

Kandy Cultural Short Break: Temple of the Tooth & Tea Trails

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Destination
Sri Lanka



Duration
3 Nights 4 Days



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Rs. 21,000 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

↙ **Kandy · 2N**

↙ **Nuwara Eliya · 1N**

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Overview

A compact, immersive Sri Lanka tour package ideal for travelers seeking cultural depth and scenic tea-country vistas in a short timeframe. This 3 nights / 4 days Sri Lanka Pilgrimage tour package combines visits to the sacred Temple of the Tooth (Sri Dalada Maligawa), a soulful cultural experience in Kandy, and a scenic journey through the tea trails of Nuwara Eliya. Perfect for those searching for 'Sri Lanka tour package', 'Sri Lanka Pilgrimage tour package', or '3 and 4 Sri Lanka Pilgrimage tour package'. Designed for easy travel, cultural insight, and unforgettable photo opportunities.

✓ **What's Included**

- ✓ 3 nights accommodation (2 nights in Kandy, 1 night in Nuwara Eliya)
- ✓ Daily breakfast
- ✓ Private transfers and road transport in an air-conditioned vehicle
- ✓ English-speaking driver/guide
- ✓ Entrance fees to Temple of the Tooth and listed attractions (as per itinerary)
- ✓ Tea plantation & tea factory visit
- ✓ Kandyan cultural dance performance
- ✓ All currently applicable government taxes
- ✓ This Sri Lanka Pilgrimage tour package can be tailored to include train tickets on request.

✗ **Not Included**

- ✗ International flights to/from Sri Lanka
- ✗ Visa fees and travel insurance
- ✗ Meals not specified in inclusions (lunch & dinner unless stated)
- ✗ Personal expenses, tips/gratuities
- ✗ Camera/video permits where applicable
- ✗ Single room supplement (if applicable)
- ✗ Special note: Peak-season surcharges, optional activities, and entrance fees not listed above may apply.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival — Transfer to Kandy & Evening Temple Visit

Arrive at Bandaranaike International Airport (Colombo) or Colombo city and transfer to Kandy (approx. 3–4 hours by road). Check in to your hotel and relax. In the evening visit the sacred Temple of the Tooth (Sri Dalada Maligawa) to witness the evening puja/ceremony — a highlight of any Sri Lanka Pilgrimage package. Enjoy a relaxed stroll around Kandy Lake and sample local cuisine.

Important: If you arrive late, the Temple visit can be scheduled for the next morning. Wear modest clothing for temple entry.

Day

2

Kandy Cultural Immersion & Botanical Gardens

Full day exploring Kandy's cultural and natural highlights. Start with a guided visit to Royal Botanical Gardens, Peradeniya — renowned for orchids and giant ficus trees. Return to Kandy for a city tour: Kandy Market, Bahiravokanda Vihara Buddha Statue viewpoint, and the historic streets surrounding the temple complex. In the evening enjoy an authentic Kandyan cultural dance performance showcasing traditional drummers and dancers.

Tip: Carry sun protection for the Botanical Gardens and wear comfortable shoes for walking.

Day

3

Scenic Drive / Train to Tea Country — Tea Plantation & Factory Visit

Depart Kandy for the highlands: choose a scenic train ride (book in advance for a memorable experience) or a private road transfer to Nuwara Eliya. En route, stop at a working tea plantation and tea factory to learn about tea plucking and processing — a must for any Sri Lanka tour package. Continue through picturesque hill country, with photo stops at tea terraces and viewpoints. Arrive in Nuwara Eliya (often called 'Little England') and enjoy an evening walk around Gregory Lake.

Note: Train travel offers spectacular views but requires advance seat reservations during peak season.

Day

4

Nuwara Eliya Morning & Return to Colombo / Departure

Start the day with a relaxed morning in Nuwara Eliya: visit Hakgala Botanical Gardens (optional) or explore the town, its colonial architecture, and local markets. After breakfast, check out and begin transfer back to Colombo or proceed to the airport for onward travel. Drop-off at Bandaranaike International Airport or Colombo city completes the 3 nights / 4 days Sri Lanka Pilgrimage package.

Tip: Allow extra travel time when returning to Colombo for traffic; if flying out, schedule flights in the late afternoon/evening where possible.

? Frequently Asked Questions

? 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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