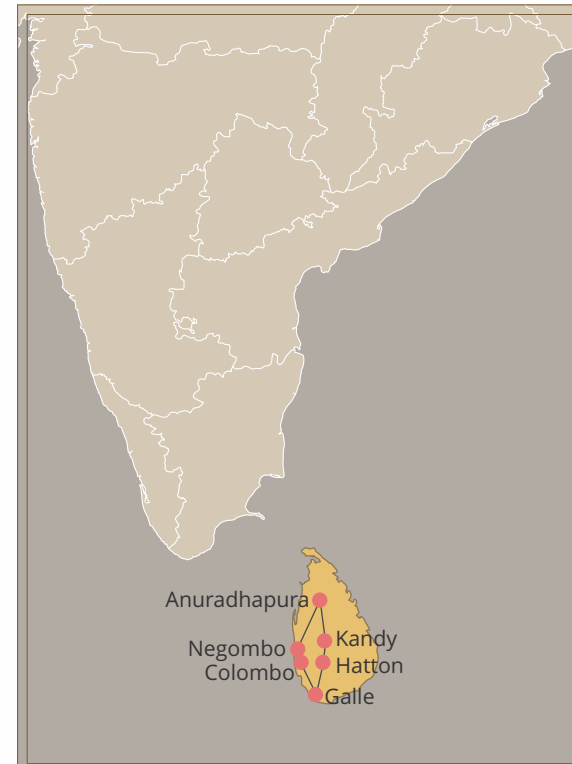


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SRI LANKA IN STYLE

Sri Lanka's history boasts of diverse cultural influences from across the seven seas through trade and colonisation, which gave rise to a wonderful vibrancy that permeates every aspect of life here. Cuisine, music, art, architecture, languages are all testimonial to this beautiful synthesis. This itinerary lets you experience some of the best that Sri Lanka has to offer, in style. Travel through Sri Lanka, staying in some of the most charming hotels of the country, hand-picked to escape to after the day's exploration; distances are reasonable and the drive easy. In short, it has all the makings of a great holiday.



Insider Tips:

- Sri Lanka is a year-round holiday destination. For the hilly region and Kandy, the best time is March and April when the mountain views are brilliant. Keep in mind that it can rain here in the evenings and at night.
- The Kandy Esala Perahera (the Esala procession of Kandy) is held for 10 days in July and August every year. Dancers, drummers and lavishly decorated elephants light up the streets of Kandy. This Buddhist Festival is dedicated to the sacred tooth relic of Lord Buddha. In February around Pooya Day (full moon), Colombo celebrates the Nawa Perahera Festival for two days.
- Don't forget to taste the King Coconut, indigenous to the tropical island. Sweeter than regular coconut, we recommend it especially after your climb up the Sigiriya Lions Rock.





ADAM'S PEAK

Adam's Peak, not too far away from Sri Lanka's tea county – Hatton, is the most sacred mountain in the country. Pilgrims from all over the world climb the peak by candlelight to stand in, what they believe to be, the footsteps of the Buddha.

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DAY 01 ARRIVAL COLOMBO – NEGOMBO

Warm welcome at the airport by our representative and transfer to the beach town of Negombo. Check into the Wallawwa, an old colonial urban manor. Remainder of the time at leisure.

DAY 02 IN NEGOMBO

Visit the Negombo Fish Market in the morning and learn how the Sri Lankan coastline is dotted with hundreds of fishing communities who continue to live off the sea from one generation to the next. Relax at the pool or the spa.

DAY 03 NEGOMBO – DAMBULLA – ANURADHAPURA

Drive to Dambulla Rock Temple to admire its exquisite Buddhist paintings. Continue to Anuradhapura which has a history spanning over 1300 years. Check into the Ulagalla, once the ancestral estate of local Anuradhapura nobility.

DAY 04 IN ANURADHAPURA

Day at leisure.

DAY 05 ANURADHAPURA – POLONNARUWA – MIHINTALE – ANURADHAPURA

A full day excursion to Polonnaruwa to admire the fine carvings of Hindu sculptures and to Mihintale to enjoy the breath-taking views of Anuradhapura.

DAY 06 ANURADHAPURA – SIGIRIYA – MATALE – KANDY

Discover the World Heritage Site of Sigiriya today. Sigiriya is a fortress that floats above all. This mythological 'City of Gods' is a colossal masterpiece which remains a wonder of Asia. Continue to Matale to learn about the therapeutic values of spices and the various processes involved over a refreshing cup of herbal tea. Continue to Kandy and check into Stone House. This colonial mansion was referred to as 'Gal Bangalawa', which aptly translates to a house built of stone.

DAY 07 IN KANDY

Day at leisure and enjoy a local cooking session with the in-house chef.

DAY 08 IN KANDY

Visit Peradeniya Botanical Gardens. This 147 acres of bliss is magnificently landscaped with well-tended lawns, pavilions and an octagonal conservatory. Later, enjoy a *tuk-tuk* ride back to Kandy. Visit the Kandy Temple and witness a cultural show in the evening featuring traditional Sri Lankan dances.

DAY 09 KANDY – HATTON

Take the scenic drive to Sri Lanka's tea county – Hatton. Check into Tea Trails, the world's first tea bungalow resort, perched at an altitude of

1250 metres in Sri Lanka's panoramic Ceylon tea region, bordering the World Heritage Central Highlands.

DAY 10/11 IN HATTON

Immerse in an all-tea experience at Hatton. Acquaint yourself with the life of the tea pluckers and interact with them by sharing their work space; visit the tea factory, go on leisurely walks in the estate, enjoy a picnic lunch and endless cups of Ceylon tea.

DAY 12 HATTON – GALLE

Drive to Galle, the epic southern capital, where Dutch architecture merges with South Asian traditions. Check into the Kahanda Kanda, one of southern Sri Lanka's most stylish boutique hotels. Take a leisurely stroll of Galle Fort. Visit the ramparts around sunset.

DAY 13 IN GALLE

Enjoy an escorted bicycle ride or a boat trip to explore in and around Galle.

DAY 14 IN GALLE

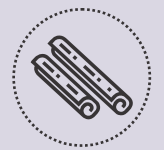
Day at leisure.

DAY 15 GALLE – COLOMBO – DEPARTURE

Transfer to the Colombo international airport for the onward flight.



In Sri Lanka, when someone shakes their head from side to side, with a slight wiggle, it actually means 'Yes!'



Cinnamon originated in Sri Lanka and was discovered by the Egyptians.