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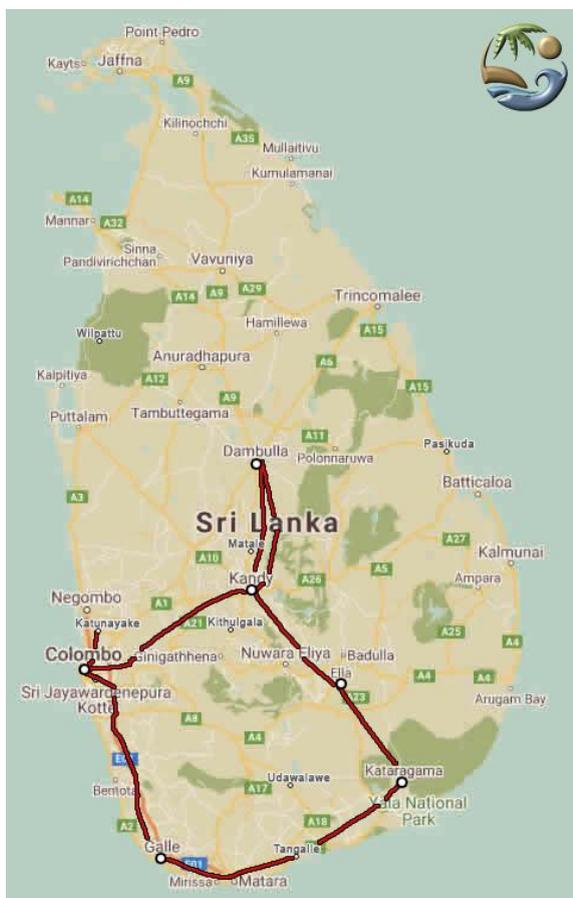
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Overview:

- 12 Days Private Sri Lanka Tour incl. 3 Scenic Train Journeys
- 4 UNESCO Heritage Sites - Dambulla, Sigiriya, Kandy, Galle
- For all Age Groups - For all Group Sizes
- Special Packages for Solo Travellers available
- Private Transportation with an experienced chauffeur guide
- Fully Customizable
- 24/7 Customer Hotline

Come to Sri Lanka and fill your cup with wonder and fascination, drink in the sights, sounds, and tastes of the unique culture and environment as you enjoy life-enriching experiences with your loved ones and traveling partners. Enjoy empty beaches, no crowds, heartfelt hospitality, and the holiday of a lifetime.

SAFE & SECURE! We provide you with a safe, but non-intrusive travel environment, implementing strict protection measures for all our staff, vehicles, and partner hotels. You will be traveling with your partner, friends, and/or family only, no sharing!



We are known for consistent high-quality service, the best tour arrangements, and unmatched safety standards. Sri Holidays is the first choice as a Sri Lanka Travel Partner who discreetly takes care of all your needs and well-being

- Over 20 years of professional experience
- 24/7 Customer Hotline
- Own fleet of new a/c limousines & mini-vans
- Best Rates Guarantee as contract partner for most hotels and service providers in Sri Lanka
- All health & safety certificates up to date

Tour Itinerary:

DAY 01:

Limousine Transfer from Sri Lanka's International Airport to your Hotel in Colombo
Colombo, Sri Lanka's capital city, is cosmopolitan and filled with many-starred international hotels, shopping centers, and surprisingly westernized, yet with its own unmistakable Sri Lankan character.

A fascinating mix of old and new, with a central cluster of high-rise office blocks and hotels overshadowing red-tiled colonial-era buildings and sprawling street markets which overflow with high piled fruit and vegetables, colorful silks and cotton, and deliciously fragrant spices. The colorful street markets, colonial-era buildings, museums and galleries, churches, mosques, and temples of Colombo can easily be explored with your driver/guide.

DAY 02:

Colombo City Tour by air-conditioned limousine with personal driver/guide

A half-kilometer-long stretch in Colombo that runs between the scenic Indian Ocean and the Galle Road. Galle Face Green Promenade is not only an important landmark but also a favored picnic spot amongst locals and foreign visitors alike.

Once home to cinnamon trees spread over vast acreage, the Cinnamon Gardens now showcase important buildings like the National Museum, the Prime Minister's Office, the Town Hall of Colombo, and the Independence Hall.

Old Parliament Building:

Built in the neo-baroque style of architecture, the Old Parliament Building is one of the major attractions of Colombo. The beautiful architecture and the history associated with the building are fascinating.

Mount Lavinia is a coastal town 12 km from the center of Colombo City. The city's name is built up around the original residence of Sir Thomas Maitland who was the Governor-General of Ceylon from 1805-1811. At a welcoming party held in his honor on his arrival on the island, he set his eyes upon Lovina, a local mestizo dancer, whose father was the Headman of the troupe. Sir Thomas was smitten by her smile and charms and soon found himself obsessed by her and took every measure possible to see more of her. Legend says she was smuggled into his mansion through a secret tunnel that led from her father's well into a wine cellar in the house. Today Mount Lavinia is a city bustling with life and well known for its beach activities and chilled-out dining locations along the beach.

DAY 03:

Train Journey to Kandy, Sri Lanka's Cultural Capital

In the morning your driver will take you to the Colombo Railway Station where you will embark on your first train trip from Colombo to Kandy. The journey is by observation carriage and the tickets will be provided by your driver. Kandy is Sri Lanka's cultural capital the gateway to the cultural triangle, mountain ranges, and tea plantations. The clarity of the air and its verdant, hilly outlook around the sacred lake make it a pleasant escape from the heat of the coasts.

