Best of Sri Lanka
8 day trip for XXXXXX

To the uninitiated, Sri Lanka might look like a little country, but anyone who has visited Sri Lanka can tell you that it is a wildly diverse land, packed full of delights. This trip will guide you through its many treasures: from ancient cities, sprawling tea estates, unique wildlife reserves and enchanting beaches. Sri Lanka has a bit of everything, and this personally-tailored trip will give you the best taste of it all.

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Highlights

Colombo Sightseeing
Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage
Sightseeing tour of the historic city of Kandy

Watch an amazing Kandyan dance performance

Visit a tea factory where you can see the tea production process

Horton Plains National Park - World's End

Train journey past beautiful waterfalls and hilly tea estates

Go on a wildlife safari at Yala National Park, where you are bound to spot leopards

Tour of the Fort - Galle

Video tour of paradise Sri Lanka (Ceylon)

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Day 1: Bandaranaike International Airport Colombo.
Sat, 14 Oct

Day 2: Colombo Pinnawala Kandy.
Sun, 15 Oct

Day 3: Peradeniya Kandy Nanu Oya Nuwara Eliya.
Mon, 16 Oct

Day 4: Nuwara Eliya Ella.
Tue, 17 Oct

Days 5-6: Ella Yala.
Wed, 18 Oct - Thu, 19 Oct

Day 7: Yala Galle Unawatuna.
Fri, 20 Oct

Day 8: Galle Bandaranaike International Airport.
Sat, 21 Oct
Welcome to Sri Lanka:
We welcome you to Sri Lanka. I personally myself will be there to welcome you and your family on arrival. Afterwards you will be introduced to your local chauffeur in the airport who will guide you throughout your tour. After a small briefing you will head towards to your hotel.

Private Car:
Air conditioned transport with dedicated Sri Lanka Tourist Board-licensed chauffeur guide throughout the tour

Bandaranaike International Airport to Colombo: Continue to Colombo. The drive will take a maximum of 1 hour.

Colombo Sightseeing:
Galle Face Green, Galle Face Hotel, Dutch Hospital, Old Parliament, Old Colombo Light House, Grand Oriental Hotel, Colombo Harbour, Slave Island Area, Gangarama Seema Malakaya, War Memorial, Public Library, National Museum, Nelum Pokuna Theatre, Vihara Maha Devi Park, Colombo Town Hall, Race Course, Independence Square, Replica of Aukana Buddha Statue, and BMICH.

Jetwing Colombo Seven

Price includes:
- Free Wifi (Jetwing Colombo Seven)
Colombo to Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage: Continue to Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage. The drive will take a minimum of 2 3/4 hours also this depends on the road traffic.

Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage:
Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage which was established to feed, house, and nurse young Elephants abandoned by their mothers. Enjoy a playful scene between man and elephant as bath time takes place at Ma Oya, just in front of the orphanage.

Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage to Kandy: Continue to Kandy. The drive will take a minimum of 1 hour also this depends on the road traffic.

Kandy Sightseeing:
Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Kandy which is a UNESCO world heritage site. The historic city about 480 m above sea level surrounded by mountains was known to Sri Lankan as Kanda Uda Rata, which means the hill country. Kandy was home to Sri Lanka's last independent Kingdom, which survived two centuries of colonial incursion before finally falling to the British at the beginning of the nineteenth century. Visit the Peradeniya University campus and catch a panoramic view of the picturesque town from Upper Lake Drive.

Temple of the Tooth:
In Kandy visit the famous Temple of the Tooth Relic which is believed to have the tooth of Buddha is also situated in Kandy. In the evening you will be able to attend the puja with hundreds of pilgrims passing by the beautifully lightened temple.

Kandyan Cultural Dance Performance:
Watch an amazing Kandyan dance performance. You’ll be amazed as you witness the variety of skills, of which amongst is the incredible fire walking.

The Secret Kandy
Royal Botanical Gardens, Peradeniya:
Royal Botanical Gardens, Peradeniya, where you will discover a wide variety of plants, flowers and spices which are only known in Sri Lanka. (It depends how much time you want to spend). You can walk around and check out the best quality gem and Jewellery shops in this neck of the woods (Premadasas Gem & Jewellery). Also, you can walk around the Kandy Lake under the shades of the big trees.

