



Duration
15 days

Guaranteed
4 travellers

Group size
16 travellers

Price
From AUD \$ 3,489



WHAT TO EXPECT

Observe leopards on safari in Yala National Park. Referred by locals as the Eighth Wonder of the World – Sigirya is the most visited highlight in Sri Lanka. Search for the world's largest creature, the Blue Whale on a morning cruise off the coast of Sri Lanka (September to April). Visit one of Anuradhapura's most revered Buddhist temples sites, Ruwanwelisaya Dagoba. On a walking tour, wander through the old streets and ramparts of Galle Fort which has been influenced by Dutch, Portuguese and British.

Day 1: Arrive Colombo

Welcome to Sri Lanka! On arrival in Colombo, transfer to your hotel and enjoy free time until your tour briefing. We will stay in Colombo for the next two nights.

Day 2: Colombo

Discover Colombo's main sites including the Fort district, kovils (Tamil Hindu temples) and the Gangaramaya Temple. Walk through the Pettah street market area before a free evening.

- Meals included: Breakfast
- Insider Experiences: Visit of Colombo's main sites, Walk through the Pettah street market

Day 3: Colombo to Anuradhapura

Drive to Anuradhapura stopping en route at Negombo's famous fish market. On the journey, you may see locals 'toddy tapping', a process which produces a popular local alcoholic beverage. On arrival in Anuradhapura, enjoy free time to relax. We will stay there for the next two nights.

- Meals included: Breakfast
- Insider Experiences: Unique - Visit of Negombo's fish market

Day 4: Anuradhapura

Explore the ancient complex of Mihintale and climb to the hill temples for spectacular views. Enjoy free time before an afternoon tour of Anuradhapura's main sites. In the evening, see pilgrims praying under the huge dome of Ruwanwelisaya Dagoba.

- Meals included: Breakfast
- Insider Experiences: Explore the ancient complex of Mihintale, Enjoy spectacular views at the hill temples, Spiritual - See pilgrims praying under the huge dome of Ruwanwelisaya Dagoba

Day 5: Anuradhapura to Sigiriya

Depart Anuradhapura and visit a rural village near Habarana and have a simple lunch. Journey on to the ancient capital of Polonnaruwa to explore the remains of the Royal Palace complex and neighbouring Quadrangle with superb Buddha images. Continue to Sigiriya and enjoy dinner at the hotel. We will stay there for the next two nights.

- Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Insider Experiences: Visit a rural village near Habarana, Explore the ancient capital of Polonnaruwa

Day 6: Sigiriya

Sigiriya Rock is one of Sri Lanka's iconic attractions. Spend time exploring Sigiriya and depending on your level of fitness, climb to the summit. Return to the hotel and enjoy a morning at leisure. Take an afternoon tour of Ritigala, a deserted forest monastery followed by dinner.

- Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner
- Insider Experiences: Explore Sigiriya, Visit of Ritigala

Day 7: Sigiriya to Kandy

Drive from Sigiriya to Dambulla, where you'll visit the hilltop caves. Before a local lunch, visit a tropical spice garden then continue to Kandy. We will stay there for the next two nights.

- Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch
- Insider Experiences: Visit of the hilltop caves of Dambulla, Visit a tropical spice garden

Day 8: Kandy

Rise early to visit the Temple of the Tooth. Enjoy a local breakfast before embarking on a city tour and stroll through the Peradeniya Botanical Gardens. Enjoy a Sri Lankan cooking demonstration with dinner.

- Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner
- Insider Experiences: Visit of the Temple of the Tooth, City tour of Kandy, Explore the Peradeniya Botanical Gardens, Taste - Sri Lankan cooking demonstration with dinner

Day 9: Kandy to Nuwara Eliya

Take an old-fashioned train from Kandy to Nuwara Eliya. On arrival in Nuwara Eliya, visit a tea plantation and enjoy a short town tour. Stay here for the night.

- Meals included: Breakfast
- Insider Experiences: Unique - Old-fashioned train ride from Kandy to Nuwara Eliya, Taste - Visit of a tea plantation, Short tour of Nuwara Eliya

Day 10: Nuwara Eliya to Yala National Park

Descend to the lowlands via the town of Ella. Take an easy walk to Little Adam's Peak and pass the Ravana Waterfalls. In the afternoon, arrive at Tissa, your base for Yala National Park. We will stay there the next two nights.

- Meals included: Breakfast
- Insider Experiences: Easy walk to Little Adam's Peak and pass the Ravana Waterfalls

Day 11: Yala

Enjoy an early morning and late afternoon safari at Yala National Park, famous for its leopards. Spend time relaxing at the resort during the day.

- Meals included: Breakfast
- Insider Experiences: Unique - Safari at Yala National Park

Day 12: Yala to Mirissa

Drive from Tissa to Mirissa. Stop en route at Mulkirigala to visit an unusual temple which features Buddhist art. On arrival, enjoy lunch before spending the afternoon at leisure. Relax with dinner at your hotel.

- Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Insider Experiences: Arts & Craft - Visit an unusual temple with features Buddhist art

Day 13: Mirissa to Hikkaduwa

This morning, board a boat to search for the Blue whale (September to April only – an alternative local activity will be arranged from May to October). After lunch, drive to Galle. Discover Galle Fort, a great place to explore the quaint streets.

- Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch
- Insider Experiences: Boat tour to see Blue Whales (depending on seasonality and luck), Discover Galle Fort

Day 14: Hikkaduwa

Enjoy free time to further explore. This afternoon, visit a turtle hatchery focussing on conservation before enjoying a farewell group dinner in Galle Fort.

- Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner
- Insider Experiences: Visit a turtle hatchery focussing on conservation

Day 15: Depart Hikkaduwa to Colombo

Enjoy breakfast before transferring to Colombo for your onward journey.

- Meals included: Breakfast

Inclusions

Insider Experiences

- Arts & Craft – Visit an unusual temple with features Buddhist art
- Spiritual – See pilgrims praying under the huge dome of Ruwanwelisaya Dagoba
- Taste – Sri Lankan cooking demonstration with dinner
- Taste – Visit of a tea plantation
- Unique – Visit of Negombo's fish market
- Unique – Old-fashioned train ride from Kandy to Nuwara Eliya
- Unique – Safari at Yala National Park

Accommodation

- 14 nights in 3-4 star hotels

Transport

- Airport transfer on arrival and departure
- Air-conditioned vehicle
- Train from Kandy to Nuwara Eliya

Meals

- Daily breakfast
- 4 local lunches
- 5 local dinners

Touring

- English speaking tour guide
- All entrance fees
- All tipping

Contact your local travel agent