

TOUR ITINERARY **ADVENTURES IN THE HEART OF SRI LANKA** 10 days (9 nights) | Valid through 16Jan-30April, 2017

Highlights

Kick off with a scenic coastal drive to a relaxing Ayurveda Resort for some pampering. Get acquainted with the local culture on route. Visit a traditional mask factory and get an insight into batik making. Visit the **Tsunami Museum** for a magnificent photo documentation of that disastrous event in 2004. **Explore the Galle Fort**, built by the Portuguese in the 16th Century.



Head to the heart of Sri Lanka, Sinharaja Rain Forest. Visit Udawalawe National Park and see some wonderful flora and fauna. Explore the **ancient Kingdom of Polonnaruwa**, get a glimpse into an ancient sustainable lifestyle when Sinhalese Kings ruled Sri Lanka. 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**. Enjoy an **Elephant Safari** at Minneriya National Park.



Head to the cooler climes of Kandy. Visit the **iconic Tooth Temple** and



enjoy a Cultural Performance, showcasing **Kandyan dancing**, which is unique to Sri Lanka.

End your holiday with **High Tea** and an overnight stay at the **iconic Galle Face Hotel** where you can enjoy one last **magical tropical sunset** before flying back home.

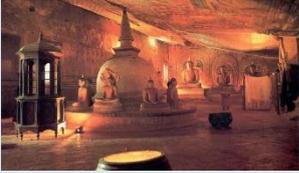


On this tour you will be visiting **6 UNESCO Heritage Listed Sites in Sri Lanka**. Look for the **teal highlight** in the itinerary which indicates which ones they are.

Itinerary

Date	Destination/Drive Time	Accommodation/ Type of Room	Activities/Highlights
Day 1	Airport- Uswetakeiyawa Approx. 30 mins.	Palm Village Hotel Standard Room	Transfer from airport to hotel. Check-in from 2pm. Free airport transfers available between 1:30-8.30pm
Day 2	Uswetakeiyawa - Tangalle (coastal drive) Approx. 5-6 hrs.	Nature Lanka Ayurveda Health Resort	Transfer to Tangalle. On-route see traditional local arts & crafts (masks, batik).



		River View Room	<p>Visit the Tsunami Museum for a photographic documentation of the events of that disastrous day in Dec 2004 when almost 40,000 lives were lost in Sri Lanka alone.</p>  <p>Explore the Galle Fort, built by the Portuguese in 1588 and fortified by the Dutch in the 17th Century.</p>
Day 3	Tangalle	Nature Lanka Ayurveda Health Resort	<p>Enjoy a leisurely day at the Resort with a 30-minute complementary Ayurvedic massage. Relax and unwind by the beach.</p>
Day 4	Tangalle to Ratnapura Approx. 2.5 Hours	Sinharaja Seyana Eco Lodge Eco chalet	<p>Transfer to Ratnapura. Start trekking in Sinharaja Rain Forest at around 3pm (recommend taking thick socks, trekking boots and leach repellent).</p>
Day 5	Sinharaja - Udawalawe Approx. 2.5 Hours	Athgira River Camp Luxury Tent	<p>Transfer to Udawalawe National Park. Witness the village life and landscapes in the unspoilt heart of the country. Evening Bird Tour at Udawalawe National Park</p> 
Day 6	Udawalawe- Polonnaruwa Approx. 5-6 hrs	Giritale Hotel Standard Room	<p>Transfer to Polonnaruwa.  Explore the mystical Kingdom of Polonnaruwa. A rare glimpse of an era when Kings ruled the country.</p>
Day 7	Polonnaruwa - Sigiriya Approx. 1.5 hrs e/w	Giritale Hotel	<p>Scale the Sigiriya Rock Fortress, known as the “Palace in the Skies” and learn about the legendary King who built it all. Evening elephant safari at Minneriya National Park</p>
Day 8	Polonnaruwa – Kandy Approx. 3.5 hrs	Hotel Suisse Standard Room	<p>Transfer to Kandy. On-route visit the Dambulla Rock Cave Temple. Visit the iconic Temple of Tooth in Kandy and enjoy a Cultural Dance Show.</p> 
Day 9	Kandy- Colombo Approx. 3.5 hrs	Galle Face Hotel Superior Room	<p>Transfer to the commercial capital, Colombo. Evening: Enjoy a scrumptious High Tea and watch the sunset at Galle Face Hotel, another cultural icon in Sri Lanka.</p>
Day 10	Colombo-Airport Approx. 1 hour	N/A	<p>Check out and depart for Airport. Free airport transfers available between 10am-5pm</p>

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Inclusions

- Airport transfers during scheduled hours on day 1 and day 10 of the tour (please refer itinerary above)
- Accommodation at hotels in itinerary (subject to availability at time of booking), or similar on a twin-share basis
- Meals on Half Board basis (breakfast, dinner) at hotels specified in itinerary
- Full Board Accommodation and 2 complementary treatments at Nature Lanka Ayurveda Health Resort (choice of head, foot, full body massage or herbal steam bath ranging from between 30min-1.5 hours)
- Air-conditioned transport
- Services of an English speaking Chauffeur Guide
- Entrance/activity fees for all above mentioned sites/activities in itinerary

Exclusions

- Air fares/airport taxes
- Camera and video permits at cultural sites
- Tips and portage
- Lunch, beverages, snacks and any other meals outside those in the itinerary

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](#).



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