

## Sri Lanka

# Sri Lanka: Discovering the Island of Tea

A small, welcoming island located on the spice route, Sri Lanka enchants travelers with its diversity. Immerse yourself in the intense green of its tea plantations. Dive into the deep blue off its coasts. Feel the humid warmth in fishing villages and while wandering through ancient, mysterious cities, then enjoy the cool freshness of its mountains revealed through cascading waterfalls and plantations. Sri Lanka offers a true blend of discoveries.



Ceylon is the former name of the Island of Tea. This drop of water in the Indian Ocean will amaze you with all the facets it offers to its visitors. Among its many treasures are ancient ruins reflecting centuries of spirituality, unspoiled nature inviting exploration of numerous national parks, a train journey through breathtaking landscapes, tea plantations, waterfalls, and endless beaches.

### You will like

- 👉 Cultural richness
- 👉 Its ancient and mysterious ruins
- 👉 Jeep safaris
- 👉 Its preserved nature
- 👉 The coolness of its waterfalls and tea plantations
- 👉 Beaches lined with coconut trees
- 👉 Daily yoga sessions

### Barometer

Encounter



Spirituality



Culture



Walk



Driving time



Adventure



Comfort

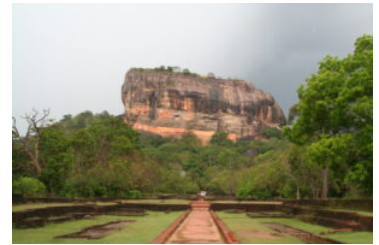


Immersion



Nature





## Practical information

- 🕒 **Age & public** : Groups from 6 to 8 travellers
- 🕒 **Duration** : 10 days on-site  
Possibility of extension
- 🕒 **Dates & travel periods** : From 8th to 19th February
- 🕒 **Number of travellers** : From 6 to 12 travellers
- 🕒 **Travel package** : Spirituality, Nature, People, and Encounters ("Malik's travels" package)
- 🕒 **Regions & landscapes** : West coast of Sri Lanka, Cultural Discoveries in the Central Region, and Relaxations in the South
- 🕒 **Accommodation** : Hotels
- 🕒 **Transport** : Private vehicle
- 🕒 **Luggage handling** : None (luggage transported by vehicle)

## Program

**Legend: B L D** = meals included in the price of the trip (**B**reakfast, **L**unch and **D**inner)

**Note** : the outline of this program (steps, activities, etc.) is given for information purposes only.

It may undergo modifications or adjustments depending on technical criteria, safety requirements, current climatic conditions and availability. Our guides always do everything possible to make the best possible decisions and options.

### little note :

Tout voyage qui sort des sentiers battus comporte parfois des événements imprévus (grève, route coupée, fête locale...) ; votre capacité d'adaptation aux conditions locales (transports, nourriture, hébergements, imprévus, aléas climatiques), comme à des événements inattendus sera aussi une clé à la réussite de votre voyage.

Nous comptons sur vous pour avoir un esprit délibérément « positif » et ne jamais oublier votre sens de l'humour.

Nous vous souhaitons un très beau et riche voyage .

### Day 1: Negombo (Meals: -D; transport: 30 minutes)

Ayubowan! (The traditional Sri Lankan greeting wishing us a long life and good health) Welcome to Sri Lanka!

We arrive at the airport and head towards the west coast to settle by the sea in Negombo.

We then explore the coastal town of Negombo, its local market, the bustling fish market, and its historic canals. As a predominantly Christian town, we also discover its churches. After the visit, we return to the hotel to relax, have dinner, and enjoy a good night's rest.

(The organisation of the first day depends on your arrival time.)

### Day 2: Wilpattu (Meals: BLD; transport: 3 hours 30 minutes)

In the morning, we drive to Wilpattu National Park. On the way, we visit the Hindu temple of Munneswaram, one of the oldest Hindu temples in Sri Lanka, famous for its architecture and religious significance.

