

Island Discovery: 10-Night Sri Lanka Adventure from North to South.

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Destination
Sri Lanka



Duration
10 Nights 11 Days



Starting from
Rs. 1,35,000 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

↖ Jaffna · 1N

↖ Anuradhapura · 1N

↖ Habarana / Sigiriya · 1N

↖ Kandy · 2N

↖ Nuwara Eliya · 1N

↖ Ella · 1N

↖ Yala · 1N

↖ Mirissa / Galle · 2N

Overview

Island Discovery: 10-Night Sri Lanka Adventure from North to South — an expertly crafted Sri Lanka tour package and Sri Lanka Adventure tour package that spans the island from the historic Jaffna in the north to the sun-kissed beaches of Mirissa and Galle in the south. This 10-night, 11-day Sri Lanka Adventure package blends culture, wildlife, train journeys, tea-country vistas, and beach time for a complete island experience. Ideal for travelers seeking varied landscapes, authentic local experiences, and adventure-packed days.

Highlights:

- Jaffna Fort & Keerimalai — northern heritage and coastal springs
- Ancient Cities: Anuradhapura, Sigiriya Rock Fortress, Polonnaruwa
- Sacred Temple of the Tooth and cultural shows in Kandy
- Iconic scenic train journey through tea country to Nuwara Eliya and Ella
- Wildlife safari in Yala National Park (leopards, elephants, birdlife)
- Coastal relaxation and whale-watching option from Mirissa and exploration of Galle Fort

This itinerary is SEO-optimized for terms like “Sri Lanka tour package”, “Sri Lanka Adventure tour package”, “Sri Lanka Adventure package”, and “10 and 11 Sri Lanka Adventure tour package”.

✓ **What's Included**

- ✓ 10 nights accommodation in 3–4 hotels or boutique properties (as per package tier)
- ✓ Daily breakfast and 5 dinners (as specified by the itinerary)
- ✓ All transfers and private transportation in an air-conditioned vehicle
- ✓ Domestic flight or transfer to Jaffna (if selected in package)
- ✓ Entrance fees to listed sites (Sigiriya, Dambulla, Polonnaruwa, Temple of the Tooth)
- ✓ 1 x Yala National Park jeep safari (shared or private option available)
- ✓ Scenic train tickets (Kandy to Nuwara Eliya sector) – standard class (upgrade available)
- ✓ English-speaking driver/guide throughout
- ✓ Local taxes and service charges
- ✓ Note: Specific hotels and meal counts will be confirmed at booking.

✗ **Not Included**

- ✗ International airfare to/from Sri Lanka
- ✗ Visa fees (ETA) and travel insurance
- ✗ Meals not mentioned in inclusions and personal expenses (drinks, tips, laundry)
- ✗ Optional activities (whale-watching, Horton Plains early-morning hike, additional safaris)
- ✗ Peak-season supplements, holiday surcharges, and single-room supplements
- ✗ Any items not explicitly mentioned under inclusions
- ✗ Important: Wildlife sightings and whale-watching are not guaranteed; activity times may change due to weather or park regulations.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival in Jaffna & Local Introduction

Arrive in Jaffna (via domestic flight or drive). Settle into your hotel and enjoy an orientation walk around the town. Visit Jaffna Fort, the vibrant local market, and the ancient Nallur Kandaswamy Kovil. Evening at leisure to sample Jaffna's unique Tamil cuisine.

Tip: If arriving early, consider a short trip to Keerimalai Mineral Springs for a refreshing dip.

Day

2

Jaffna to Ancient Anuradhapura

Drive south to the ancient city of Anuradhapura (approx. 5–6 hours). Explore the sacred Buddhist ruins including Sri Maha Bodhi, Ruwanwelisaya, and the many dagobas and monastic complexes. Evening stroll around the well-preserved archaeological zone.

Note: Wear modest clothing for temple visits and carry water for the day.

Day

3

Anuradhapura to Sigiriya & Dambulla

Travel to the Cultural Triangle to visit Sigiriya Rock Fortress — climb (or partially climb) the famous lion rock for panoramic views. In the afternoon, visit the Dambulla Cave Temples, known for their ancient murals and Buddha statues.

Activity option: Traditional village safari or lodge-based jeep ride in Habarana.

Day

4

Polonnaruwa Excursion & Cultural Evening in Kandy

Morning drive to Polonnaruwa (UNESCO) to admire the royal city ruins and Gal Vihara rock carvings. After lunch transfer to Kandy. Evening at Kandy includes the Temple of the Tooth ceremony (subject to schedule) and a traditional cultural dance performance.

Tip: Book Temple of the Tooth tickets in advance during peak season.

Day

5

Kandy & Peradeniya Botanical Gardens

Spend a relaxed day in Kandy. Visit the Peradeniya Royal Botanical Gardens, enjoy a lake-side walk, and browse the local markets for handicrafts and Ceylon tea. Optional visits include a spice garden or a tea factory en route to the hill country.

Special note: Kandy's altitude is cooler—pack a light jacket for evenings.

Day

6

Scenic Train Journey to Nuwara Eliya (Tea Country)

Board one of Sri Lanka's most scenic train rides from Kandy to Nuwara Eliya (tickets recommended in advance). Pass through rolling tea plantations, waterfalls, and misty hill stations. On arrival, explore Nuwara Eliya (often called "Little England") – visit a tea estate and enjoy colonial-era charm.

Tip: Window seats on the left side from Kandy give excellent views; keep your camera ready.

Day

7

Nuwara Eliya to Ella via Scenic Drives & Hikes

Morning at leisure in Nuwara Eliya – visit Gregory Lake or Horton Plains National Park (optional early morning hike to World's End). Transfer to Ella by road or short train segment. In Ella, visit Nine Arches Bridge and hike to Little Adam's Peak for spectacular valley views.

Note: Paths can be uneven—wear comfortable walking shoes.

Day

8

Ella to Yala National Park — Jungle Safari

Drive south toward Yala National Park (Tissamaharama). Check into a lodge near the park and prepare for an afternoon or early-evening jeep safari in search of leopards, elephants, sloth bears, crocodiles, and a host of bird species.

Important: Morning and late-afternoon safaris offer the best wildlife sightings.

Day

9

Yala Safari & Transfer to Mirissa

Optional early morning safari (highly recommended) followed by a scenic drive to the southern coast to Mirissa. Relax on the beach, enjoy seafood, or opt for an evening stroll in Galle's old fort (if time permits).

Tip: Arrange whale-watching in advance during November–April (seasonal).

Day

10

Beach Time & Whale Watching (Optional) — Galle Exploration

Full-day at leisure: choose between a whale-watching boat trip (seasonal), surf lessons, or exploring Galle Fort – a UNESCO World Heritage site with ramparts, boutique shops and cafes. Sunset on the fort walls or a relaxed beach dinner in Mirissa.

Note: Whale-watching is weather- and season-dependent; refunds or rescheduling policies vary by operator.

Day

11

Transfer to Colombo & Departure

Drive to Colombo for last-minute shopping or a quick city tour depending on your flight time: visit Galle Face Green, Gangaramaya Temple, or the Dutch Hospital for souvenirs and dining. Transfer to Bandaranaike International Airport for departure.

Tip: Allow at least 4–5 hours for transfer and airport check-in from Mirissa to Colombo for international flights.

🔗 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

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