

10 DAY CULTURAL TOUR

HIGHLIGHTS OF SRI LANKA

\$2199

PER
PERSON
TWIN
SHARE

GALLE • KANDY • SIGIRIYA • WELIGAMA & MORE

THE OFFER

A country full of ancient ruins, beautiful beaches and welcoming people, Sri Lanka is quickly becoming one of the world's most sought-after destinations - and now is the time to go and discover it all. With this 10 day package, take the opportunity to immerse yourself in a truly unforgettable cultural experience, which includes everything from temple and tea plantation visits to cooking demonstrations.

Explore the rock cave temple of Dambulla, home to an impressive golden Buddha; discover the rich tea culture of Sri Lanka in the hillside plantation of Nuwara Eliya; spend a night in spiritual Kandy, home of the sacred Temple of the Tooth Relic; and enjoy free time and a guided tour in the Dutch colonial city of Galle; plus travel to Sigiriya, home to the UNESCO-listed Sigiriya Rock Fortress. Then slow things down with time at leisure in Weligama, where you can wander along the palm-lined beaches and watch the traditional fisherman, or simply sit back and enjoy the facilities at the 5-star Marriott Weligama.

Package includes return international flights, eight nights 4 to 5-star accommodation, daily breakfast and much more!

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Day 1 Australia - Negombo (Colombo), Sri Lanka

Depart from Sydney, Melbourne, *Brisbane or Perth for Negombo (Colombo), Sri Lanka. Fly with airlines such as Singapore Airlines, Cathay Pacific, Thai Airways or Srilankan Airlines to name a few. Upon arrival you will be transferred to your accommodation.

Please note: Some Perth customers may be required to depart in the early hours of day 1. Flight times and schedules will be indicated in your travel pack approximately 6 weeks prior to departure.

Overnight: Heritance Negombo or similar, Negombo
Meals included: In-Flight

Day 2 Negombo - Kandalama/Sigiriya (approx. 140km day)

Following breakfast, enjoy a cooking demonstration to learn about the exciting flavours and techniques used in Sri Lankan cuisine. In the afternoon depart for Kandalama. Upon arrival check into the hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure, or alternatively join an optional tour to visit the iconic Sigiriya Rock Fortress (not included).

Optional Activity: Sigiriya Rock Fortress - \$55 AUD per person

In the afternoon visit Sigiriya Rock Fortress. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Sigiriya is the fifth century rock citadel of King Kasyapa. Step through the gigantic 'Lion Paws', set overlooking the symmetrical royal gardens, to comprehend the splendour that once dominated this rock fortress. Surrounded by ramparts and moats, the Lion Rock is coated by frescoes that relate to Gupta style paintings found in the Ajanta caves of India. Wander into the museum downstairs for an insight into how the citadel floated above citizens, and learn about the

advanced ponds and irrigation that pumped water right onto its summit through an ingenious hydraulic system.

Travel Tip: Don't forget to take a bottle of water and a face towel. Do not take pictures of the frescos, as it can be a punishable offence according to the rule of the archeological department.

Overnight: Heritance Kandalama or similar, Kandalama
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 3 Kandalama/Sigiriya Free Day

Today enjoy the day at leisure, or join one or both of the following optional tours:

Optional Activity: Half Day Jeep safari in Minneriya National Park - \$95 AUD per person

Experience a morning safari at Minneriya National Park. If you're up for a serious rumble in the jungle, then Minneriya is the place to go! Spread over 8800 hectares, it's a sanctuary for elephants and home to herds of deer and ample birdlife, but its spotlight remains between swaying trunks and flapping ears. Park your jeep on the bank of the reservoir and switch off its engine. Have the opportunity to see herds of elephants - one by one - roll on to the grass-covered banks, to feed on tender shoots. In fact, this is the largest elephant gathering in the world (over 300 at a time) - it's an absolute must-do for wildlife enthusiasts.

Optional Activity: Afternoon Polonnaruwa City Tour by Tuk Tuk - \$90 AUD

Rising with the decline of Anuradhapura, the city of Polonnaruwa - medieval capital and crown jewel of King Parakramabahu I - remains superior proof of ancient culture

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and heritage blended with religious beliefs. Walk among the scattered walls of this World Heritage Site, dotted with stupas, resting Buddha statues, irrigation canals and fantastically carved Hindu sculptures – while observing the relic house - Vatadage - which boasts impressive stone carvings. Look closely you will notice a subtle Hindu influence to the architecture and statues found in Polonnaruwa.

