

EXOTIC EXPEDITIONS



EXPERIENTIAL JOURNEYS FOR THE EXPLORING TRAVELLER



SRI LANKA EXPLORER

8 NIGHTS / 9 DAYS

Colombo - Kandy - Nuwara Eliya - Mirissa

HIGHLIGHTS

- EXPLORE THE ANCIENT SITES OF SIGIRIYA & DAMBULLA
- GO ON A WHALE AND DOLPHIN WATCHING TOUR OFF THE COAST OF MARISSA
- WATCH A KANDYAN DANCE AND VISIT THE TOOTH RELIC TEMPLE IN KANDY
- ENJOY THE BEAUTIFUL DRIVES THROUGH THE HILLS OF NUWARA ELIYA
- TAKE A SCENIC TRAIN JOURNEY THROUGH HILLS AND TEA PLANTATIONS
- SAVOR SOME OF SRI LANKA'S DELICIOUSLY FIERY CUISINE
- EXPERIENCE COSMOPOLITAN AND VIBRANT COLOMBO
- MEANDER THROUGH THE LABYRINTH OF ANCIENT STREETS IN THE FORT TOWN OF GALLE
- LAZE ON THE BEAUTIFUL BEACHES OF THE SOUTH COAST



BRIEF ITINERARY

DAY 1 : ARRIVE AND EXPLORE NEGOMBO

DAY 2 : VISIT DAMBULLA SIGIRIYA AND HABARANA

DAY 3 : DRIVE FROM HABARANA TO KANDY

DAY 4 : EXPLORE KANDY AND TOOTH RELIC TEMPLE

DAY 5 : KANDY TO HILL COUNTRY OF NUWARA ELIYA

DAY 6 : NUWARA ELIYA TO THE SOUTH COAST OF MIRISS

**DAY 7 : EXPLORE THE BEACHES OF WELIGAME AND
MIRISSA AND GO WHALE WATCHING**

DAY 8 : MIRISSA GALLE HIKKADUA AND COLOMBO

DAY 9 : DEPARTURE



DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1: Negombo

Welcome to Negombo, Sri Lanka. There are no activities planned today so you're free to arrive at any time. Although Colombo is the commercial capital, and by far the largest city in Sri Lanka, it's still relatively small. You won't be staying in the capital itself but in a place by the beach. There are plenty of beach bars, pubs, and restaurants available close by. Time permitting we visit the Negombo fish market and witnessing the bartering in the market and the variety of fish being presented by the locals is a great experience. Overnight at Negombo.



DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 2: Negombo to Dambulla, Sigiriya, and Habarana (160 kms / 5 hrs)

After breakfast, we leave for Dambulla to explore the famous Golden Rock cave temple which has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Recognised as a sacred pilgrimage site for 22 centuries, this cave monastery, a vast isolated rock mass with its five caverns is the largest best preserved cave-temple complex in Sri Lanka. The Buddhist mural paintings (covering an area of 2,100 sq. meters) are of particular importance as are the 157 statues including 47-foot long statue of the recumbent Buddha. Later we leave for Sigiriya. Climb the rock fortress of Sigiriya – a 5th Century “Fortress in the Sky”. Built by King Kassapa the fortress was a Royal Citadel for more than 18 years. The lion rock (A UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE) is a citadel of unusual beauty, rising 200 meters from the scrub jungle. The base of the rock is ringed by a moat and rampart and extensive gardens including the renowned water gardens. The majestic Lion’s Paw picturesquely guards the stairway of the palace on the summit. See the famous frescoes of the “Heavenly Maidens” of Sigiriya in a sheltered pocket of the rock and the 10-foot high Mirror Wall. After the climb, head for Habarana, a silent peaceful village with fine accommodation options which are located facing green topographies of the village. Check in at your hotel on arrival and spend the rest of the evening at leisure. Overnight at Habarana.



DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 3 : Habarana to Kandy (100 kms / 3.5 hrs)

After Breakfast head to Kandy. En route you will visit a spice garden in Matale. Kandy, the beautiful hill country capital is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, which is famous for the Temple of the Tooth which houses the most sacred religious relic, the tooth of the Buddha. The Kandy Lake built in 1807 and the Peradeniya Botanical Gardens, are some of the key jewels of the town that elevate its magnificence. Evening free to explore Kandy town, the markets and restaurants. Overnight at Kandy.



DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 4 : Kandy

After Breakfast visit the sacred Temple of the Tooth Relic. It is located in the Royal Palace Complex of the former Kingdom of Kandy, which houses the relic of the tooth of the Buddha. Since ancient times, the relic has played an important role in local politics because it is believed that whoever holds the relic holds the governance of the country. The temple of the tooth is a World Heritage Site and the most important temple in Sri Lanka. After lunch explore the lake area and later enjoy the Kandyan Cultural show at the Kandyan Arts & Cultural Centre. The show features the graceful and rhythmic dancers and drummers culminating in an impressive fire walking display. Overnight at Kandy.



DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 5 : Kandy to Nuwara Eliya

After breakfast we drive from Kandy to the hill station of Nuwara Eliya. This old British hill station in the heart of the tea growing industry and full of colonial charm. Built entirely during the 19th century, its quirky architecture reflects what you'd normally expect to find in an English country village which will make you feel like you've stepped back in time. Once known as 'Little England' by British colonialists, it's a fascinating mix of water buffalo and brick Victorian buildings, golf courses, and tea plantations. Evening explore the lake and town. Overnight at Nuwara Eliya.



DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 6 : Nuwara Eliya to Mirissa

After breakfast drive to Mirissa through the beautiful hill town of Bandarawale. Those who are feeling more adventurous can take a very scenic local train journey through the hills and tea gardens for a short stretch. Reach Mirissa by late afternoon/evening and enjoy an evening of beach splendor in Mirissa. The beach itself is a long curve of sand with lovely clear waters for swimming – a great spot to watch the sunset. Overnight in Mirissa.



DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 7 : Mirissa & Weligama

Today is a free day to explore Mirissa & Weligama beaches. The beaches of Mirissa and Weligama are some the best stretches of beaches on the south coast. They also have also many tours and activities like whale and dolphin watching, snorkeling surfing etc. You could join one of the tours or you could hire a bicycle/scooter and explore around. Overnight at Mirissa.



DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 8 : Mirissa to Colombo via Galle

After breakfast, we leave for Colombo. On the way, we visit Galle old town and Galle Fort. Galle Fort, in the Bay of Galle on the southwest coast of Sri Lanka, was built first in 1588 by the Portuguese, then extensively fortified by the Dutch during the 17th century from 1649 onwards. After lunch we head for Colombo and reach by evening. Evening free to explore Colombo on your own. Overnight in Colombo.



DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 9 : Departure

After breakfast transfer to airport. End of tour.



LOCATIONS



COLOMBO

Colombo, the capital of the island country of Sri Lanka is a cosmopolitan place with a rich history

For the traveller Colombo has some interesting colonial architecture, markets and some of the best restaurants in the country.



KANDY

Kandy is the second largest city in Sri Lanka and the cultural and religious capital of the country. It was also the last capital of the Sinhalese monarchy from 1469 to 1818, under the Kingdom of Kandy. It is also home to the Temple of the Tooth Relic, located in the Royal Palace Complex, which houses the relic of the tooth of the Buddha. The temple is a World Heritage Site and the most important structure in Sri Lanka. Kandy is also a nice town with a nice vibe to it.

LOCATIONS



NUWARA ELIYA

Nuwara Eliya is a small city in the Central Province of Sri Lanka and the most popular hill station of the country. With a picturesque landscape and temperate climate at an altitude of 1,868 meters it is the most important location for tea production in Sri Lanka. The city is overlooked by Pidurutalagala, the tallest mountain in Sri Lanka.



SOUTH COAST

The south coast of Sri Lanka has some of the best beaches in the country. Mirissa is a beautiful beach and off the coast of Mirissa and Weligama whales can be spotted. Weligama is a beautiful long beach and ideal for beginner level surfing. Other beautiful beaches on this stretch are Unuwatuna, Hikkadua and many more.

INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

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- 1 night stay each in Colombo, Negombo, Habana, Kandy, Nuwara Eliya, Hikkaduwa and 2 nights at Mirissa (Double Sharing)
- Breakfast on all days (8 Breakfast)
- All transportation and transfers during tour in Suv / Mini Van
- Airport transfers
- Service charges
- Taxes

EXCLUSIONS

- Flight Charges (Your city to Colombo and back)
- Visa
- Whale or Dolphin watching tour, Snorkeling
- Entry tickets and camera charges
- Dinner & Lunch
- Other than mentioned

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