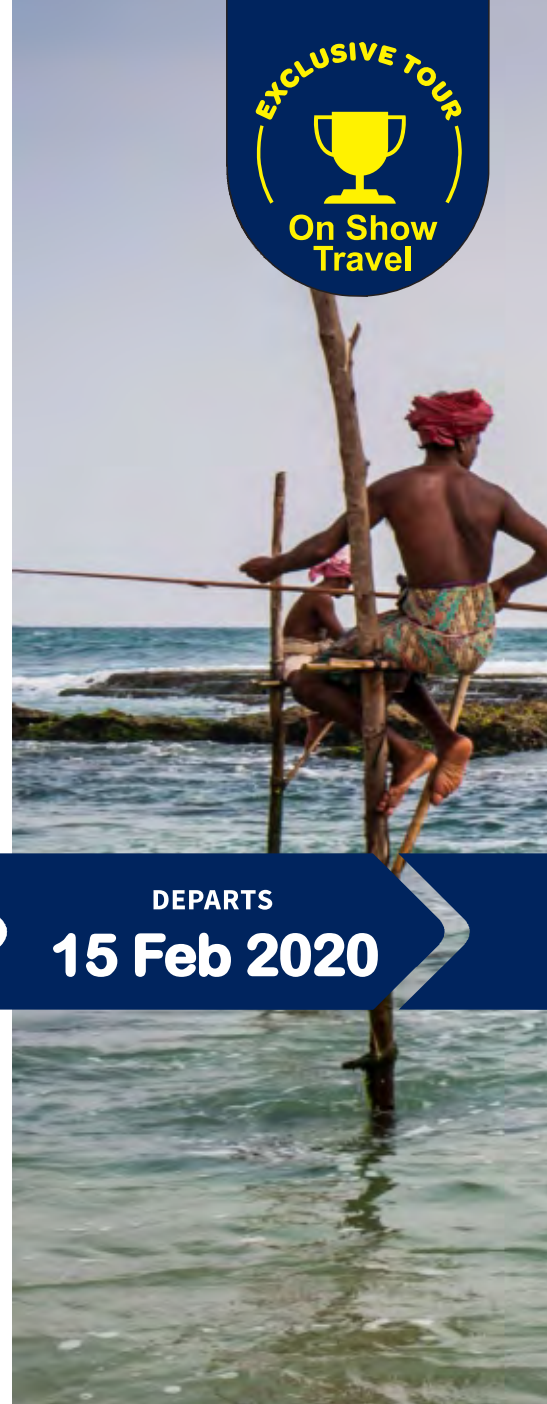
Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (formerly Ceylon, Serendib)

Independence

1948 (from the UK).

Population

21.5 million (similar to Australia)



Inclusions:

- Return International Economy Class Airfare from Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne
- Australia and Sri Lanka Departure Taxes
- Current Airlines Fuel levy – Subject to change
- Good 4 Star Accommodation
- Meals as per Itinerary
- Return Airport Transfers
- All Transportation, Daily Tours and Admission Fees as per itinerary
- 14 Day Coach Tour visiting Major Tourist Attraction
- Visit an Elephant Orphanage and Turtle Hatchery
- Enjoy wildlife Jeep Safari in Yala National Park
- Professional English Speaking Guide
- On Show Travel Tour Host
- Tipping and Gratuities for Guide and Drivers

Not Included:

- Travel Insurance
- Sri Lanka Visa Fee US\$35
- Meals unless Specified
- Beverages unless Specified
- Items of a Personal Nature



**Active Moderate
Level Fitness
Required**

This tour includes active/moderate physical activities and an average level of fitness is required to participate. Passengers must be able to:

- Participate in walking tours without having to stop or sit down to rest for up to 20 minutes
- Walk up an incline equal to a flight of stairs without stopping
- Stand for 30 minutes without needing to sit down
- Walk over uneven ground, tackle cobbled creek crossings & walk through soft sand
- Get on and off transportation multiple times unaided
- Manage your own luggage

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

Old Dutch Fort wall in Negombo



Tour Highlights

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

Anuradhapura Ancient Kingdom



HIGHLIGHTS

*Be captivated by the unspoilt natural beauty, friendly people and ancient history of Sri Lanka
Discover picturesque landscapes, abundant wildlife and traditional ways of life.
Immerse yourself in Sri Lanka's spiritual culture and cuisine.
Travel in air conditioned coach, train and boat.*

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

Yala National Park Safari



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Dambulla Cave Temple



Tour Itinerary





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Tour Itinerary

Day 01, Sunday – 15 February 2020: Australia - Singapore - Sri Lanka

Brisbane passengers depart at 2.30pm on flight SQ 236, arriving in Singapore at 8.45pm.