After lunch at a local restaurant, we explore the park's wildlife in a 4x4 and may even be lucky enough to spot a leopard.

We then head to our camp for an overnight stay in a comfortable tent, surrounded by nature.

### **Day 3: Sigiriya** (Meals: BLD; transport: 2 hours)

After breakfast, our guide and driver take us to the ancient city of Anuradhapura, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, famous for its beautifully preserved ruins and impressive stupas.

After lunch at a local restaurant, we continue our cultural discoveries at Mihintale, a historic and spiritual site considered the birthplace of Buddhism in Sri Lanka.

We then travel to Sigiriya for a traditional relaxation experience at the end of this busy day of sightseeing, enjoying an Ayurvedic massage.

### **Day 4: Sigiriya** (Meals: BLD)

After breakfast at the lodge, we head to the ancient rock fortress of Sigiriya to climb it, admire its magnificent frescoes, and enjoy the panoramic views.

We then travel to Habarana to discover traditional Sri Lankan life and enjoy a typical lunch.

In the afternoon, we go on a 4x4 safari in Minneriya National Park to spot elephants in their natural habitat.

After the morning yoga session and breakfast at the lodge, we head to the ancient fortress of Sigiriya to climb it.

During the day, we discover traditional Sri Lankan life in Habarana and go on a photographic safari to spot elephants in Minneriya National Park.

### **Day 5: Kandy** (Meals: BLD-; transport: 2 hours 30 minutes)

Early in the morning, we head to Pidurangala Rock to climb it and watch the sunrise.

We then continue towards Kandy, stopping along the way at the Dambulla Rock Temple, a magnificent cave temple complex with countless Buddhist statues and paintings. We also visit the spice garden in Matale.

Once in Kandy, we enjoy a traditional dance performance and visit the Temple of the Tooth, which houses a sacred relic of the Buddha's tooth.

### **Day 6: Ella** (Meals: BLD; transport: 6 hours)

After breakfast, we head towards Nuwara Eliya to explore the region's tea plantations and discover the tea-making process. Ceylon tea is one of the world's most renowned teas.

We then continue our journey by train to Ella, travelling through breathtaking landscapes.

### **Day 7: Ella** (Meals: BL-)

This morning, we set off from the hotel for a trekking adventure. The route is not very long but quite steep! The reward: a swim in the clear waters of the beautiful waterfall overlooking the valley.

### **Day 8: Tangalle** (Meals: BLD; transport: 4 hours)

Today, we leave the mountainous region of Ella and its cool air to return to the warmth of the southern beaches. On the way, just as we leave Ella, we discover another waterfall, Ravana Falls.

### **Day 9: Tangalle** (Meals: BLD)

We settle in Tangalle for the end of this Sri Lanka discovery tour and enjoy a day of relaxation. For the more active, there is the option to try surfing!

### **Day 10: Tangalle - Airport** (Meals: B-)

We transfer to Colombo airport. Depending on the departure time of your flight, you have the option to stop and explore the fortified city of Galle.

(If your flight schedule does not allow, you can plan this visit for the day before)

## **Prices and conditions**

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### **Price per person (excluding flights):**

- Double room: €1,890

### Supplement:

- Single room: €500

### Flights:

- Price depending on the date of booking, the airline, and the travel dates.

### Included in the price:

- Trip organisation – travel booklet and itinerary booklet
- Airport transfers (round trip)
- Transport throughout the journey
- English-speaking guide and local guides
- Accommodation in superior-category hotels
- Full board throughout the tour (except on Day 7)
- Museums and parks entry fees during the journey
- Mineral water
- Jeep safaris during the exploration of the national parks
- Hotel and tourist taxes

### Not Included

- Anything not listed in the “Included” section, and any changes to the itinerary during our stay.
- Transport to the destination: international flight
- Carbon offsetting of your flight and travel (*on a voluntary basis*)
- Travel and cancellation insurances (*strongly recommended*)
- Meals not included (*Budget: +/- €10-15 per person per meal*)
- Drinks other than water
- Tips
- Personal expenses

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