Train Journey (11:00 - 15:00):
You will get onto a train and head towards the Tea Mountains situated in Nuwara Eliya while watching the verdant surrounding. You will be received by your chauffeur in the railway station who will drive you up to 4000 feet altitude to reach your hotel.

Tea Factory Visit:
Have you ever wondered why Sri Lankan tea tastes so good? So, this is the day for you to discover the truth about the Sri Lankan tea. To discover this, you will visit a tea estate with a guide who will explain you the process of making tea. On the way to the factory, you can see the Tamil women who will be working among the green tea leaves plucking them. Inside the factory you can see the process of weighing, drying, fermenting, and packing. At last, you will be able to taste the tea from that factory and enjoy the moment.

Cottage by Jetwing

Price includes:
- Breakfast
- Free Wifi (Cottage by Jetwing)
Horton Plains National Park - World’s End:

You will be starting your journey early morning (6 am) with packed breakfast as you have a big day ahead. Horton Plains National Park the highest plateau of the island. To make sure to see the wildlife and the magnificent view before it is covered with mist. It is often considered to resemble the highlands of Scotland. Among the natural habitat of twenty one of Sri Lanka’s endemic birds, four species are only endemic in Horton Plains. This is a very good place to be visited by bird lovers as there the birds can be observed while walking in the open space. If you are fortunate enough, you will be able to see the very shy purple faced leaf-monkey, which is one of the 25 critically endangered primates in the world. Afterward, you will be walking through the danger zone leading to the gentle trek to World’s End, a steep of 1050 meter drop into the valleys underneath. Cautiously walk in the edge as the wind will be blowing gently. If it is a clear day you will be able to see 81 km away standing from there up until the Indian Ocean. The nature walk in the national park it’s about 9 km’s walk through rocky, uphill, downhill & narrow patches and this excursion will take 3 – 4 Hrs. Climate of Horton plains - The average annual temperature will be 14-18 degrees Celsius.

Nuwara Eliya to Ella: Continue to Ella. The drive will take a maximum of 2 hours also this depends on the road traffic.

The Secret Ella

**Price includes:**
- Breakfast
- Free Wifi (The Secret Ella)
Little Adam's Peak:
Little Adam’s Peak is a brisk 2 hour walk through tea plantations before you climb the summit via large steps. Once at the top, put your feet up and enjoy the amazing views.

Ella to Yala:
Continue to Yala, The drive to Yala will take 2 1/2 hours also this depends on the road traffic.

4X4 Jeep Safari Excursion

Yala National Park:
Continue to Yala for the evening safari (If you are late for the evening safari you can still do this on next day early morning). You will visit the Yala National Park, where you can see an enormous number of wild animals. Here you can see the elephant preservation, leopards abound, and hundreds of bird species. Moreover, you will be able to explore the traces of the ancient civilization in that area. This takes an important place in the Sri Lankan history.

Kithala Resort

Price includes:
- Breakfast
- Free Wifi (Kithala Resort)
4X4 Jeep Safari Excursion

Yala National Park (Optional):

Usually leopards, lurk around at night to protect themselves from their predators. However, in Yala you will be able to see the leopards ruling the roost. Also, you can see that people trying to click photos of those strolling leopards from their jeeps. They have the highest population in this part of the world. Furthermore, you can see the herds of elephants bathing in many watering holes. This is the greatest chance to take photos of the nature and wild animals with a clear near shot.

Kithala Resort

Price includes:

- Breakfast
- Free Wifi (Kithala Resort)

Yala - Galle

Yala to Galle: Continue to Galle, The drive to Galle will take 3 hours also this depends on the road traffic.

Galle Sightseeing:

Visit Galle, a coastal area in the South which has a great colonial influence. In the afternoon, you can visit the Fort which was built and occupied by Portuguese, Dutch, and British. You also can walk around the beautiful old, Dutch ramparts sticking out to the sea. Moreover, a visit to the beach will give you a glimpse view of the sunset in the evening.