Sydney passengers depart at 3.00pm on flight SQ 222, arriving in Singapore at 9.20pm.

Melbourne passengers depart at 3.40pm on flight SQ 228, arriving in Singapore at 9.30pm.

All passengers depart Singapore at 10.40pm on flight SQ 468, arriving in Colombo at 11.55pm.

Upon arrival in Sri Lanka we will be transferred to our hotel in Negombo.

Accommodation: Jetwing Blue, Negombo or similar

Day 02, Monday – 16 February 2020: Negombo **B L D**

This morning is at leisure to relax or explore Negombo. In the afternoon we have a tour of Negombo, which is located 37Km north of Colombo and is well known as a classic fishing town. Its wide sandy beaches, lush tall coconut palm trees and gourmet seafood will send any visitor into instant tropical paradise. The highlights of this tour include the remnants of the Old Dutch Fort wall and the many churches built by the Portuguese and Dutch. Lunch today is included and dinner this evening is at the hotel.

Accommodation: Pledge Escape, Negombo or similar

Day 03, Tuesday – 17 February 2020: Negombo - Pinnawala - Anuradhapura **B L D**

This morning after breakfast we proceed to Anuradhapura. En route we visit Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage, which is situated approximately 90km from Colombo. The orphanage was originally founded in 1975 by the Sri Lanka Department of Wildlife Conservation. It is aimed at providing care and protection for many of the orphaned baby wild elephants found wandering in the forests of Sri Lanka. Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage also places an emphasis on breeding and ongoing research for these gentle giants.

After lunch at a local restaurant we continue on our way to Anuradhapura. Upon arrival we check into the hotel, with the

remainder of the afternoon at leisure. Dinner this evening is at the hotel. Accommodation: Palm Garden Village or similar

Day 04, Wednesday – 18 February 2020: Anuradhapura – Trincomalee **B L D**

After breakfast this morning we visit Anuradhapura Ancient Kingdom, which was the first kingdom and capital of Sri Lanka. We have some time to explore the ancient ruins of this UNESCO World Heritage listed site, including the most renowned relic of the Bodhi Tree (grown from a branch transported from India) under which Buddha was believed to have attained enlightenment. There are many other important shrines and monuments that give Anuradhapura its significant status as the first kingdom. We then depart for Trincomalee. Upon arrival in Trincomalee we check into the hotel for a two night stay. The remainder of the day at leisure. Lunch and dinner will be at the hotel.

Accommodation: Trinco Blu by Cinnamon or similar

Day 05, Thursday – 19 February 2020: Trincomalee **B L D**

After breakfast we have a tour of Trincomalee, which is 165 miles from Colombo and one of the largest and safest natural harbours in the world. Trincomalee is connected by rail and road. It has sunny weather throughout the year, with white sandy beaches, calm, placid and warm waters ideal for underwater activities and for whale watching. We visit Koneswaram Temple. According to an inscription found on the doorway to the fortress, the temple was destroyed by the Portuguese in the 16th century AD. They threw all the columns down to the sea below. Three bronze statues, found among the columns in the sea, were brought up by divers and are now kept in the modern temple at the same site which is located within the Dutch Fort in Trincomalee. The rest of the day is at leisure. Lunch and dinner will be at the hotel.

Accommodation: Trinco Blu by Cinnamon or similar

Day 06, Friday – 20 February 2020: Trincomalee – Sigiriya – Habarana **B L D**

This morning we proceed to Habarana and have lunch at a local restaurant. In the afternoon there is an opportunity to climb Sigiriya Rock Fortress. Sigiriya Rock Fortress is one of Sri



Lanka's major attractions. It was built by King Kashyapa from 477 - 495 AD for the purpose of protecting him from his rivals. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is also known as the 'Fortress in the Sky'. There is so much to discover during your stair climb up to the fortress, including water gardens, artistic frescoes, a mirror wall and the lion gate. When you reach the top you are rewarded with breathtaking views. Please note that the climb to Sigiriya Rock consists of 600 steps with flat areas of interest in between. The climb is quite strenuous and as such it is not suitable for everyone. For those not wishing to climb the rock there will be an alternative Hiriwaduna Trek. Ride a bullock cart, which is Sri Lanka's oldest form of transportation, on an unpaved trail. Then cross a wider tributary on a kind farmer's catamaran. Enjoy the sight of the village folk as they go about their daily tasks. Lunch today is at a local restaurant and dinner is at the hotel. Please note for today's touring, you can either select Sigiriya Rock or the trek. Accommodation: Cinnamon Lodge or similar

