



YOUR TRAVEL ITINERARY...

Sri Lankan Spice

11 Nights / 12 Days

Day 01:

Arrive at Colombo International Airport, where our representative will meet and assist you. You will then be introduced to your chauffeur/guide who will take care of you for the duration of your tour.

Leave directly for your beach hotel in Negombo.

Check-in at the hotel, and in the afternoon commence a boat cruise in the Negombo lagoon to observe the flora and fauna of the mangroves.



Dinner, and overnight stay at hotel in Negombo

Day 02:

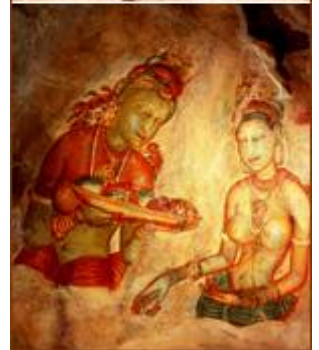
After breakfast at the hotel, leave for Polonnaruwa. En route, visit the Elephant Orphanage at Pinnawela.

The Pinnawela elephant orphanage was set up to care for elephants, lost, abandoned or hurt in the wild. Arrive around the feeding time of the elephants for great photo opportunities, such as baby elephants being bottle-fed with milk. Afterwards you could also observe and photograph the herd having their daily bath in the nearby river. Thereafter leave for Sigiriya, to climb the 5th century AD rock fortress.

The rock fortress of Sigiriya built by king Kassapa, has been named a World Heritage Site, by UNESCO. The lion shaped rock rises 200 meters from the scrub jungle below, and is ringed by moat and ramparts and beautified in its day by one of the best preserved landscaped gardens of Asia in the first millennium.

A sheltered pocket in the rock holds the world famous frescoes of the heavenly maidens of Sigiriya. The mirror wall has a polished surface where ancient travelers recorded their impressions of the surroundings in prose and verse, an early form of graffiti inspired by the beauties of Sigiriya. Steps guarded by the remains of a pair of giant carved lion's paws, lead to the ruins of the palace complex at the summit. The view from here is magnificent.

Afterwards continue to Polonnaruwa and check-in at hotel.



Dinner and overnight stay at Hotel in Giritale/Polonnaruwa

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Day 03:

After breakfast, visit the ancient city of Polonnaruwa.

Polonnaruwa another UNESCO designated World Heritage Site, was the second great capital of the island, from the 11th to 13th century A.D. with some well preserved ruins within the walled city. The ruins of the royal palace, the king's council chamber and audience hall, many temples and image houses showcase some fine examples of sculpture and carving from the era, especially at Gal Vihara, where images of the Buddha have been carved out of the living rock. In the environs of Polonnaruwa you may also view some of the finest man-made lakes built by kings of yore, an important feature of the glorious hydraulic civilization of Sri Lanka.

Afterwards leave for Kandy. En route visit a spice garden in Matale.

The spices produced in Sri Lanka from ancient times, mainly cinnamon, was one of the prized commodities that led to fierce competition by many western powers to colonize the island. Spend a relaxing hour getting to know the various aromatic spices and preparations produced for export as well as domestic use

Continue to Kandy, and check-in at your hotel.

In the evening view a cultural performance and a fire-walking display.

Dinner and overnight stay at Hotel in Kandy



Day 04:

Breakfast at hotel and commence sightseeing in Kandy. Visit the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic of the Buddha.

The Temple of the Tooth is a fine example of Kandyan architecture and houses the holiest relic of Buddhists of Sri Lanka. The elaborate rituals and traditions that surround this relic and the temple are colourful and interesting.

Visit the marketplace and an art and craft showroom. Drive along the Upper Lake road for a panoramic view of the city and it's environs.

Thereafter visit the Botanical Gardens of Peradeniya which boasts a large collection of rare, exotic and endemic species of flora.

In the afternoon unwind with relaxing and rejuvenating ayurvedic treatments at an ayurveda spa. Return to your hotel.

Dinner and overnight stay at Hotel in Kandy



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Day 05:

After breakfast leave for Peradeniya railway station to embark on a scenic train journey from Peradeniya to Nanu Oya, passing beautiful tea country and many beautiful waterfalls. Disembark at Nanu Oya station and continue to Nuwara Eliya.

Drive around the quaint town of Nuwara Eliya enjoying the sites of this quaint town, reminiscent of an old English village.

Dinner /overnight stay at hotel in Nuwara Eliya



Day 06:

Breakfast at hotel. Leave for Tissamaharama.

Check-in at hote in Tissa, and in the afternoon commence a safari in Yala National Park by private 4WD vehicle, accompanied by an experienced tracker.

Yala is a typical dry zone shrub jungle, home to a variety of wildlife. The main attraction is the elephants while the leopard population which is the densest in any park of the world today, offers the best opportunity of spotting the elusive leopard in the wild.

Yala is also home to other mammals such as sloth bear, deer and sambhur, many species bird including peacock, and various reptiles like the crocodile.

Return to hotel.

Dinner and overnight stay at Hotel in Tissamaharama



Day 07:

Breakfast at hotel. Leave for Bentota, driving along the beautiful southern coast of the island.

En route see the stilt fishermen of Weligama, and visit the Old Dutch Fort in Galle.

