



Sri Lanka Panorama

14 day tour to Colombo, Dambulla, Trincomalee, Kandy, Nuwara Eliya, Yala & Tissamaharama

Marco Polo considered Sri Lanka "the finest island of its size in the world". We invite you to explore this superb destination, visiting the ancient cities and UNESCO World Heritage sites of Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa, Sigiriya and Dambulla. Relive the days of the British Raj in the evocative hill station of Nuwara Eliya, set in wonderful mountain scenery amidst tea plantations. Also be one of the first to visit the eastern coast at Trincomalee. This splendid itinerary includes some easy trekking, nature safaris and excellent all-round introduction to Sri Lanka.



Day 1 Australia ✈ Colombo

Fly from Australia to Colombo, Sri Lanka's capital city with a rich colonial heritage. Upon arrival at Colombo International Airport, you are met and transferred to your hotel.

Day 2 Colombo 🚗 Dambulla Meal: B/D

After breakfast travel to Anuradhapura the ancient capital of Sri Lanka from 5th century B.C. to the end of the 10th century A.D. and was the most celebrated of Sri Lanka's ancient ruined cities. The city's greatest treasure is its dagobas constructed of bricks and are hemispherical in shape. The most notable of these dagobas are the Ruvanveliseya dating back to the 2nd Century B.C. With 300 feet in diameter, the Jetawanarama of 370 feet and the Thuparama Dagoba, enshrined with the collarbone of the Buddha. The city's most renowned relic is the sacred Bo Tree, "Sri Mahabodhi", which is said to have grown from a branch of the tree under which the Buddha gained Enlightenment. It was planted 2250 years ago and is the oldest historically authenticated tree in the world. Later proceed towards Habarana. Overnight stay at Dambulla.

Day 3 Wildlife & Polonnaruwa

Meal: B/D

After breakfast enjoy a visit to Polonnaruwa, the ancient capital of Sri Lanka. As of today the city remains as one of the best planned archaeological relic sites in the country, a standing testimony to the discipline and greatness of the Kingdom's first rulers. It is now declared a World Heritage site by the UNESCO. Afternoon proceed for a wildlife safari at Minneriya National Park. The Park is based largely around a huge tank (reservoir) and serves as an important gathering place for Sri Lanka's large elephant population. Besides elephants, Minneriya is also home

to many species of mammals, such as the deer, sambur and sloth bear. Enjoy Habarana lake excursion in the evening with local fisherman.

Day 4 Village experience & Dambulla Caves Meal: B/D

Enjoy an early morning easy walk for 2.5 hours around the small villages to see the daily life of farmers. The guided walk goes along side Hiriwaduna lake giving chance to spot birds and land monitors and cross a little jungle rivulet by Catamaran and reach a farmers simple "wattle and daub" house to enjoy your packed breakfast with tea. Enjoy a bullock cart ride through paddy field before you end this fantastic village experience.

Later in the afternoon visit to Dambulla Cave Temples, vast isolated rock mass 500 feet high and a mile around the base. Here is found the famous Rock Temple dating to the First Century B.C.. The caves of Dambulla sheltered King Walagamba during his 14 years of exile from Anuradhapura. When he regained the throne he built the most magnificent of Rock Temples to be found in the Island. Overnight stay at the hotel.

Day 5 Trincomalee Meal: B/D

After breakfast today travel to Kandy stopping en-route at Sigiriya rock fortress. This World Heritage site, consists of the remains of a palace on the top of the rock, amid level terrace that includes the Lion Gate and the mirror wall with its frescoes of the 'Heavenly Maidens', the lower palace on the slopes below the rock, and the moats, walls and water gardens that extend for some hundreds of metres out from the base.

Later proceed your tour towards Trincomalee, a natural deep-water harbour that has attracted seafarers like Marco Polo, Ptolemy and sea traders from China and East Asia



since ancient times. Trinco, as it is commonly called, has been a sea port since the days of the ancient Sri Lankan Kings. It was an important trade city between Sri Lanka and the outside world, and one of the British Empire's most important ports in Asia during the Second World War. Stay for two nights in Trincomalee.

Day 6 Trincomalee Meal: B/D

The day is at leisure to enjoy the beautiful white sandy beaches at Trincomalee. For those wishing to do further sightseeing there is the option of a half day tour to visit Fort Frederick, Kanniyai Hot Wells and the Lover's Leap. Stay overnight in Trincomalee.

Day 7 Trincomalee ⇄ Kandy Meal: B/D

After breakfast today travel to Kandy stopping en-route at Spice Plantations at Matale.

Later proceed towards Kandy, a city in the center of Sri Lanka, the last capital of the

ancient kings' era of Sri Lanka. The city lies in the midst of hills in the Kandy Plateau, which crosses an area of tropical plantations, mainly tea. Kandy is one of the most scenic cities in Sri Lanka. It is both an administrative and religious city. It is the capital of the Central Province (which encompasses the districts of Kandy, Matale and Nuwara Eliya) and also of Kandy District. Kandy is the home of The Temple of the Tooth Relic (Sri Dalada Maligawa), one of the most venerable places for the Buddhist community of Sri Lanka and all around the world. It was declared a World Heritage by the UNESCO in 1988. Evening enjoy Upper Lake drive and watch a cultural dance show (including fire waling) before finishing your day.