Day 07, Saturday – 21 February 2020: Habarana – Dambulla – Habarana **B L D**

Today we visit Dambulla Cave Temple which is part of the Golden Triangle of Sri Lanka and is encrusted into a magnificently large rock. It sits more than 160 metres above the surrounding land and measures more than 1.5km around the base. Also known as the "Golden Temple", it was listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1991. This ancient complex was initially established in the 3rd century B.C. and is truly a wonder as it is the largest and best preserved of the cave temples in Sri Lanka. The cave temples are home to numerous religious and cultural paintings and sculptures. Lunch today is at a local restaurant and we return to the hotel for dinner. Accommodation: Cinnamon Lodge or similar

Day 08, Sunday – 22 February 2020: Habarana – Kandy **B L D**

This morning we depart for Kandy, which is known as the charming hill capital of Sri Lanka and lies picturesquely surrounded by mountains. Kandy is also the last kingdom of Sri Lanka and is today a bustling city. Upon arrival we have an

included lunch at a local restaurant. We then have a sightseeing tour of the area, including Upper Lake Drive and visits to a wood carving shop, gem museum, Kandy bazaar/markets and a batik factory.

Next we visit the Temple of the Tooth Relic, or "Dalada Maligawa" as it is known to the locals. This sacred temple is located in Kandy and is also home to the palm-leaf transcripts. Its history dates back to 1687. This stunning piece of architecture is instantly recognised by its octagonal shape and golden roof. Although we are not able to view the actual tooth itself, the casket within which it is held is displayed twice a day. We also see a cultural show, which displays a combination of up country and low country dance performances. Dinner tonight is at the hotel.

Accommodation: Grand Kandyan Hotel or similar

Day 09, Monday – 23 February 2020: Kandy **B L D**

After breakfast we visit Peradeniya Botanical Gardens. This beautiful garden is located 6km from Kandy and was first built as a pleasure garden by a Sinhala king and was expanded by the British. It covers approximately 147 acres and is a stroller's paradise with extensive well kept lawns, pavillions, an octagon conservatory, fernery, a giant Javan fig tree and numerous flower beds. The best attraction is the orchid house, where we can see more than 1000 plants. Lunch is at a local restaurant, followed by a lovely drive through the nearby university grounds. Afterwards we visit a tea factory, where we observe the process of manufacturing tea. We will also learn about how tea is graded and taste a cup of pure Ceylon tea in the factory. Dinner tonight is at the hotel.

Accommodation: Grand Kandyan Hotel or similar

Day 10, Tuesday – 24 February 2020: Kandy – Nuwara Eliya **B L D**

This morning we proceed to Nuwara Eliya. Along the way we have a train ride from Peradeniya to Nanu Oya. Our train ride gives us unparalleled views and penetrating glimpses both of

the scenic.

beauty and culture of the hill country as we travel along. Lunch is at a local restaurant. Dinner this evening is at the hotel.

Accommodation: Araliya Green Hills or similar

Day 11, Wednesday – 25 February 2020: Nuwara Eliya – Ella **B L D**

Today we travel on to Tissamaharama. En-route we visit Ella Gap. Ella is situated 230km from the capital city of Colombo and overlooks a spectacular gap in the southern mountains where the land falls to a dizzying drop of 3000 feet into the Southern Sea. The small town is used as a base for many trekking expeditions to the surrounding areas. This is a great place to stop for a tea break. From Ella Gap we have a breathtaking view of the south-east part of Sri Lanka. It is a great place for photography. We continue on to Tissamaharama and have lunch at the hotel. This afternoon we have a Wildlife Jeep Safari. Yala National Park is the largest national park in Sri Lanka. It is located approximately 24km north-east of Tissamaharama. Yala is considered the best location to sight and photograph the rare and remarkable leopards. Other highlights of Yala include the herd of wild elephants, bears, wild boars, buffalos, deer, crocodiles and many species of birds. The vegetation ranges from open parkland to dense jungle. There is also an abundance of water for animals and birds, ranging from waterholes, streams and small lakes to lagoons. Dinner this evening is at the hotel. Accommodation: Cinnamon Wild or similar.

