

Luxury Train and Coastal Retreat: 7-Night Signature Sri Lanka Journey

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Destination
Sri Lanka



Duration
7 Nights 8 Days



Starting from
Rs. 1,45,000 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

↗ Colombo · 1N

↗ Kandy · 2N

↗ Nuwara Eliya · 1N

↗ Ella · 1N

↗ Mirissa · 1N

↗ Galle · 1N

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Overview

Experience the best of Sri Lanka with the "Luxury Train and Coastal Retreat: 7-Night Signature Sri Lanka Journey" – a curated Sri Lanka tour package that blends scenic hill-country rail travel, cultural highlights, world-class tea estates, and a rejuvenating coastal retreat. This Sri Lanka Adventure tour package is ideal for travelers seeking a mix of relaxation and discovery, featuring a luxury scenic train experience, cultural treasures in Kandy, panoramic tea-country vistas in Nuwara Eliya and Ella, and pristine beaches at Mirissa/Galle. Perfect for travelers looking for comfort, photographic landscapes, and a balanced pace.

✓ **What's Included**

- ✓ 7 nights of luxury accommodation (hotel / boutique lodges / beachfront resort)
- ✓ Daily breakfast and selected meals as mentioned
- ✓ Private air-conditioned transfers and intercity drives
- ✓ Luxury scenic train experience (hill country segment)
- ✓ Guided visits: Temple of the Tooth, Galle Fort, tea estate tour
- ✓ Whale-watching cruise (seasonal) in Mirissa
- ✓ Entrance fees where specified
- ✓ English-speaking local guides
- ✓ Airport meet & greet and arrival/departure transfers
- ✓ 24/7 local assistance and emergency support

✗ **Not Included**

- ✗ International flights to/from Sri Lanka
- ✗ Visa fees and travel insurance
- ✗ Meals not specified in the itinerary
- ✗ Personal expenses, tips, and gratuities
- ✗ Optional activities (e.g., Horton Plains guided trek) unless listed as included
- ✗ Peak-season surcharges, city taxes or hotel tourism levies
- ✗ Any items not listed under inclusions

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival in Colombo & Transfer to City

Arrive at Bandaranaike International Airport (Colombo). Meet your private representative and transfer to your luxury hotel in Colombo. If time permits, take a short city orientation drive covering the colonial Fort District, Galle Face Green, and bustling local markets. Evening welcome dinner with authentic Sri Lankan cuisine. Arrival transfers and early check-in subject to flight schedules.

Day

2

Colombo to Kandy – Cultural Capital & Temple of the Tooth

After breakfast, drive to Kandy (approx. 3–4 hours) through scenic landscapes. En route visit a spice garden and enjoy a traditional lunch. Afternoon guided visit to the sacred Temple of the Tooth Relic (Sri Dalada Maligawa) and a stroll around Kandy Lake. In the evening, enjoy a cultural performance showcasing Kandyan dance. Wear modest clothing when visiting religious sites.

Day

3

Luxury Scenic Train Journey to the Hill Country & Tea Estate Tour

Board a carefully selected luxury train for one of Sri Lanka's most scenic rail experiences from Kandy into the hill country. Settle into premium seating and watch emerald tea terraces, waterfalls, and misty valleys pass by. Disembark at a hill-station and visit a working tea estate and factory to learn about Ceylon tea production with tastings. Afternoon at leisure in Nuwara Eliya (often called "Little England") with colonial-era architecture and manicured gardens.

Day

4

Explore Nuwara Eliya & Transfer to Ella – Waterfalls and Scenic Hikes

Morning exploration of Nuwara Eliya – visit a tea plantation viewpoint and the charming local market. Travel by road or continue by heritage train toward Ella. In Ella, enjoy short hikes to Little Adam's Peak and the famous Nine Arch Bridge with panoramic viewpoints and photo opportunities. Evening at leisure in a boutique mountain lodge.

Day

5

Hill Country Leisure & Drive to the South Coast (Mirissa)

Morning at leisure – optional visits include Horton Plains National Park (for the stunning World's End view) or a guided nature walk. Afterward, scenic drive to the southern coastline to the beach town of Mirissa. Check into your luxury beachfront resort and enjoy sunset cocktails on the sand. Drive time approx. 5–6 hours depending on stops.

Day

6

Whale Watching & Coastal Relaxation

Early-morning whale-watching cruise (seasonal) from Mirissa – spot blue whales, sperm whales, and dolphins (seasonal). Return to resort for a beachfront brunch, then afternoon massage or water sports. Evening free to explore local seafood restaurants or relax at the resort. Whale sightings are seasonal and cannot be guaranteed.

Day

7

Galle Fort – Colonial Heritage & Evening Return to Colombo

Morning transfer to the UNESCO-listed Galle Fort. Guided walking tour of Galle Fort, including ramparts, Dutch-colonial houses, boutique shops, and lighthouse. Enjoy a seaside lunch overlooking the Indian Ocean. Later drive back to Colombo for final-night luxury accommodation or transfer to the airport for late departures, depending on flight timings. Traffic may affect transfer times; plan flights accordingly.

Day

8

Departure – End of 7-Night Signature Sri Lanka Journey

After breakfast, enjoy a relaxed morning. Depending on your departure schedule, you may have time for last-minute shopping or a short city tour. Private transfer to Bandaranaike International Airport for your onward flight. Thank you for choosing this Sri Lanka Adventure package – we hope you leave with unforgettable memories.

🔍 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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