

# Sri Lanka Express: Colombo & Galle Weekend Escape

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Destination  
**Sri Lanka**



Duration  
**3 Nights 4 Days**



Starting from  
**Rs. 18,500 / person**

## ITINERARY ROUTE

↩ Colombo • 1N

↩ Galle • 2N

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## Overview

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Discover the best of Sri Lanka in a short, action-packed 3 nights / 4 days Sri Lanka tour package designed for weekend travelers. This Sri Lanka Weekend tour package mixes vibrant city life in Colombo with the colonial charm and sun-kissed beaches of Galle. Ideal for travelers searching for a quick escape — this Sri Lanka Weekend package and 3 and 4 Sri Lanka Weekend tour package offer curated sightseeing, relaxed beach time, and cultural highlights all within a compact itinerary.

### Highlights:

- Colombo city tour: Gangaramaya Temple, Galle Face Green
- Galle Fort: Dutch-era ramparts, lighthouse & museums
- Unawatuna & Hikkaduwa: Beaches, snorkeling and marine life
- Koggala Lake: Optional boat cruise

Note: This weekend package is fully customizable — ask about extensions, upgrades, or private guides.

#### ✓ **What's Included**

- ✓ 3 nights accommodation: 1 night in Colombo, 2 nights in Galle (hotel category as selected)
- ✓ Daily breakfast
- ✓ Private air-conditioned transfer and transportation as per itinerary
- ✓ English-speaking driver/guide
- ✓ Entrance fees for listed attractions (where applicable)
- ✓ Local taxes and service charges
- ✓ 24/7 emergency support
- ✓ This package is presented as a compact Sri Lanka tour package ideal for a weekend escape.

#### ✗ **Not Included**

- ✗ International flights to/from Sri Lanka
- ✗ Visa fees, travel insurance and personal expenses
- ✗ Meals not specified in inclusions
- ✗ Optional activities (snorkeling, Koggala boat trip, water sports) unless specified
- ✗ Tips and gratuities
- ✗ Any items of a personal nature

## Day-by-Day Itinerary

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Day

1

### **Arrival & Colombo City Highlights**

Arrive at Bandaranaike International Airport or Colombo's domestic terminal. Meet your driver and transfer to your hotel in Colombo. After check-in and a short rest, enjoy a guided discovery of Colombo's key sights: Gangaramaya Temple, the colonial Old Parliament, colorful Pettah Market, and the oceanfront Galle Face Green. Evening at leisure with dinner at a recommended local restaurant.

Tip: Keep light change or a small amount of Sri Lankan cash handy for market purchases and tuk-tuk rides.

Day

2

### **Drive to Galle via Coastal Gems**

After breakfast, depart for Galle along the scenic coastal route. Stop en route at Hikkaduwa for a short beach break or optional snorkeling (marine conservation area). Visit a sea turtle hatchery and enjoy fresh seafood for lunch. Continue to Galle, check into your hotel, then explore the atmospheric Galle Fort at sunset — walk the ramparts, visit the lighthouse, and browse boutique stores.

Important: Snorkeling and turtle-hatchery visits are optional and seasonal; bring reef-safe sunscreen.

Day

3

### **Leisure & Beach Time: Unawatuna or Bentota**

Enjoy a relaxed day by the sea. Choose from sunbathing and swimming at Unawatuna Beach, trying water sports, or taking a short boat trip on Koggala Lake to spot birdlife and visit a cinnamon island (optional). Return to Galle to enjoy local cafés, colonial architecture, and an evening stroll along the fort's ramparts.

Tip: Peak beach conditions vary by season — ask your guide for the best local spots for swimming and snorkeling.

Day

4

### **Return to Colombo & Departure**

After breakfast, check out and depart for Colombo. En route you can visit local handicraft shops or stop for a short visit at Taprobane Island viewpoint (subject to route). Transfer to Bandaranaike International Airport or Colombo drop-off for your onward flight.

Note: If your flight is late in the day, request a late checkout or a day-room option to freshen up before departure.



## Frequently Asked Questions

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### ❓ **When is the best time to visit Sri Lanka?**

Sri Lanka has two monsoon patterns, so the best time depends on your destination. For the west and south coasts (Colombo, Galle, Mirissa) and hill country (Kandy, Ella, Nuwara Eliya), visit December to March for dry, sunny weather. For the east and north coasts (Trincomalee, Arugam Bay, Jaffna), May to September offers the best conditions. December to February brings cool, misty weather in the highlands with temperatures dropping to 6-12°C, so pack warm layers. March to May is warm but pleasant, while monsoon seasons (May-September for west/south, October-January for east/north) offer fewer crowds and better deals in affected regions.