Day 12, Thursday – 26 February 2020: Tissamaharama – Weligama – Galle **B L D**

After breakfast we travel to Galle. Along the way we will pass an area famous for stilt fishermen. We may see the local fishermen going about their daily routines as they fish in chest-deep water just a few metres offshore perched on a cross bar on a single pole planted into the sea bed. This is a traditional method of fishing amongst the locals in the southern part of Sri Lanka, but today is mostly performed for tourists. Afterwards we have a tour of Galle, which is recognized as the southern capital of Sri Lanka. It is 116km from Colombo and home to the popular fort called "Santa Cruz", which is listed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. The fort, which was initially built by the Portuguese in 1619, has been expanded and further developed by the Dutch and the British. Galle was the main seaport of Sri Lanka before Colombo and to this day is still an active seaport. During the

tour of Galle, you will have the opportunity to visit Galle Fort, Old Dutch Church and walk along the Rampart. Lunch and dinner today will be at the hotel.

Accommodation: Amari Galle, Galle or similar.

Day 13, Friday – 27 February 2020: Galle **B L D**

Today is at your leisure to enjoy the fantastic resort hotel or further explore Galle. The included meals today will be at the hotel.

Accommodation: Amari Galle, Galle or similar.

Day 14, Saturday – 28 February 2020 – 07 November 2019: Galle – Colombo **B L D**

This morning we commence our trip to the nation's capital Colombo. En route we stop to see some Toddy Tappers at work. A Toddy Tapper rope-walks quickly from treetop to treetop at 30 to 40 feet above the ground in order to harvest the sweet milky sap of the cut coconut blossom. We then enjoy a boat ride on the Madu River, which is a complex coastal ecosystem of mangroves and islands. A boat tour is an ideal way to experience hundreds of species of plants and animals in their natural habitat. There are around 64 islands in the river and lagoon. This is followed by a visit to a turtle hatchery in Kosgoda, which comes highly recommended by Lonely Planet. The small town of Kosgoda on the southern strip is famous for its turtle hatchery which is operated by the Wild Life Protection Society of Sri Lanka. At the hatchery, fishermen are paid for rescuing the vulnerable eggs which they collect at night, along the sandy beach. Visitors can witness the exceptional sight of them hatching or even see tanks filled with new born hatchlings. After being fed, the baby turtles are returned back to the sea where they are released when they are 2 - 4 days old. Once placed on the beach, most baby sea turtles start moving towards the water, flapping their tiny flippers. Visiting this turtle hatchery is both enjoyable and rewarding. Lunch is at a local restaurant. During today's touring we will also visit the Tsunami Museum and learn about the devastating effects that the 2004 tsunami had on this part of Sri Lanka. Afterwards we continue to Colombo and have dinner at the hotel.

Accommodation: Hilton Colombo or similar.

Day 15, Sunday – 29 February 2020: Colombo **B L D**

This morning we commence a sightseeing tour of Colombo, Sri Lanka's largest city. We drive through the busy commercial areas as well as the tree-lined residential suburb of Cinnamon Gardens. Visit Fort, the central business, district the former

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British administrative centre and military garrison. Then onto Sea Street, which is the Goldsmith's quarters in the heart of Pettah. Also see the Bazaar area, a Hindu Temple with elaborate stone carvings and the Dutch Church of Wolfendhal dating back to 1749. If time permits, we may also see the replica of Avukana Buddha and the Independence Square. Following this we visit the Colombo National Museum, which was established in 1877. It is best known for its collection of antiques and objects d'art. Over 500,000 publications of Sri Lanka with more than 4,000 palm leaf manuscripts are found in the library of the museum. Among the exhibits are the regalia of the King of Kandy, ancient and medieval jewellery, a rare collection of traditional demon masks, wood and ivory carvings, an exquisite collection of Buddhist and Hindu bronzes, specially from the Polonnaruwa Period, reproductions of temple frescoes, Chinaware including VOC plates of the Dutch period, antique furniture, numismatics from the earliest period to modern times, lacquered objects, stone sculpture and stone inscriptions.

Afterwards we have a chance for some last minute shopping in Colombo, for people who enjoy a good bargain on quality clothes and fashion accessories. We then return to the hotel with some time to relax. We have a 5pm late checkout and then enjoy a farewell dinner Shasha Restaurant. Later we transfer to the airport for our flights home.

Day 16, Monday – 01 March 2020: Colombo – Singapore – Australia **B L D**

Depart Colombo at 1.10am on SQ 469, arriving in Singapore at 7.40am.

Sydney passengers depart Singapore at 9.35am on SQ 211, arriving in Sydney at 7.15pm.

Brisbane passengers depart Singapore at 9.40am on SQ 245, arriving in Brisbane at 7.30pm. Melbourne passengers depart Singapore at 11.00am on SQ 217, arriving in Melbourne at 8.25pm.

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