DAY 04:

Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage & Royal Botanical Gardens

Time for some special highlights of Sri Lanka. After breakfast your driver will take you to the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage, the largest elephant orphanage in Sri Lanka, accounting for around fifty elephants at any given time. The orphanage is open all day but it is best to time your visit with the twice-daily feeding and bathing. At 9.15 am and 4.15 pm, the baby elephants are taken into the stalls where they are tethered and then bottle-fed with milk, providing endless photo opportunities. This might be a crowd pleaser but it's not the highlight; what really steals the show is the bathing.

In the afternoon visit the Royal Botanic Gardens in Kandy.

Established in 1816, these gardens are located about 6.5km before Kandy on the side of the Colombo-Kandy highway. Initially planted with Coffee and Cinnamon, now includes beautiful Sri Lankan and overseas species. No vehicle is allowed entry to this 147-acre garden. It is bounded on three sides by a loop of the Mahaweli River. The Avenue of Royal Palms, Bamboo-fringed riverside drive, Bat drive, Spice garden, Orchard house, Cactus house and a Glasshouse of anthuriums, begonias, African Violets, and other species and the giant Javan fig tree found on the great lawn attract locals as well as visitors from overseas. It covers an area of 1600 sqm. Keep your eyes open for an oxen-driven lawn mover.

DAY 05:

Sigiriya Rock Fortress & Dambulla Cave Temple

No holiday in Sri Lanka is complete without a visit to the Sigiriya Rock. Sigiriya is a sixth-century fortress perched on a 200-meter high rock and one of the most dramatic of Sri Lanka's historical sites. Don't rush through all this magnificence. Be prepared to spend at least one whole day, walking around the Sigiriya gardens, the newly laid out herbal garden. Walk to the northern corner of the western moat and

look to the south down the moat, and see how it had been made in line with the summit of a faraway hill.

On your way back you can visit the Dambulla Cave Temples, a UNESCO world heritage site (optional). Dambulla and its five cave temples are filled with Buddhist murals and many Buddha statues. Visitors must remove their shoes and approach the shrine's bare-foot. The first cave is filled with the 47-foot-long recumbent image of the meditating Buddha.

DAY 06:

Scenic Train Journey through Tea Plantation to Ella

Your second Sri Lanka train trip from Kandy to Ella is considered by many as one of the most beautiful train trips in the world. The train journey from Kandy - Ella takes seven hours and provides you with amazing landscapes of green tea plantations and spectacular mountain views. An unforgettable railway experience that will leave you breathless and wanting more. Your 1st class observation carriage provides a wide view of the beautiful scenery that will have you snapping photos at every turn.

DAY 07:

Ella Walking Tour or optional Nuwara Eliya Sightseeing

Ella is a beautiful small village in Sri Lanka's hill country with little more than a handful of shops, hotels, and guesthouses, but it has an almost perfect climate and occupies a very scenic vantage point, with views on a fine day stretching right across the South Coast of Sri Lanka. If it is too quiet for you, your driver/guide can take you to Nuwara Eliya, the home of the famous Ceylon Tea.

Nuwara Eliya was found by a group of British officers during the earlier part of the 19th century, who as the story goes, had gotten lost while elephant hunting. The city is surrounded by a seemingly endless array of tea plantations and its outskirts are like a journey into the past. Colonial villas, rose gardens, an 18 hole golf course and country club-styled hotels are the perfect backgrounds for this unique hill station.

DAY 08 - 11:

Wildlife, National Parks, and Top Beaches

On your way to Tangalle on Sri Lanka's South Coast, you can arrange with the driver to stop at the Yala National Park for an afternoon Jeep Safari. Yala is one of the best parks in the world to observe and photograph leopards in the wild. There are about 35 leopards in the park which probably is the highest density of anywhere in the world. Otherwise, proceed directly to Tangalle.

A couple of protective bays has made Tangalle a popular port from ancient times to date and, today is an important fishing town, as well as a perfect place for those who desire a quiet, relaxed holiday with sun, sand, surf, and snorkeling. Recommended day trips are to Mirissa Beach for Surfing and Whale Watching and/or the Udawalawe National Park.

DAY 12:

South Coast Train Journey & Return Transfer

Depending on your next destination (you can book a beach extension with us) and/or your departure time, the driver can drop you off at the Matara Railway Station for your last train ride from Matara to Galle, a journey along the fantastic beaches and villages on Sri Lanka's South Coast. The driver will meet you again at the Galle railway station with your luggage. Please note that seat reservations are not available on the daytime trains here, but if you stay clear of the early morning commuter trains it will be another beautiful train journey.

Sri Lanka by Train Boutique Tour ends once you have reached your next destination and/or the airport.

Tour Includes:

- Accommodation at selected Hotels in double room (sharing)
- Mealplan: B&B
- Experienced, English-speaking driver/guide with required guiding permit.
- French, German, Russian, Italian, Japanese speaking guides can be booked for a small surcharge.
- Private transportation by a/c luxury limousine or Japanese Mini Van with driver/guide
- Full vehicle/passenger insurance by Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation Ltd.
- Driver Accommodation & Meals
- 24/7 Customer Hotline
- Train Tickets

Optional

- Wi-Fi
- Free Baby Seat
- Free Wheelchair
- Free Baby Cot (below 3 years)

Tour Does Not Include:

Client(s) Medical / Travel Insurance

Meals not mentioned above

Applicable Entrance Fees

International/Domestic Flights

Personal Expenses
Tips/Porterage
Excursions not mentioned in the Tour Itinerary

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