

Wildlife and Tea Country: Nuwara Eliya & Horton Plains 4-Night Escape

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Destination
Sri Lanka



Duration
4 Nights 5 Days



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Rs. 35,000 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

↙ Nuwara Eliya · 3N

↘ Kandy · 1N

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Overview

A refreshing Sri Lanka tour package designed for travelers who want to combine scenic highland tea country with thrilling nature walks and wildlife spotting. This 4-night, 5-day Sri Lanka Adventure tour package centers on Nuwara Eliya and Horton Plains, offering misty highland landscapes, pristine trails, tea estate experiences, and cultural highlights in nearby Kandy.

Highlights:

- Horton Plains National Park – World's End & Baker's Falls
- Nuwara Eliya – Tea plantations, factory visit & Gregory Lake
- Scenic train views through the hill country (Nanu Oya to Ella/Kandy segment)
- Kandy – Temple of the Tooth & cultural city tour
- Optional safari add-ons to nearby national parks (Yala / Udawalawe)

This 4 and 5 Sri Lanka Adventure tour package is ideal for nature lovers, photographers, and travelers seeking cool-climate relaxation and mild adventure in the hill country.

✓ **What's Included**

- ✓ Included in this Sri Lanka tour package:
- ✓ 4 nights accommodation (3 nights in Nuwara Eliya, 1 night in Kandy) in twin/double rooms with daily breakfast
- ✓ Private air-conditioned transfers and intercity transportation
- ✓ Entrance fees to Horton Plains National Park and local sites listed
- ✓ Tea factory visit & guided tea tasting
- ✓ English-speaking driver/guide
- ✓ Parking, tolls and government taxes
- ✓ 24/7 emergency support
- ✓ Note: This itinerary highlights a 4 and 5 Sri Lanka Adventure tour package experience focused on the hill country.

✗ **Not Included**

- ✗ Not included:
- ✗ International flights and visa fees
- ✗ Meals other than breakfast (lunch/dinner unless specified)
- ✗ Train seat reservations (if opting for scenic train – can be added)
- ✗ Personal expenses, tips/gratuities, travel insurance
- ✗ Optional activities and national park safaris (Yala / Udawalawe) unless pre-booked
- ✗ High-season supplements and single-room supplements

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival & Scenic Transfer to Nuwara Eliya

Arrive at Bandaranaike International Airport (Colombo) or Colombo city. Meet and greet with your driver-guide and depart for the hill country. Drive through lush landscapes with photo stops at Ramboda Falls and panoramic viewpoints. Arrive in Nuwara Eliya – often called “Little England” – in the late afternoon. Check into your hotel and enjoy an orientation walk near Gregory Lake.

Tips: Carry a light jacket – evenings can be cool.

Day

2

Horton Plains National Park: World's End & Baker's Falls

Early morning transfer to Horton Plains National Park (depart around 5:00–6:00 AM) to catch the best weather and visibility. Hike the park trail to World's End, a dramatic drop with sweeping views, and visit Baker's Falls. Spot highland wildlife such as sambar deer and endemic birds. Return to Nuwara Eliya for a relaxing afternoon. Evening at leisure – consider a stroll through the town or a visit to a local tea shop.

Important: Entry to Horton Plains requires an early start due to park opening hours and weather.

Day

3

Tea Estates, Factory Tour & Nuwara Eliya Sights

Spend the day exploring the heart of Sri Lanka's tea country. Visit a working tea estate and tea factory to learn about plucking, processing and tasting tea. See the iconic colonial-era post office, Victoria Park, and panoramic viewpoints. Afternoon at Hakgala Botanical Gardens (optional). Evening free to enjoy a traditional Sri Lankan highland dinner.

Highlight: Tea tasting session included – perfect for fans of Ceylon tea.

Day

4

Scenic Train Option or Drive to Kandy via Hill Country

Option 1 (recommended for photographers): Transfer to Nanu Oya station for the scenic train ride through tea terraces and tunnels (reserve seats) toward Ella/Kandy direction. Option 2: Drive to Kandy by road with stops at viewpoints and local markets. Arrive in Kandy in the afternoon, visit the Temple of the Tooth Relic (Sri Dalada Maligawa) and enjoy a lakeside walk. Evening cultural show (optional).

Note: Train seats are limited – book in advance if choosing this option.

Day

5

Kandy Morning, Departure to Colombo / Airport

Morning at leisure in Kandy — choose to visit the Royal Botanical Gardens (Peradeniya) or shop for Ceylon tea and handicrafts. After lunch, begin your journey back to Colombo or proceed to the airport for departure. End of the Sri Lanka Adventure package.

Optional: Extend your package with a wildlife safari to Yala or Udawalawe for more animal encounters.

? 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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