

**Escorted Tour Of Sri Lanka  
 With A Driver Guide In An Air-Conditioned Vehicle.**

**SRI LANKA SPECIAL OFFER HOLIDAY**

Day	Date	Location	Featured Hotels	Daily Schedule
01		Depart UK		
02		Arrive Colombo To Dambulla	Chaaya Village	>Pick Up From Colombo Airport
03		Dambulla	Chaaya Citadel	>The Sigiriya Rock Fortress, One Of The Wonders Of The Ancient World >Golden Cave Temples At Dambulla >Spice Gardens Of Matale
04		Kandy	Chaaya Citadel	>Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage >Kandyan Dance And Cultural Performance >Temple Of The Buddha's Tooth
05		Nuwara Eliya	St Andrews Hotel	>Peradeniya Gardens And Its Orchid Houses >British Hill Station Of Nuwara Eliya
06		Beach	Kani Lanka Resort And Spa	>Devon And St Clair's Falls >Stop For Tea At The Mlesna Tea Castle With Tea Museum >Drop Off At Beach Hotel
07		Beach	Kani Lanka Resort And Spa	
08		Beach	Kani Lanka Resort And Spa	
09		Beach	Kani Lanka Resort And Spa	
10		Beach	Kani Lanka Resort And Spa	
11		Beach	Kani Lanka Resort And Spa	
12		Depart Colombo Arrive UK		>Transfer To Colombo Airport

Yellow=Beach



Reclining Buddha At Kandy



Sri Lankan Gemstones

## Day 02 – Dambulla



Landscape On Way To Dambulla

### Arrive At Colombo And Transfer To Dambulla

**Dambulla** lies at the heart of Sri Lanka 's **Cultural Triangle** and was the centre of the island's great ancient civilization that flourished over 2000 year ago. Today the **Dambulla – Habarana** resort area has some of **Sri Lanka's** finest hotels, located in very beautiful forested surroundings. Many have fine views of the world famous **Sigiriya Rock Fortress**.



Monkeys And Basket Shop At Dambulla



### Day 03 – 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 **8<sup>th</sup> Wonder Of The Ancient World!**



**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.

#### **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.



## Day 04 – Kandy



**Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage**

### Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage

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**.



**Kandy Temple Dancers And Paintings At 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**.

### 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.



## Day 05 – Nuwara Eliya



Sri Lanka's Sublime Hill Country

### Ramboda Mountain Pass

Drive up into the high hills through the spectacular **Ramboda Mountain Pass** with its famous waterfall.

### 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.



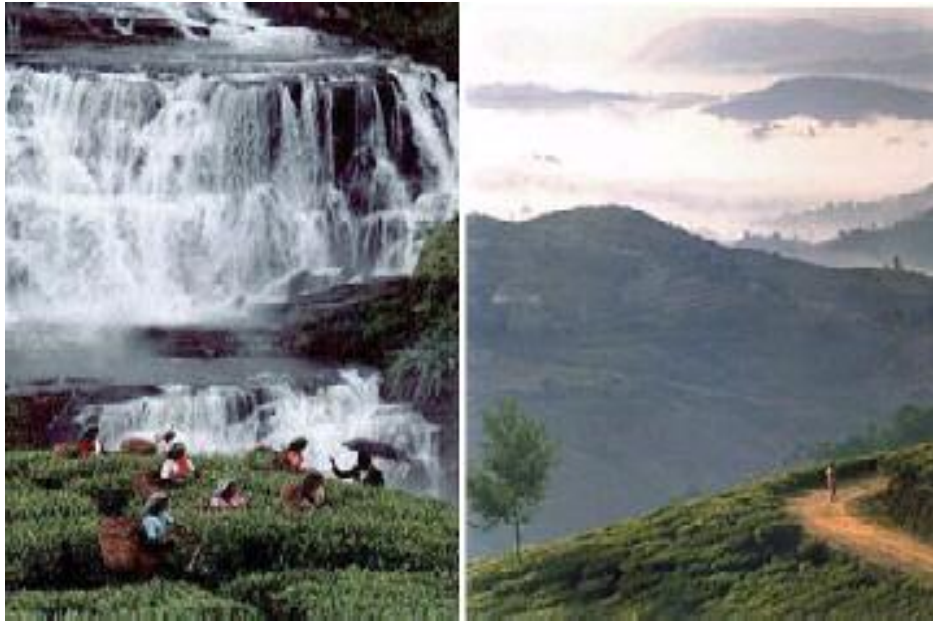
Tea Estates Near Nuwara Eliya



The Beautiful Bogawantalawa Valley



### Day 06 – 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**.

#### **Mlesna Tea Castle And Museum**

Opposite the **St Clair's Falls** is a perfect place to admire the stunning scenery and sample a cup of the island's famous tea. The **Tea Castle** is located in a tea estate and there are exhibits showing the history of tea growing 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'**.



**Day 07 – Day 11 Sri Lanka's Beaches**

**Fishermen At Kalutara Beach**

**Sri Lanka's Beaches**

The popular beaches of the **South West** of the island are to the south of **Colombo**. These include **Wadduwa** and **Kalutara**, with a long sandy beach and the famous **Bentota Beach** further to the south with numerous picturesque bays and coves.



**Sri Lanka's Famous Stilt Fishermen**

**Day 12 – Depart Sri Lanka**

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