

# Cultural Sri Lanka

11 days / 10 nights

From  
**\$3,149**

Per person / Double occupancy / Land package

For travel between January 10 and April 30, 2024/  
Option A hotels

## Day 1 : Colombo – Habarana

Airport-Pinnawela 82kms, 2h

Pinnawela-Habarana 107kms, 2h45

Arrival in Sri Lanka. You will be met on arrival at the Bandaranaike International Airport by your personal chauffeur guide who will assist you with your luggage and guide you to your vehicle. Transfer to Habarana. Arrival & check in to the hotel. Afternoon at leisure.

**Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel**



## Day 2 : Habarana / Polonnaruwa / Minneriya / Habarana

Habarana-Polonnaruwa 51kms, 1h15

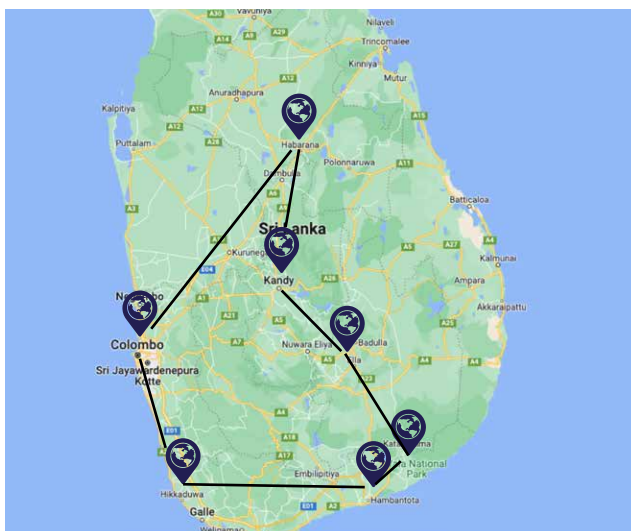
Polonnaruwa- Minneriya 37kms, 1h approx.

Minneriya- Sigiriya 15mins approx.

Breakfast at the hotel

**Visit the archeological city of Polonnaruwa**  
(If you prefer it, you can do the visit by bicycle)

The ruined capital of Polonnaruwa is one of the undisputed highlights of the Cultural Triangle and is a UNESCO world heritage site. Polonnaruwa's extensive and well-preserved remains offer a fascinating snapshot of medieval Sri Lanka, including some of the island's finest.



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### Day 2 : (continued)

#### Safari in Minneriya National Park

Minneriya National Park is an ideal eco-tourism location in Sri Lanka. The park consists of mixed evergreen forest and scrub areas and is home to Sri Lanka's favorites such as sambar deer, leopards and elephants. However the central feature of the park is the ancient Minneriya Tank (reservoir). During the dry season, this tank is an incredible place to observe the elephants who come to bathe and graze on the grasses as well as the huge flocks of birds that come to fish in the shallow waters.

**Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel**

### Day 3 : Habarana / Hiriwadunna / Habarana

Breakfast at the hotel

#### Visit Sigiriya

Climb the 5th century Sigiriya Rock fortress which is a UNESCO world heritage site, built by King Kashyapa (477-495). It is the country's most memorable single attraction, a remarkable archeological site made unforgettable by its dramatic setting. The rock was the innermost stronghold of a 70 hectare fortified town.

Transfer to Hiriwadunna. Here you will get on to a typical village bullock cart for an enjoyable journey through paddy fields. Stop and visit the village temple near the Hiriwadunna Lake. After a short walk, the journey by boat will start. The boat will make a stop at a traditional farm ("Chena") where you will taste the delicious king coconut water. Continue by boat to a traditional village house where you will be warmly welcomed by a local family. A cooking demonstration will take place and afterwards a tea will be served with some traditional Sri Lankan cookies.

**Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel**

### Day 4 : Habarana / Dambulla / Kandy

Habarana-Kandy 90kms, 2h15

Breakfast at the hotel.

Depart towards Kandy.

#### Visit the Dambulla cave temples en route

Dambulla rock temple was built by King Walagambahu in the 1st century B.C. and is a UNESCO world heritage site. It is the most impressive of Sri Lanka's many cave temples. The complex of five caves with over 2000 sq. meters of painted walls and ceilings is the largest area of paintings found in the world. It contains over 150 images of Buddha of which the largest is the colossal figure carved out of granite rock and spanning 14 meters.

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### Day 4 : (Continued)

Make a stop at the spice garden at Matale and assist to a Sri Lankan cookery demonstration.

Arrival in Kandy and proceed on a city tour. Kandy is a UNESCO world heritage site sitting at 480m above sea level and surrounded by mountains. Visit the Temple of the tooth, the Peradeniya University campus and catch a panoramic view of the picturesque town from Upper Lake Drive.

Early evening, you will attend a Kandyan Dance performance and a spectacular fire walking finale. Check in to the hotel

**Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel**

### Day 5 : Kandy / Nuwara Eliya / Haputale or Ella

Kandy-Haputale 137kms, 4h.

