



Colombo City and Culinary Trails: Sri Lanka 4-Night Foodie Tour

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Destination
Sri Lanka



Duration
4 Nights 5 Days



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Rs. 28,750 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

📍 Colombo • 3N

📍 Galle • 1N

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Overview

Experience the best of Sri Lanka's vibrant capital and coastal culinary traditions on the "Colombo City and Culinary Trails: Sri Lanka 4-Night Foodie Tour". This Sri Lanka tour package is crafted for food lovers and families who want a tasteful blend of city street food, market visits, a coastal seafood experience and a hands-on cooking class. Over 5 days and 4 nights you'll explore Colombo highlights, wander colorful bazaars, enjoy a scenic train ride to Galle, and learn to prepare authentic Sri Lankan dishes with local chefs. Ideal for travelers seeking a compact, flavor-packed Sri Lanka Family package with activities suitable for families and food-focused groups.

✓ **What's Included**

- ✓ 4 nights accommodation (3 nights in Colombo, 1 night in Galle) - Daily breakfast and 3 specially curated meals (street-tasting walk, seafood dinner, cooking-class lunch) - Airport transfers on arrival and departure - Private transfers and train tickets as listed - Guided Colombo street food tour, Galle Fort food walk, and hands-on cooking class - Local market visits and ingredient sourcing - Bottled water during excursions - All entrance fees for included activities - Family-friendly options and child menus available

✗ **Not Included**

- ✗ International flights - Travel insurance (recommended) - Visa fees - Meals not mentioned in inclusions - Personal expenses, tips and gratuities - Optional activities not listed in itinerary - Late check-out or early check-in charges unless specified

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival, Welcome and Sunset Introduction to Colombo

Arrive at Bandaranaike International Airport and transfer to your hotel in Colombo. Settle in and enjoy a relaxed evening introduction to the city's culinary scene with a guided tasting walk: sample local sweets, fresh coconut water, and street snacks. Arrival times and private transfers will be arranged to suit your flight. End the day with a sunset drinks stop at a rooftop café overlooking the Indian Ocean.

Day

2

Colombo Street Food, Markets and Heritage Walk

Spend the day exploring Pettah Market for spices, fresh produce and snacks. Join a guided Colombo street food tour to taste favorites such as kottu roti, hoppers (appa), short eats, and samosas. Visit the National Museum, the colonial waterfront, and take an evening tuk-tuk ride to explore hidden food stalls. This day is family-friendly: alternative mild spice options are available for children.

Day

3

Scenic Train to Galle and Galle Fort Food Walk

Travel by scenic coastal train to Galle (approx. 2.5–3 hours). On arrival enjoy a curated Galle Fort Food Walk—seafood tastings, local sweets and the best roti shops inside the UNESCO-listed fort. Explore the fort's ramparts, Dutch architecture and artisanal boutiques. Return to the waterfront for sunset photos and a relaxed seafood dinner.

Day

4

Hands-on Cooking Class and Coastal Flavors

Start the day with a local market visit in Galle to source ingredients. Take a hands-on cooking class focusing on Sri Lankan curry bases, sambols, and traditional desserts. Learn tips for balancing spices and how to prepare Maldivian-style seafood grills and coconut-based specialties. Enjoy the meal you prepared for lunch and free time in the afternoon to stroll the fort or relax on nearby beaches. Evening return to Colombo (private transfer). Vegetarian and child-friendly menus available on request.

Day

5

Final Morning, Leisure and Departure

Enjoy a final leisurely breakfast at your Colombo hotel. Depending on your flight time, do last-minute shopping at Odel or local craft shops, or fit in a short visit to the Independence Square. Transfer to Bandaranaike International Airport for departure. If your flight is later in the day we can arrange an additional short culinary activity (tea tasting or pastry workshop).

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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