Thaproban Beach House
Price includes:
- Breakfast
- Free Wifi (Thaproban Beach House)

Day 8  Galle - Bandaranaike International Airport
Sat, 21 Oct

**Galle - Bandaranaike International Airport:**
It's time to say goodbye. Look back on a wonderful time in Sri Lanka and many impressions that the country has given you. You will be collected at your accommodation and transferred to the airport. The drive to Bandaranaike International Airport will take 2 1/2 hours.

Price includes:
- Breakfast

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**GENERAL TRAVEL GUIDELINES FOR SRI LANKA**

**Visa Formalities**
For visiting Sri Lanka, tourists are advised to register online on [www.eta.gov.lk/slvisa/](http://www.eta.gov.lk/slvisa/).
The applicable fee will be USD 30=.
**Dress**

Sri Lanka is a very casual country, so no smart attire is required at any of the hotels. That said you may like to change for dinner at certain hotels – simply to make it more of an occasion. This is a personal decision. Because of the tropical climate light cotton and linen clothing is ideal. You will need some sturdy shoes for the climb up Sigiriya Rock, and on safari muted colors are best. Because of the heat we recommend you carry a sunhat and sunglasses at all times. We also suggest you pack some form of waterproof jacket as rain is always a possibility in Sri Lanka.

**Currency**

Sri Lanka’s currency is the ‘Rupee’, abbreviated as ‘Rps’. Rupees. Notes (Bills) are in denominations of 10, 20, 50, 100, 500 & 1000, 2000 and 5000 Rupees. It is not possible to purchase Sri Lankan Rupees outside of the country. The current exchange rate is approximately 120 Rps to the Australian Dollar and 170 Rps to the United States Dollar.

**Foreign Exchange**

Visiting foreigners can exchange money at international airports where 24-hour exchange facilities are available, through banks and approved money changers. Because you will not be spending any time in the cities we suggest you get all necessary currency at the airport on arrival.

**Travelers Cheque /Credit Cards**

Travelers’ Cheque should be of well-known brands like Thomas Cook, American Express and Visa. The hotels generally accept Major Credit Cards like American Express, Master Cards, Visa, etc., including hotels, shops and airlines.

**Tipping (This is only a recommendation)**

It is usual to tip your chauffeur guide and National Park Drivers and Guide. Though we give below the general guidelines, it is to be remembered that tipping is a sign of gratification for good service, and therefore please view these guidelines as the middle ground, which can be adjusted depending on the level of service you feel you have received.

*Please note the below amounts are per group / couple / individual traveler.*

- Chauffeur Guide: USD 20.00 per day given on last day departure.
- National Park Driver: LKR 1500
- National Park Naturalist: LKR 1500
- Safari Camp Staff: USD 20.00 per day given to staff on departure.

Please note that whilst all hotels include a 10% service charge in their rates, it is customary to leave tips at the end of your stay at the boutique properties in particular. We suggest 1500 Rupees per day which can be left with the manager on departure.

**Electricity**

In Sri Lanka voltage is 230 volts AC, 50 cycles, though some areas also have DC supplies. Visitors are advised to check the voltage before using electrical appliances. Socket sizes vary, so it is as well to take a set of plug adapters, available from most electrical stores.
Prohibited Articles
The import of prohibited articles such as dangerous drugs, live plants, gold/silver bullion and coins, not in current use, is either totally prohibited or restricted. The law provides heavy penalties for the infringement of this restriction. Also, bylaw, visitors are banned from taking antiques and wildlife products out of the country – any infringement is punishable by fines and imprisonment.

Photography
Visitors to Sri Lanka find varied subjects for photography including people, monuments, wildlife, festivities, and landscapes. Most Sri Lankans are very happy to have their photograph taken but common courtesies apply and permission should be asked beforehand. No money need be given; this is not the Sri Lankan way.

Visiting Places of Worship
Removing shoes one’s before entering any temples is essential. Do not wear shorts, skirts above the knee or sleeveless tops in places of public worship.

Insurance
It is always advisable to obtain good travel insurance to cover the worst possible scenario. Do keep a copy of your policy separately as a safeguard.