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure towards Nuwara Eliya. Visit a tea plantation & a tea factory en route

#### Visit the city of Nuwara Eliya

Nuwara Eliya meaning “the city of dawn” is the town at the highest elevation (about 2000m above sea level) in Sri Lanka and its tallest peak, Pidurutalagala (2555m) could be seen from here. The city was established by the British in the nineteenth century, and known as “Little England”, is a popular holiday resort for Sri Lankans & tourists due to its cool climate and quaint colonial feel. Nuwara Eliya is also the heart of tea country. You will visit a plantation and a factory en route and witness how the famous “Ceylon Tea is brewed.

Continue to Ella or Haputale. Arrival & check in to the hotel

**Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel**

### Day 6 : Haputale or Ella / Lipton Seat / Haputale or Ella

Picnic breakfast

#### Visit Lipton Seat

Nestled on the Poonagala hills, Lipton’s Seat is one of the best viewing points of Sri Lanka. Located at Dambetenna in the Haputale Mountain region, Lipton Seat was the look-out point for surveying the surrounding region of his tea plantations of Sir Thomas Lipton, the well - known tea planter. On a clear day, you can see as many as 5 provinces. Afternoon at leisure to explore the beautiful surroundings.

**Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel**

### Day 7 : Haputale or Ella / Yala or Tissamaharama

Haputale - Yala 96kms. 2h30

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure to Yala.

#### Yala jeep safari

Yala National park is Sri Lanka’s most visited wildlife reserve. Yala covers an area of 1260 square kilometres. The park’s dry-zone landscape is strikingly beautiful and the park’s wildlife has its own distinctive charm, with huddles of colorful painted storks and elephants marching through the bush. Leopards, sloth bears and elephants are the “big 3” here although crocodiles, jackals and the many variety of birds are also a huge draw to this park. Arrival & check in to the hotel

**Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel**

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### Day 8 : Yala or Tissamaharama / Galle / Induruwa or Beruwela

Yala - Galle 170kms, 4h30

Galle - Beruwela 55kms, 1h30

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure to Galle.

#### Visit the city of Galle

The old part of the city within the Dutch Fort, built in the 17th century, has been declared a World Heritage site by UNESCO. A walk on the ramparts from Point Utrecht bastion to Flag Rock bastion will give you an excellent view of the ancient harbor which was known as Tar shish in the Bible. You will pass the District Court and the original entrance to the Fort en route to the Dutch Reformed Church built in the 17th century.

Boat ride in "Madu" river in Balapitiya (about 45 mins)

Visit a turtle hatchery

Arrival & check in to the hotel

**Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel**

### Day 9 & 10 : Induruwa or Beruwela

Two full days at leisure on the beach (The chauffeur / guide and the vehicle will not be available)



### Day 11 : Induruwa or Beruwela / Colombo Airport

Induruwa-Colombo 70kms, 2h.

Breakfast at the hotel. Check out and proceed to Colombo.

#### Visit the city of Colombo

Colombo is the largest city and former administrative capital of Sri Lanka and is a busy and vibrant city with a mixture of modern life and remnants of a bygone colonial era. Due to its large harbor and its strategic position along the East-West sea trade routes, Colombo was known to ancient traders 2,000 years ago. However it was only made the Capital of the island when Sri Lanka was ceded to the British Empire in 1815. The main city is home to a majority of the Sri Lanka's corporate offices, restaurants and entertainment venues. On this tour you will visit many of the historical, religious and commercial sites of Colombo including the historic and bustling Fort and Pettah, the elite residential Cinnamon Gardens, the Galle face Green, Viharamahadevi Park and much more.

**Transfer to the airport to connect with the departure flight.**

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### The Package Includes:

- 10 nights accommodation in double occupancy, hotel options
- Pick up and drop off from/to Colombo Airport
- Meals: Half-board (breakfast and dinner) starting with dinner on Day 01 and ending up with breakfast on Day 11
- Transportation by an air conditioned vehicle
- Service of an English speaking chauffeur-guide
- Entrance fees for visits / sites mentioned in the tour
- Safari in Minneriya National Park
- Safari in Yala National Park
- Boat ride in Madu River

### The Package Does Not Include:

- Any air tickets
- Personal expenses
- Any other services / visits / sites not specified
- Video and camera permits
- Lunches & meals not mentioned, beverages
- Tips and portage
- Early check in and late check out
- Visa for Sri Lanka

### Hotels or similar

Dates	Option A	Option B
Habarana	Habarana Village 4* (superior room)	Cinnamon Lodge 4*+ (superior room)
Kandy	Earl's Regent 4* (standard room)	Cinnamon Citadel 4*+ (superior room)
Haputale / Ella	Melheim Resort Haputale 3*+ (standard room)	98 Acres 4*+ (standard room)
Tissamaharama / Yala	Chaarya Resort 4*(Deluxe room)	Cinnamon Wild 4*+ (Jungle chalet room)
Kalutara / Beruwela	Turyaa Kalutara Resort 3*+ (Cabana room)	Cinnamon Bey 5* (superior room)

### Land package 11 days / 10 nights. Per person in CAD

Dates	Double occupancy	
November 1, 2023 - April 30, 2024 *	Option A	Option B
	\$ 3,149	\$ 3,849
Single room supplement	On request	

\* High season supplements\$ will apply during Christmas and New Year

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