Overnight: Heritance Kandalama or similar, Kandalama
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 4 Sigiriya/Kandalama - Dambulla - Kandy (approx. 90km day)

After breakfast, travel to Dambulla and stop at the Dambulla Rock Cave Temple, which has been treasured by many kings since the first century B.C. An icon of Sri Lanka, Dambulla Rock Cave Temple features five magnificently constructed cave temples flanking the golden temple of Dambulla. Observe the exquisite cave paintings along walls that shelter 150 statues of Lord Buddha. As you enter the retreat, be sure to cast your eyes up to the gigantic Buddha statue glittering in gold, which today houses an important junction in the country's economic and cultural uplifting.

On completion of the tour leave for Kandy. On arrival, check into the hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. Alternatively, embark on an optional guided city tour (not included).

Optional Activity: Kandy City Tour & Cultural Show - \$30 AUD

Kandy was the last royal capital of Sri Lankan kings – a centre of culture, history and heritage. Experience the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic of Lord Buddha. A stroll across this small lakeside town cradled among the misty hills will take in the Kandy city centre as well as a bazaar, an arts and crafts centre,

as well as a gem and lapidary museum.

Fine tune your evening by stepping to the beat of traditional music and drumming, amplified by a cultural show enhancing the rich and vibrant culture of the Wonder of Asia, Sri Lanka. Afterwards, you will be transferred to the hotel.

Overnight: Earl's Regent, Cinnamon Citadel or similar, Kandy
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 5 Kandy - Nuwara Eliya (approx. 91km day)

After breakfast, depart for Nuwara Eliya. In the afternoon commence a sight-seeing tour of Nuwara Eliya. Sri Lanka, tea and tourism are words which cannot be separated. Take a tour to the cold & misty hills that take pride of an ultimate tea tour, covering lush green blankets of tea plantations. Or just step into a tea factory processing the prestigious brand of Ceylon Tea, to observe a rich tradition kept alive up to date. As you observe the hissing and swishing of machines, inhaling the heavenly scent arising from these facilities, make sure to end your day in style over a perfectly blended cup of pure Ceylon Tea.

In the evening, take the opportunity to join an optional fine dining dinner at the Train Carriage Restaurant (not included)

Optional Activity: Dinner at the Train Carriage Restaurant - \$75 USD (subject to availability)

Tonight your special dinner will be in the Train Carriage Restaurant. From the moment the railway master blows his whistle to welcome you aboard, you know you're in for a unique dining experience. TCK 6685, a third-class carriage of the Udapussellawa narrow-gauge railway line that used to transport tea but closed down in 1950, has been converted to a fine-dining restaurant. Its former passengers would marvel at today's menu, with its range of top-quality ingredients from

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around the world – smoked salmon from Norway, beef and lamb from Australia, and duck from the US. And, of course, there's an international wine list to match.

Overnight: Heritance Tea Factory, Araliya Green Hills Hotel or similar, Nuwara Eliya
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 6 Nuwara Eliya - Weligama (approx. 235km)

After breakfast, travel to Weligama approx. 6 hours). Upon arrival, check into the hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure relaxing by the beach.

Overnight: Marriott Weligama, Weligama
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 7 Weligama - Galle Fort Tour - Weligama (approx. 70km)

After breakfast at the hotel, proceed to Galle Dutch Fort and embark on a guided city tour.

Galle, the epic Southern capital, is the intersection where classic Dutch architecture meets a tropical setting creating a vivid atmosphere in beauty. Walk the Dutch-haunted streets listening to the creaks of wooden saloon doors and observe how European architecture mingles with South Asian traditions today flooding cultural enthusiasts on a global scale. Its original ramparts and bastions preserved up to date showcase evidences of a heritage preserved for more than 3 1/2 centuries. Walk clockwise within the fort to observe the 'old gate' carrying the British coat of arms. Flanking the old gate is the Zwart bastion - the oldest of all - and the lighthouse standing 18 feet in its glory next to the Point Utrecht Bastion. This Dutch bliss is painted with streets that spread in a rectangular grid pattern pierced with houses carrying Dutch

colonial style verandas.

Hop into the Dutch Hospital Shopping Complex to be mesmerised by an array of souvenir selections. However, its hallmark stands a reality where the Dutch fort remains a working community with its usual buzz of administrative offices, court complex, commercial buildings, churches and Southern folks frequenting its streets bracing the air of the Elysium of architecture, Galle! Upon completion, return to the hotel and spend the rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Marriott Weligama, Weligama
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 8 Weligama Free Day

After breakfast at the hotel, spend the day at leisure relaxing at the hotel & enjoy the beach.

Overnight: Marriott Weligama, Weligama
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 9 Weligama, Sri Lanka - Australia (via Negombo) (approx. 170km)

This morning at the appropriate time check out of the hotel and travel to the Negombo Airport for your return flight home.

Please note: Some travellers may be required to depart after midnight (technically day 10). Affected customers will still arrive home on Day 10.

Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight

Day 10 Arrive in Australia

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TOUR INCLUSIONS

HIGHLIGHTS

Discover the highlights of exotic Sri Lanka on tour

Travel to Sigiriya, home of the ancient rock fortress

Enjoy a day at leisure in the Kandalama/Sigiriya area

Discover magnificent Dambulla Rock Cave Temple

Explore the hillside tea plantations of Nuwara Eliya

Delve into Sri Lanka's rich tea heritage at a Ceylon tea factory

Spend the night in spiritual Kandy, home of the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic

Enjoy free time and a guided tour in the Dutch colonial city of Galle

Visit Galle Fort, also known as the 'Dutch Fort'

Enjoy 2 days at leisure at the stunning Weligama Beach

Stay in the luxurious Marriott Weligama

FLIGHTS

Return international flights (economy class) ex SYD/MEL/*BNE/PER

ACCOMMODATION

8 nights 4-5 star hotel accommodation on tour in Sri Lanka

DINING

Enjoy daily breakfast

TOUR ESSENTIALS

English-speaking tour guide

Airline taxes and surcharges

TRANSPORT

Transportation by private A/C vehicles

TRANSFERS

Return airport transfers with meet and assist in Sri Lanka

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Please note: All information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.*

BOOKING INFORMATION

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. The Passenger Information Form must be completed within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

On purchasing this Travel Offer you are bound by the General Terms and Conditions, in addition to the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information. <https://www.tripadeal.com.au/terms>

Please note: All additional charges are payable direct to your Travel Consultant in AUD (unless otherwise stated).

OFFER ESSENTIALS

Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 10th of November 2020.

This travel offer is priced for one person based on twin share.

Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers, a mandatory single supplement of \$600 applies.

Departure Dates

Please see the TripADeal website for current departure dates.

Surcharges

Please note:

- Dates/months with a * incur a flight high season surcharge of \$300 per person.
- Dates/months with a ^ incur a land high season surcharge of \$250 per person.

Departure Cities

Sydney, Melbourne, *Brisbane or Perth

Departure City Surcharges

*Brisbane: \$100 per person

FLIGHTS

Full-Service Airline(s) Used

Singapore Airlines, Malaysia Airlines, China Southern Airlines, Thai Airways, Vietnam Airlines, Cathay Pacific, Qantas Airways, Emirates, Virgin Australia, Malindo Air, Korean Airlines, Japan Airlines, China Airlines, Bangkok Airways plus any codeshare partners (subject to availability).

Please note: One-way flights can not be accommodated. Travellers must take all included flights within the package, and any flights intentionally forfeited will result in later flights being subject to cancellation.

Arrive early in Negombo, Sri Lanka

\$200 per person, subject to availability

Please note:

- This fee does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers.
- No flight booking changes or cancellations permitted after air tickets have been issued.
- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.
- Blackout Dates:
 - 20 September 2019 - 13 October 2019
 - 23 October 2019 - 4 November 2019
 - 14 December 2019 - 31 January 2020
 - 28 March 2020 - 27 April 2020
 - 20 June 2020 - 19 July 2020
 - 17 September 2020 - 11 October 2020
 - 10 November 2020 - 21 November 2020
 - 10 December 2020 - 20 January 2021

Stay behind in Negombo, Sri Lanka

\$200 per person, subject to availability

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Stopover Packages

Not Available

Flight Class Upgrades

- Premium Economy: Not Available
- Business Class (International Sectors Only): Buy now for \$5899 per person

Please note:

- All Premium Economy and Business Class upgrades are subject to availability (if we are not able to fulfil your business class request the upgrade cost will be refunded).
- On any upgrade purchase, short-haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed in a Premium or Business cabin; subject to aircraft configuration.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation Used

4-5 star (Self-rated)

Negombo: Heritance Negombo or similar

Kandalama: Heritance Kandalama, Cinnamon Lodge Habarana or similar

Kandy: Earl's Regent, Cinnamon Citadel or similar

Nuwara Eliya: Heritance Tea Factory, Araliya Green Hills Hotel or similar

Weligama: Marriott Weligama or similar

Please note:

- Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type, and are subject to availability based on seasonality. Properties will be confirmed, no later than two weeks prior to travel.
- Heritance Kandalama and Heritance Tea Factory will be used where possible.



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In the event there is no availability, the alternative will be used.

Extra Nights

Not Available

Maximum Room Capacity

3 People (subject to availability).

Child Policy

- No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for Children 12 years old and over.

Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors allowed.

Triple Share

No discounts apply for 3rd person travelling. Full price applies, subject to availability.

Please note: Triple shares may be required to share existing bedding.

Bedding Configuration

Twin or Double bedding (subject to availability).

Adjoining / Interconnecting Rooms

Subject to availability and at the hotel's discretion. Please enquire on booking if you require this option.

GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION

Minimum group size 14, maximum group size 20 per vehicle.