The Dutch Fort is another World Heritage site, built on a headland with three sides open to the sea. Built by the Portuguese in the 16th century, it was later fortified by massive stone ramparts by the Dutch. Walk along the windblown ramparts and through the old streets lined with interesting buildings, churches, mosques, shops and cafes.

Continue to Bentota and heck-in at your hotel.

Dinner and overnight stay at Hotel in Bentota



Day 08 - Day 10:

Breakfast at hotel.

Spend the day at leisure by the beach.

Dinner and overnight stay at Hotel in Bentota



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Day 11:

Breakfast at hotel. Leave for Colombo.

Commence a city tour of Colombo.

Colombo is the commercial capital of the island. It came in to prominence after the Portuguese colonialists first built a fort here in the 16th century. Today it presents a fascinating mix of cultures and ethnicities evident by the many churches, kovils mosques and temples. Drive through the residential area of Colombo 7 and the main shopping areas. Drive around the Fort, the city centre where grand colonial buildings stand alongside modern office structures, through the bustling bazaars of Pettah and past city landmarks like the Town Hall and the old parliament buildings, and the seafront promenade of GalleFace. Experience the colourful diversity of the bustling city.

Continue to your hotel in the outskirts of Colombo.

Dinner and overnight stay at Hotel Close to Colombo



Day 12:

Breakfast at hotel. Leave for the airport for your departure flight.



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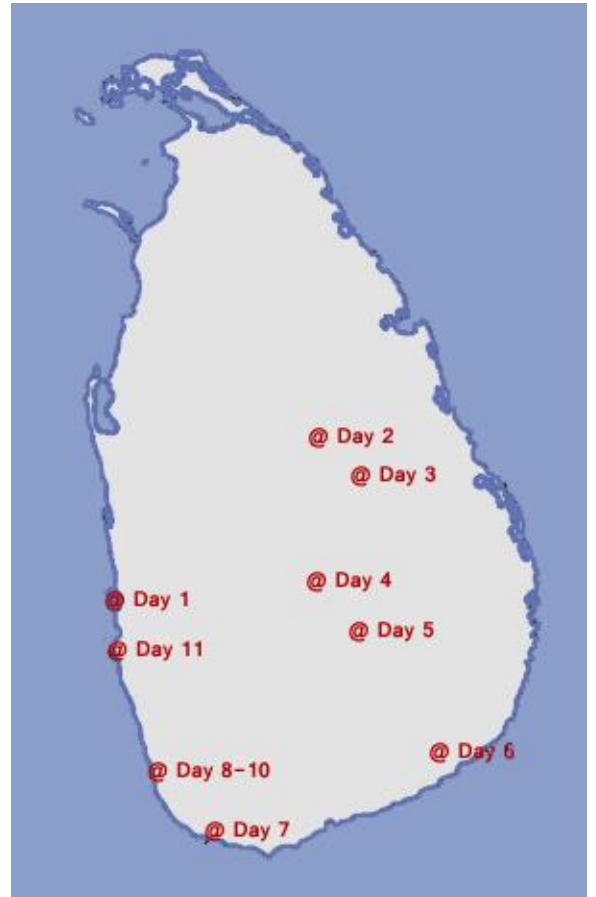


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Sri Lankan Spice – tour at a glance

Tour of 11 nights / 12 days

- Day 1 - Arrival
Relax at beach hotel
- Day 2 - Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage
Rock Fortress of Sigiriya
- Day 3 - Ancient city of Polonnaruwa
Spice garden
Cultural performance
- Day 4 - Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic
Botanical Gardens of Peradeniya
Ayurvedic massage treatment
- Day 5 - Scenic train ride to Nuwara Eliya
Sightseeing in Nuwara Eliya town
- Day 6 - Safari in Yala National Park
- Day 7 - Beach stay in Bentota
to
Day 10
- Day 11 - City tour of Colombo
- Day 12 - Departure



Prices include:

- 01 Meeting on arrival and assistance on arrival and departure at the airport
- 02 Transportation by air-conditioned car (up to 02 persons) or micro van (3-6 persons) with services of an English speaking chauffeur/guide, and air-conditioned mini coach (7-10 persons) with separate English speaking guide
- 03 Accommodation at hotels given below or at similar properties depending on availability at the time of booking tour.

Standard category hotels:

Pelvehera Village, Dambulla
Devon hotel, Kandy

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Rani beach Resort, Negombo
Leisure Village, Nuwara Eliya
Priyankara Hotel, Tissamaharama
Induruwa Beach Resort
PT Gardens, Kelaniya

Mid range category hotels:

Thilanka Hotel and Spa, Dambula
Hotel Suisse, Kandy
Goldi Sands Hotel, Negombo
Hotel Suisse, Kandy
Galway Forest Lodge, Nuwara Eliya
Priyankara Hotel, Tissamaharama
Club Bentota, Bentota
Pegasus Reef Hotel, Uswetakeiyawa

04 Meals on Half board basis with breakfast and dinner starting with dinner on day 1 and ending with breakfast on final day

05 Entrance fees to all sites mentioned in the itinerary and cost of ayurveda treatment of 1 hour

06 Separate private 4 WD vehicle and tracker for safari

Prices do not include lunches, beverages and items of a personal nature such as laundry, telephone calls etc.

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