Day 8 Kandy Meal: B/D

After breakfast excursion to Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage, established in 1975 with seven orphan elephants. With the help of local and foreign elephant experts, it soon branched out into a captive-breeding program and conservation and educational centre. On this 25-acre coconut plantation on the Maha Oya River, the elephants are free to roam in a natural habitat. They are taken to the river to bathe daily and are fed a mix of rice bran and maize to promote strong health. The babies under three years of age are bottle-fed by mahouts and volunteers. Since 1984, over 23 elephants have been born, and the centre contains the largest herd of captive elephants in the world. Later in the afternoon explore the town and visit Temple of the Tooth Relic, which houses the Tooth Relic of Lord Buddha. The Tooth is kept in a two-storey shrine fronted by two large elephant tusks and rests on a gold lotus flower, encased in jewelled casket that sits on a throne. The temple is decorated with beautiful local paintings and architectural features.

Visit the Gem Museum in the afternoon. Overnight stay at the hotel.

Day 09 Kandy ⇄ Nuwara Eliya Meal: B/D

Today we travel to Nuwar Eliya, The 'Little England' of Sri Lanka, set against beautiful backdrops of mountains, valleys, waterfalls and tea plantations. It is supposed to be one of the coldest places on the island, but it is really just like an English spring day, although the temperature does drop at night. All around Nuwara Eliya you will see evidence of the British influence. Houses are like country cottages or Queen Ann style mansions. On arrival in Nuwara Eliya visit a Tea Plantation and factory to witness the complete process of turning raw green leaf into the finished product.

Day 10 Nuwara Eliya ⇄ Yala / Tissamaharama Meal: B/D

Leave Nuwara Eliya this morning after breakfast towards Yala. Tissamaharama (Yala) is a town in south-eastern Sri Lanka. It used to be the capital of the Sinhalese Kingdom of Ruhuna as early as the 3rd century B.C. Only few buildings from that period can still be seen today. The large artificial Tissa Wewa Lake, which was a part of a sophisticated irrigation system, also dates from that time. Today, the town mainly serves as a starting point for visits to Yala National Park and Kataragama. Evening is free for you to explore around.

Day 11 Wildlife Safari Meal: B/D

After breakfast do a morning jeep safari to Yala National Park. Yala – Sri Lanka's most known National Park is popular for elephant,



leopard, bear, crocodile and wild boar. 97,800 hectares in extent, this is the second largest of Sri Lanka's National Parks. Its open undulating terrain has made it famous for elephants for many years, but recently the park has also received much fame through publicity by National Geographic and the Discovery TV channels, which focused on a leopard research/conservation and identification project. Claims have subsequently been made that Yala National Park has the world's highest concentration of leopard per square kilometre. Vegetation is primarily grassland and shrub jungle with patches of dense growth while several salt and fresh water lagoons are a haven for a large variety of resident and migrant birds. Areas popular with leopard are rock strewn hillocks with dense shrub in which the animals hide. Afternoon is kept free for you to relax or alternatively enjoy a log walk.



Day 12 Yala/Tissamaharama 🇨🇪 Colombo Meal: B/D

After breakfast travel to Colombo. En route follow the beautiful coastal route along to Galle or one of the southern beach resorts for a lunch break (at own expense). The roads are quite narrow so progress is quite slow. Afterwards there will be a tour of Galle, lasting approximately 2 hours, with its many Dutch colonial buildings and the UNESCO Galle Fort. Continue your journey to Colombo for overnight stay.

Day 13 Colombo ✈️ Australia Meal: B Today is at leisure. In time, transfer to the international airport for your overnight flight bound for Australia.

Day 14 Australia Arrive in Australia in the morning.



Sri Lanka Panorama Dates & Prices

Tour code	Start Colombo Monday	End Colombo Saturday	Full package with international airfare departing from Sydney / Melbourne / Brisbane# / Adelaide# / Perth#	
			Singapore Airlines	
LP170213	13-Feb-17	25-Feb-17	\$4,250	
LP170313	13-Mar-17	25-Mar-17	\$4,250	
LP170424	24-Apr-17	06-May-17	\$4,250	
LP170522	22-May-17	03-Jun-17	\$4,180	
LP170717	17-Jul-17	29-Jul-17	\$4,180	
LP170904	04-Sep-17	16-Sep-17	\$4,180	
LP171016	16-Oct-17	28-Oct-17	\$4,350	
LP171113	13-Nov-17	25-Nov-17	\$4,350	
LP180122	22-Jan-18	03-Feb-18	\$4,350	
LP180226	26-Feb-18	10-Mar-18	\$4,350	
LP180319	19-Mar-18	31-Mar-18	\$4,350	

Land only: \$3180 Single supplement: \$1120

* This tour is a guaranteed departure based on a minimum of 2 people. Full package prices above include airport taxes and fuel surcharges.

* Please refer to Page 7 for [Tour Inclusions](#) and [Extending Your Holiday](#) details.

* Land only price: Tour starts from [Arrival transfer in Colombo](#) to [Departure transfer in Colombo](#), excluding any International air tickets.

Package prices of Singapore Airlines are for departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth. Any cost including hotel or meals incurred due to the connecting flight in Hong Kong or Singapore will be at your own expenses.

Stopover in Singapore permitted if flying with Singapore Airlines. Extra airport taxes apply. Land arrangement in Singapore or Hong Kong can be arranged at additional cost.

Hotels used for this tour: 4* Colombo OZO Hotel; 4* Dambulla Sun Green Resort & Spa; 4* Trincomalee Trinco Blu By Cinnamon; 4* Kandy Earls Regent; 4* Nuwara Eliya Araliya Green Hills, 4* Yala Mandara Rosen Hotel or similar.

Pre / Post Stay Hotel: \$210 (Colombo) - per room per night with breakfast