



TOUR ITINERARY

MYSTICAL CITIES OF SRI LANKA

10 days (9 nights), 4-13 Nov, 2016

Highlights

Kick off by recovering from the flight with an overnight stay at a beach resort before heading to the



last Kingdom in the Hills, Kandy, your first mystical city.

One of Kandy's most picturesque setting is the lake and the **iconic Tooth Temple** located right next to it.



Pamper yourself at a nature resort before heading to the **mystical City of Anuradhapura**. Spend a day exploring Sacred Sites at the Mystical City of Anuradhapura and see the **world's oldest fig tree**, planted using a branch from the tree under which Buddha attained enlightenment.



Explore the ancient **Kingdom of Pollonnaruwa** on bikes or on foot.

Pollonnaruwa offers a fascinating glimpse into an age-old, sustainable lifestyle when Sri Lanka was ruled by Kings. Visit the **majestic Buddha statues carved out of stone** at Gal Vihara. Climb the **Sigiriya Rock fortress** often

referred to as the **8th Wonder of the World**.



End your holiday with an overnight **beach stay** topped off with **High Tea** at the **iconic Galle Face Hotel** and enjoy one last **magical tropical sunset** prior to flying back home.



*On this tour you will be visiting **5 UNESCO Heritage Listed Sites in Sri Lanka**. Look for the **teal highlight** in the itinerary which indicates which ones they are.*

Itinerary

Date	Destination/Drive Time	Accommodation/Type of Room	Activities
Nov 4	Airport-Negombo Approx. 30 mins.	Paradise Beach Hotel Standard Room	Transfer from airport to hotel in Negombo. Check-in from 2pm. Free airport transfers available between 1:30-8.30pm 4 Nov
Nov 5	Negombo- Kandy Approx. 3.5 hrs.	Earl's Regent Deluxe Room	Transfer to Kandy. Visit a Tea Factory on-route and the Iconic Tooth Temple in Kandy . Spend the rest of the day exploring Kandy on your own or visit a Tea Plantation
Nov 6	Kandy- Samadhi Centre Approx. 2 hrs	Samadhi Centre (nature resort) Standard Room	Visit the magical Peradeniya Botanical Gardens in the morning. Transfer to Samadhi Centre, a nature resort for some serious relaxation.



Nov 7	Kandy	Samadhi Centre (nature resort)	Enjoy a leisurely day with yoga and a 30-minute Ayurvedic massage to relax and unwind the mind, body and spirit. 
Nov 8	Kandy- Matale- Dambulla-Sigiriya Approx. 4 hrs.	Kassapa Lion's Rock Standard Room	Transfer from Kandy to Sigiriya. Stop in Matale for a visit to the colourful Hindu Kovil. Pick up some local knowledge with a Spice Garden Tour + cookery demonstration, Followed by a delicious Sri Lankan lunch. Explore the Dambulla Rock Cave Temple. 
Nov 9	Sigiriya- Anuradhapura- Sigiriya Approx. 2 hrs e/w	Kassapa Lion's Rock	Explore the ancient capital of Anuradhapura , a sacred city filled with mystical temples, twin ponds and home to a sacred fig tree, planted in 249BC from a branch of the tree under which Buddha attained Nirvana. It is believed to be the oldest planted tree, at over 2200 years old. 
Nov 10	Sigiriya- Polonnaruwa Approx. 1.5 hr e/w	Kassapa Lion's Rock	Explore the ancient Kingdom of Polonnaruwa by bike or on foot. See some amazing ruins of a time when Sri Lanka was ruled by Kings. The reclining Buddha statue carved out of stone is a whopping 14m long!   Optional late afternoon wildlife safari at Eco Park/Kadulla National Park. Safari Jeep which can accommodate 6 pax is approx. AU\$40. Park entry is approx. AU\$30 per head.
Nov 11	Sigiriya-Waikkala Approx. 4.5 hrs	Club Hotel Dolphin Superior Sea View Room	Morning: Scale the Sigiriya Rock Fortress and learn about the legendary King who built a Palace in the Sky. Transfer to Waikkala for a beach stay.
Nov 12	Waikkala- Colombo Approx. 1.5 hrs e/w	Club Hotel Dolphin	Optional: Head into the commercial capital, Colombo for some exploration and shopping OR enjoy some R&R at the beach. Evening: Enjoy a scrumptious High Tea at the Galle Face Hotel and savour a magical sunset. 
Nov 13	Waikkala-Airport Approx. 30 mins.	N/A	Check out and depart for Airport. Free airport transfers available between 10am-5pm, 13 Nov

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Inclusions

- Airport transfers during scheduled hours (please refer itinerary above)
- Accommodation at hotels in itinerary or similar (subject to availability at time of booking), twin share basis
- Meals on Half Board basis (breakfast, dinner) in hotels specified in itinerary
- Full Board Accommodation, 1.5 hours of Yoga and 30-minute complementary massage at Samadhi Centre
- Air-conditioned transport (minivan)
- Services of an English speaking guide
- Entrance/activity fees for all above mentioned sites/activities in itinerary
- 1 x group cookery demonstration with traditional Sri Lankan lunch

Exclusions

- Air fares/airport taxes
- Camera and video permits at cultural sites
- Tips and portage
- Beverages, snacks and other meals outside those in the itinerary
- Optional wild life safari listed in itinerary at Eco Park

Additional Conditions:

- Hotels indicated in itinerary are subject to availability at time of booking. They may be changed to hotels of equivalent quality.
- We require a **minimum of 4 to run this tour**. The maximum allowed on this tour is 6. If we cancel the tour due to not getting the minimum of 4 bookings, you will be **entitled to a full refund** minus any transaction fees.
- Please note usual hotel check-in time is 2 pm and check-out time is 11am/12 noon. If you require an early check-in or late check-out, additional fees may apply.
- ** For those of you who don't gender identify as either male or female, please indicate which gender you would be most comfortable sharing a room with at the hotels by selecting either "male" or "female" from the drop down box at check out.
- You can find additional information to assist you with your travels on our website. Please see [Travel Essentials](#), [FAQs](#) and [Terms & Conditions](#).