Inoculations/Vaccinations
Before traveling to Sri Lanka it is advised that you consult your doctor or local travel clinic regarding any inoculations you may need. Malaria preventive course may be taken before your trip, but again this should be consulted with your doctor.
Accommodations

**Jetwing Colombo Seven** on day 1

Jetwing Colombo Seven is the first city hotel to be built by the premium hospitality brand in the cosmopolitan city of Colombo, and stands overlooking the metropolis. The views from the rooftop restaurant and bar are truly spectacular; they offer a bird’s eye view of the heart of Colombo, and its bordering beach.

**The Secret Kandy** on day 2

Embedded with style and sophistication, The Secret Kandy lies amongst shady trees in the royal capital of Kandy.

**Cottage by Jetwing** on day 3

Resembling an 18th century English village, Nuwara Eliya which is surrounded by the tea carpeted slopes of the hill country remains an increasingly popular resort for business and leisure travelers on the lookout for vacations in the cooler climes.
The Secret Ella on day 4

Mountains draped in emerald, whispers of mist descending and hillside hideaways offering the perfect escape. Amidst this storybook setting you will find The Secret Ella in an enchanting 10 acre tea estate that provides an ideal home away from home. Unique amongst Ella hotels Sri Lanka for being the locales first ever planter’s bungalow resort, this getaway nestled in the mountains overlooks the famed Nine Arch Bridge and blends tradition with luxury comforts that evoke an old world charm.

Kithala Resort on days 5 & 6

Surrounded by vast paddy fields and a plethora of natural beauty, the Kithala Resort is a true piece of haven as one explores the magnificence of Southern Sri Lanka.

Thaproban Beach House on day 7

This uniquely artistic beach house design draws from what is warm and rich in both antique and modern Sri Lankan architecture, while managing to look rustic at the same time with its dark timber accent. Ideal for a couple or family, with its beautifully appointed beach accommodation offers space & intimacy.
Package price includes

Includes:
7 night’s accommodation
BB at all hotels
Private air-conditioned car and English-speaking driver for tour and transfers
Train ride (local experience) – tickets subject to availability

Excludes:
Entry fees to sights mentioned on the itinerary
Airfare

Entry fee - Per person
Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage - USD 16
Temple of the Tooth - USD 9
Kandyan Cultural Dance Performance - USD 6
Royal Botanical Garden - USD 9
Tea Factory Visit - USD 4
Horton Plains National Park - USD 20
Yala National Park - USD 25

Per Jeep (Private and max 6 pax)
4X4 Jeep Safari Excursion - USD 28 in total

Notes:
Transport price includes accommodation for the driver
Train tickets are strictly subject to availability
All prices are inclusive of tax and service charges
Transport times are approximate and subject to change due to road conditions and weather
All reservations subject to availability at time of booking
The standard check-out time in Sri Lanka is 12 noon and check-in time 02 pm.
Price is based on USD

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Total price for a group of people
OUR STORY

Founded in March 2014 in Colombo Sri Lanka. Jagathsingh Jayasingh (Short Name - Jagath) who has been in this hospitality industry for past 15 years. It started in 1997 when Jagath was asked from the local church from Hatton (Christ Church - Dickoya) to accompanying Rev Richard Woodham to Adam's Speak. Luxurious Lanka founder and CEO is Jagath who is passionate about traveling and exploring new places. His motto “customer is always right”.

Concept
1. Passion and love to create unique and memorable travel experiences that last a lifetime
2. All request will be taken care and will be delivered and personalized service will be provided to each client.
3. We work only with experienced Guides and Chauffeur Guides and the best hotels.
4. Based on the clients request we will provide the guides who can fulfill client’s needs.
5. Book trips directly with us therefore you skip costly middlemen. This means you travel cheaper, faster and better. It’s your ideal trip how you want it, when you want it and according to your own personal budget.

What’s next?

Now that you've had a chance to look at your suggested itinerary, let us know what you love or don’t love about it. We can then customize and tailor it to fit your preferences. If you already think it's perfect, let us know and we'll start making reservations and walking you through the
next steps towards booking it. Either way, we look forward to hearing back from you.