

# Sri Lanka Revealed

## TRIP NOTES

### Overview

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The Arabs who visited Sri Lanka when it was part of the Silk Road between Europe and China named it Serendib. This is the basis of the word serendipity. Sri Lanka ~ the happy accident, the unexpected pleasure. What better way to describe the 870-metre drop at World's End in Horton Plains?



### Exceptional experiences

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- Private tea masterclass with a tea connoisseur
- Wildlife jeep safari in Yala National Park
- Private sunset cocktail party in Kandy
- Boat trip on Koggala Lagoon

## Day to Day Itinerary

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### Day 1 Negombo

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Your tour leader will greet you on arrival and you'll be transferred to your hotel on the Indian Ocean.

*Accommodation:* Jetwing Lagoon

### Day 2 Sigiriya

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Spend a free morning at your resort, then depart for Sigiriya. Your home for the next three nights is located near the Sigiriya rock fortress and boasts individual villas dotted amongst rice paddies.

*Accommodation:* Vil Uyana

### Day 3 Sigiriya ~ Polonnaruwa

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Drive to the 5th century Sigiriya (Lion Rock) fortress then wander through the Royal Pleasure Gardens in the early morning sun. Visit Polonnaruwa, a former medieval capital of Sri Lanka dating back to the 12th century before a traditional lunch at Priyamali Gedara.

*Accommodation:* Vil Uyana

### Day 4 Anuradhapura ~ Dambulla Caves

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Today's challenging ascent of the sacred Buddhist Mountain, Mihinthale, is rewarded with a private city tour of Anuradhapura. Visit the Sri Maha Bodhi (the tree of enlightenment) and the extraordinary Dambulla Cave Temples, which date back to the first century BC.

*Accommodation:* Vil Uyana

## Day 5 Kandy

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Travel to Kandy, the last capital of the Sri Lankan kings, and stop along the spice route on the way. Enjoy a picnic lunch at Peradeniya Botanical Gardens and later, sunset cocktails at your hotel.

*Accommodation:* Theva Residency

## Day 6 Kandy

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Drive around Kandy Lake, built by the last Sinhala king in 1798. Visit the Temple of the Holy Tooth, the bazaar, the arts and crafts centre, the Gem Museum and meet a lapidary (an artist who transforms stones, minerals and gemstones into decorative items). Speak to your leader about arranging a traditional Ayurvedic massage before an evening at leisure.

*Accommodation:* Theva Residency

## Day 7 Nuwara Eliya

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Depart Kandy for the popular hill resort of Nuwara Eliya. The cool, misty mountain climate is home to what many consider the world's best tea. Judge for yourself at a private masterclass, then unwind at your hotel this afternoon.

*Accommodation:* Heritance Tea Factory

## Day 8 Horton Plains

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Horton Plains is rich with wildlife including the sambar deer, purple-faced langur monkeys and the endangered red slender loris. Stand at World's End, where the earth literally drops away (almost a kilometre straight down) at your feet.

*Accommodation:* Heritance Tea Factory

## Day 9 Yala

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Visit the small mountain village of Ella on the way to Yala National Park. Yala can provide some impressive wildlife viewing including elephants, wild boar, buffalo, crocodiles and, hopefully, the Sinhalese leopard. Relax in the pool and lounge at

your lodge this afternoon.

*Accommodation:* Jetwing Yala

## Day 10 Galle

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Travel to Galle in the morning and check into your resort by the beach, boasting lush gardens, a spa with Ayurvedic treatments, a free-flow swimming pool and wine cellar. Explore Galle on an afternoon city tour.

*Accommodation:* The Fortress Resort and Spa

## Day 11 Galle

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A tranquil boat ride through the mangroves of Koggala Lagoon stops at a cinnamon plantation and a teaching school for monks. The rest of the day is free to relax at the resort and beach or make your own discoveries.

*Accommodation:* The Fortress Resort and Spa

## Days 12 & 13 Colombo

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There's time for shopping and sightseeing in Colombo before sharing a final dinner on the beach. Your journey comes to an end after breakfast on Day 13 with a transfer to the airport.

*Accommodation:* Hotel Paradise Road Tintagel

## Other Information

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### What's included

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- Breakfast daily, 4 lunches and 2 dinners.
- Private sightseeing (including all entrance fees) as outlined in the itinerary.
- Comfortable private transportation with driver. Other modes of transportation include a boat.
- Snacks and refreshments along the way.
- Tipping & portage taken care of by tour leader along the way.
- Park fees and permits.
- Airport meet and greet service.
- Departure transfer.

### What's not included

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- International flights
- Visas
- Airport taxes
- Laundry
- Gratuities

### Maximum passengers

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12 people

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