### ❓ **How can I reach Sri Lanka from India?**

The easiest way is by air to Bandaranaike International Airport (CMB) in Colombo. Direct flights operate from major Indian cities including Chennai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Kochi, Mumbai, Delhi, Trichy, Madurai, Coimbatore, and Thiruvananthapuram. Flight time is typically 1-3 hours depending on your departure city. Other airports include Ratmalana (RML) near Colombo and Mattala (HRI) with limited operations. Occasional ferry services between South India and North Sri Lanka have operated but aren't consistently regular - check current status before planning. As an island nation, road or rail connections from India aren't available.

### ❓ **Do Indians need a visa to visit Sri Lanka?**

Yes, Indians typically need an Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA) or e-visa obtained online before travel through the official Sri Lankan government portal. The process is straightforward and usually processed within 24-48 hours. However, Sri Lanka periodically offers visa fee waivers or promotional schemes for Indian tourists, so check the latest requirements and fees before booking your trip. Keep your passport valid for at least 6 months from arrival date. The ETA allows stays up to 30 days for tourism purposes. Always verify current visa requirements as policies can change.

### ❓ **What are the local transportation options in Sri Lanka?**

Sri Lanka offers diverse transport options. Trains provide scenic routes like Colombo-Kandy-Ella and Colombo-Galle - book seats early for popular sectors. Buses are economical and frequent with AC coaches on main routes. Tuk-tuks are ubiquitous; use the PickMe app or agree on fares beforehand. Ride-hailing includes PickMe (island-wide) and Uber (mainly Colombo). For comfort and flexibility, hire chauffeur-driven cars or taxis. Domestic flights and seaplanes offer limited seasonal services for longer distances. For circuits, many travelers prefer hiring a car with driver due to local knowledge and convenience.

## ❓ **Where should I stay in Sri Lanka and what accommodation options are available?**

Sri Lanka offers accommodations across all budgets. In Colombo, stay near Galle Face or Cinnamon Gardens for convenience. For beaches, choose Galle Fort for heritage charm, Mirissa/Weligama for whales and surfing, or Unawatuna for nightlife. Hill country options include Kandy for culture, Ella for scenery, and Nuwara Eliya for tea estates. Wildlife enthusiasts should stay near Yala or Udawalawe national parks. Options range from luxury resorts (Shangri-La, Amangalla, Cape Weligama) to mid-range hotels (Jetwing properties, Cinnamon chain) and budget guesthouses. Tea estate bungalows and eco-lodges offer unique experiences. Book advance during peak season (December–March).

## ❓ **What are the must-visit attractions in Sri Lanka?**

Top attractions include Sigiriya Rock Fortress with its 5th-century sky palace and frescoes, and the UNESCO-listed Galle Fort with Dutch colonial architecture. Experience the scenic Kandy–Ella train journey through tea plantations, visit Kandy's Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic, and explore the ancient capitals of Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa. For nature, safari in Yala National Park for leopards and elephants, whale-watch from Mirissa (December–April), and trek Horton Plains to World's End cliff. Don't miss Dambulla Cave Temple, the hill town of Ella with Nine Arch Bridge, Nuwara Eliya's tea estates, and cultural Jaffna in the north.

## ❓ **What local food and cuisine should I try in Sri Lanka?**

Sri Lankan cuisine offers rich flavors familiar yet distinct from Indian food. Must-tries include rice and curry platters with multiple vegetable and meat curries, hoppers (bowl-shaped fermented pancakes) and egg hoppers, string hoppers (idiyappam) with pol sambol, and kottu roti (stir-fried chopped bread with curry). Sample Jaffna crab curry, ambul thiyal (sour fish curry), and lamprais (rice in banana leaf). For desserts, try buffalo curd with kithul treacle and watalappam. Don't miss Ceylon tea from garden to cup. Vegetarians will find excellent options including dal curries, vegetable dishes, and coconut-based preparations. Street food is generally safe at busy stalls.

## ★ **Traveller Reviews**



**Arjun Mehta**

★★★★★ 5/5

### **Amazing Experience in Sri Lanka**

The tour package was well organized and covered all major attractions. Our guide was knowledgeable and friendly. Highly recommend!



**Priya Sharma**

★★★★★ 5/5

### Memorable Trip to Sri Lanka

Had a fantastic time visiting Sri Lanka. The cultural sites and natural beauty were breathtaking. Will cherish these memories forever!



**Siddharth Verma**

★★★★☆ 4/5

### Excellent Package

Everything was perfectly planned from start to finish. The accommodations were top-notch and the itinerary was well thought out.



**Anjali Rao**

★★★★★ 5/5

### Beautiful Beaches

Enjoyed relaxing on the beautiful beaches of Sri Lanka. The water activities were a highlight of my trip!



**Ravi Kumar**

★★★★☆ 4/5

### Cultural Delight

Sri Lanka's rich culture was fascinating. The tour provided a deep insight into local traditions and history.

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