

Tour Of Sri Lanka
With A Driver Guide In Your Own Exclusive Air-Conditioned Vehicle.

CLASSIC TOUR OF SRI LANKA

Day	Date	Location	First Class Hotels	Standard Hotels	Daily Schedule
01		Depart UK			
02		Arrive Colombo	Mount Lavinia Hotel Bay Wing Room	Browns Beach Hotel	>Pick Up From Colombo Airport >Relax On Arrival At Colombo Or Negombo
03		Dambulla	Kandalama Hotel	Kassapa Lions Rock	>Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage >Golden Cave Temples At Dambulla
04		Dambulla	Kandalama Hotel	Kassapa Lions Rock	>The Ancient Medieval Capital Of Polonnaruwa >Elephant Back Ride At Habarana
05		Kandy	Amaya Hills	Thilanka Hotel	>The Sigiriya Rock Fortress, One Of The Wonders Of The Ancient World >The Spice Gardens Of Matale >Kandyan Dance Performance
06		Kandy	Amaya Hills	Thilanka Hotel	>Peradeniya Gardens And Its Orchid Houses >Temple Of The Buddha's Tooth
07		Nuwara Eliya	Tea Factory	St Andrews Hotel	>By Train Through The Hill Country (Observation Car) >British Hill Station Of Nuwara Eliya
08		Beach	1		>Devon And St Clair's Falls >Stop For Tea At The Mlesna Tea Castle With Tea Museum >Drop Off At Beach Hotel
09		Beach	2		
10		Beach	3		
11		Beach	4		
12		Beach	5		
13		Beach	6		
14		Depart Colombo Arrive UK			>Transfer To Colombo Airport

Yellow=Beach



Reclining Buddha At Kandy

Day 01 – Depart UK

Day 02 – Colombo



Aerial View Of Colombo

Relaxation At Colombo

Colombo is an ideal location for rest and relaxation. Surrounding the city centre or **Fort** is the shopping area called **Pettah** with colourful bazaars and markets lining the streets. The best restaurants in the island are to be found in the city as well as a collection of world famous **Old Empire** hotels that hark back to a bygone era.



Mount Lavinia Hotel At Colombo



Sri Lanka's Fabulous Tropical Beaches



Day 03 – Dambulla



Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage

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Set in a pretty riverside location, this is home to about 70 **Elephants**- the largest group of orphaned **Elephants** in the world! Most have been found injured or abandoned in the wild. Baby calves, some only a few weeks old are fed by bottle and the whole herd is then bathed in the adjoining river. A tour highlight for many visitors to **Sri Lanka**.



The Golden Cave Temple At Dambulla

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An extremely ancient series of 5 cave temples containing thousands of **Buddhist** images and paintings, which date back 2000 years. **Sri Lanka's** artistic masterpiece and a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** of prime importance.



Day 04 – Dambulla



Gal Vihare Sculptures At Polonnaruwa

The Ancient City Of Polonnaruwa

The capital of medieval **Sri Lanka** from 11th-14th Century contains ruins of stupas, temples and monasteries, which are still excellently preserved. The **Gal Vihare** with 3 huge rock-cut images of the **Buddha** is one of the world's great works of **Buddhist** sculpture.



Elephant Back Ride At Dambulla

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You will be taken on **Elephant Back** through a very pretty landscape near **Dambulla** where the forest is interspersed with villages and lakes. Travelling on **Elephant Back** is a unique way of having a glimpse of rural life. Villages and paddy fields are set around ancient man-made lakes surrounded by patches of forest.



On Elephant Back Through Forests

Day 05 – Kandy



Sigiriya Rock Fortress

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The remarkable 'fortress in the sky'. A magnificent rock citadel with beautiful frescoes hidden in a natural cave dating from 470 A.D. The climb to the top from the huge stone **Lions Paws** is a dizzying experience with superb views over surrounding forests and distant hills. The newly excavated **Royal Pleasure Gardens** at the foot of the rock are some of the earliest from antiquity. Thought by many to be the **8th Wonder Of The Ancient World!**



Chilli, Black Pepper And Cinnamon

Visit To A Spice Garden

You will pass through an area famous for spice plantations on the way to **Kandy**. The locality around **Matale** has a very favourable climate for the growth of spice plants. A guided walk is possible around a plantation full of spice trees and herbs, which you may also purchase.

Kandyan Cultural Performance

An evening performance by the famous **Kandyan Temple Dance Troupe** which incorporates highly rhythmic movements to the sound of temple drums and flutes.



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Day 06 – Kandy



Orchid House At Peradeniya Gardens

Peradeniya Gardens And Orchid Houses

One of the finest botanical gardens in the **East** including an **Orchid House** with 300 varieties. **Lord Mountbatten's South East Asia Command Headquarters** were located here during WW 2.



Temple Of The Tooth

Temple Of The Buddha's Tooth

Arrive in **Kandy**, the island's prettiest town and the last capital city of the **Sri Lankan Kings**. The best time to visit its world famous shrine, containing the revered tooth of the **Buddha** is the evening 'pooja' ceremony when the temple is illuminated with flickering lamps - a magical experience.

A beautiful view of **Kandy** can be seen from **Lake Drive** above the pretty **Kandy Lake**. You may also visit the **Old Town** area adjacent to the temple, which contains some very early **British** colonial and **Kandyan** period buildings in a narrow maze of streets. **UNESCO** has designated the whole area as a **World Heritage Site**.

Lake Drive View

A road high above **Kandy Lake** leads to a viewpoint giving a spectacular panorama of the town and the distant **Dumbara Hills** covered in mist.

Day 07 – Nuwara Eliya



Hill Country Express

By Train Through Sri Lanka's Hill Country

Without doubt **One Of The Most Beautiful Train Journeys In The World**. The **Observation Car** gives magnificent views of the **Hill Country** while passing cascading waterfalls.

Nuwara Eliya-Little England In The Hills

The original **Hill Station** of the **British** tea planters who came to **Ceylon**, as it was then known. There is a **Hill Club**, **Grand Hotel**, the oldest **Golf Course** in **Asia** and even a **Race Course**- all are bygone reminders of an **English** social life that once thrived here.



Hill Country Near Nuwara Eliya



Tea Estates Near Nuwara Eliya



Day 08 – To Sri Lanka's Beaches



St Clair's Falls And Dramatic Hill Country Views

Journey Down To The Coast

Follow scenic roads through tea estates to the lowlands via **Ginigathena Pass** stopping at the lovely **St Clair's** and **Devon** falls, two of the most beautiful waterfalls in **Sri Lanka**.



Kithulgala

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An area of lush tropical vegetation which is famous as the site for the filming of **Sir David Lean's** classic **'The Bridge Over The River Kwai'**.



Depart Sri Lanka