Optional Tours / Activities

Day 2: Sigiriya Rock Fortress: \$55 AUD

Day 3: Polonnaruwa City Tour - \$90 AUD

Day 3: Half Day Jeep safari in Minneriya National Park - \$95 AUD

Day 4: Kandy City Tour & Cultural Show - \$30 AUD

Day 5: Nuwara Eliya Fine Dining Train Experience: \$75 USD (subject to availability, can not be pre-booked)

Please note:

- Prices are based on per person, are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions..
- The optional tours listed above must be purchased on checkout or over the phone prior to submitting your passenger

information form (subject to availability)

- Some tours require minimum numbers to operate.

EXCLUSIONS

- Visa fees and requirements (A visa is a strict requirement if travelling on an Australian passport)
- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary
- Recommended gratuities/tipping: 1000 rupees per person per day.
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (Mandatory)

Please note: A comprehensive travel Insurance policy must be organised BEFORE all details can be finalised.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

Tour Guide:

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction in which he or she is guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves the group at the end of the tour, they do not travel with the group.

Tour Leader:

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides in each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village, and offer information on the place visited on the bus, however, they are not required to have specific knowledge on art, architecture, or history. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and if caught doing so, can be fined.

Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when

particularly required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

Sri Lanka:

Sri Lanka is a year-round destination with two monsoon seasons so there is a lot of confusion around when is the best time to visit. The weather doesn't run like clockwork here! However, there will rarely be weather so dramatic that it will stand in the way of a brilliant holiday with plenty of warm weather and sunshine. The temperature is constant at around 27°C on the coast, both the air and the water!

FLIGHTS

Seat Selection & Frequent Flyer Points:

At TripADeal we do not arrange seat selection. It is important to highlight that some Airlines do not allow pre-selected seats. We strongly suggest you contact the Airline directly with seating allocation requirements and or arrive at the airport earlier to arrange your seating. While we do not add frequent flyer member details to bookings, you can do this directly with the Airline once you have your flight information.

Passport Validity:

Customers are required to provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase, or no later than 45 days prior to departure date. Failure to do so may result in cancellation of the booking. In this instance, customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred.

COACH TOUR

Meals:

Daily breakfast is included in the tour, for all other meals; lunches and dinners the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify TripADeal of any dietary requests/requirements. Please note; we will do our best to meet your requests/requirements, however, cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Luggage:

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on the tour. With regards to luggage, you must carry your own luggage from the coach to the hotel room and back to the coach. The driver will assist with the uploading and off-loading of the luggage from the coach.

OTHER

Fitness Level Required / Mobility:

Our vehicles are not equipped with wheelchair access, so unfortunately, our tours are currently not suitable for wheelchair users and those less mobile.

Please note: A general level of fitness will be required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

Yellow Fever:

A valid international certificate of vaccination against Yellow Fever is required in many countries. You may need to present this on arrival at the airport or border crossing. Some countries will refuse entry if you are unable to present your certificate. It's also quite common for your home country to request a Yellow Fever certificate on your arrival back home.

It is your responsibility to check with your doctor well in advance of leaving home about the Yellow Fever requirements for the countries you'll be visiting.

Gratuities / Tipping:

Land

Gratuities (tips) are not included in the tour price for services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. The recommended tip is 1000 Rupees per person per day. This covers the guide/leader and the driver, which will be collected whilst on tour.

Tipping for all services provided on tour is always a matter of personal discretion, however, please be aware that tipping is considered by many locals to be a part of their normal remuneration and they may approach

you for payment and there is no need to be intimidated by the request.

Sightseeing:

Please note: In the event entrance to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary will be adjusted to ensure you do not miss out on the experience.

Shopping:

Shopping overseas can be a daunting and confusing experience, especially when there is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being charged and keep all of your receipts.

Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader.

Please refer to our Terms and Conditions in regards to shopping for further information. <https://www.tripadeal.com.au/terms>

VISAS

Sri Lanka

A Tourist Visa for Sri Lanka is a strict requirement if travelling on an Australian Passport. You will be able to start your Visa application process once you receive your final travel documentation approximately 6 weeks prior to departure.

TripADeal offers a fast, secure and easy service to obtain a Visa for this country. This E-visa can take approximately 4 business days to complete.

Please note: Passengers who are not Australian citizens must check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required. It is also important to note, some areas of employment such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations may have additional restrictions in applying for Visas. This may, in turn, affect the type of application required.

INSURANCE

We are proud to offer a range of travel insurance products - please ask your Travel Consultant for more information.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

- 1st Change - \$100.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- 2nd Change - \$150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- Subsequent changes - \$250.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- Changes within 30 days of departure \$350.00 person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- Changes within 14 days of departure \$500.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.

Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

- If the incorrect name has been advised to TripADeal, charges of \$150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.