



Sri Lanka Discovery

14 Nights/15 Days

Colombo – Anuradhapura – Sigiriya – Kandy – Nuwara Eliya – Yala National Park – Mirissa – Hikkaduwa - Colombo

Observe leopards on safari in Yala National Park. Referred by locals as the Eighth Wonder of the World – Sigiriya 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, Ruvanvelisaya 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 Colombo

Welcome to Sri Lanka! On arrival in Colombo, you will be greeted and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy some free time before 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. (B)

Day 3 Colombo - 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. (B)

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. (B)

Day 5 Anuradhapura - 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. (B, L, D)

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. (B, D)

Day 7 Sigiriya - 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. (B, L)

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. (B, D)

Day 9: Kandy - 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. (B)

Day 10: Nuwara Eliya - 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. (B)

Day 11: Yala National Park

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. (B)

Day 12: Yala National Park - 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. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Mirissa - 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. (B)

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. (B, D)

Day 15: Departure from Colombo

Enjoy breakfast before transferring to Colombo for your onward journey. (B)

Included:

- 14 nights' accommodation
- Daily Breakfast for 2 Persons
- Meals as indicated
- Train from Kandy to Nuwara Eilya
- Yala National Park Jeep Safaris
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles

- Small group touring
- All Entrance fees
- English speaking tour leader
- All Tipping
- Arrival and departure transfers



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