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Blend of Shore And Hills (7 Days)

7 days · 6 nights | Private tour with chauffeur guide

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About this experience

This seven-day tour links Sri Lanka's hill country with its southern coast, moving from Kandy's cultural sites through the tea-growing highlands of Nuwara Eliya, Haputale and Ella, down to Yala National Park and on to the beaches and old port town of Galle. Travel is by private vehicle with a chauffeur guide throughout, with a scenic train ride included between Nanu Oya and Haputale.

Along the way you visit the Temple of the Tooth Relic in Kandy, walk through working tea estates to see how Ceylon tea is made, take in waterfalls and viewpoints across the highlands, hike to Little Adam's Peak and the Nine Arches Bridge near Ella, and go on a safari in Yala National Park in search of leopards, elephants and other wildlife. The second half of the trip turns to the coast, with stilt fishermen at Koggala, a turtle hatchery at Rekawa, the Dutch-era Galle Fort, and a visit to a white tea factory near Ahangama.

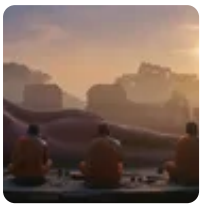
The route is built around a change of pace from the cool hill towns to the warmer southern shore, giving a mix of culture, scenery, wildlife and coastal life within a single trip before returning to the airport on the final day.



Day-by-day itinerary

Day 1 Airport → Kandy

After arrival in Colombo you are met by your chauffeur guide and driven to Kandy, where the afternoon is spent on cultural visits before checking into your hotel.



Arts and crafts tours

Visit workshops related to arts such as gem crafting, woodcarving and batik work.

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Kandyan Cultural Show

Watch an hour-long show of traditional Kandyan dancing and music, including fire dancers and sword dancers performing to drumming.

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Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage

Pinnawala is home to young elephants displaced or lost from their natural habitat, and offers a close encounter with the animals.

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Day 2 Kandy → Nuwara Eliya

The day combines Kandy's main religious site with a tea estate visit before heading up into the hill town of Nuwara Eliya.



Temple of the Tooth Relic

This UNESCO World Heritage Site was built in the 16th century to house and protect the sacred tooth relic of the Buddha, with painted halls and carved pillars.

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Tea Factory and Plantation

See how Ceylon tea is produced, a tradition dating back to 1824 when tea was first planted at the Royal Botanical Gardens and later developed commercially by James Taylor from 1852.



Nuwara Eliya town

Once the main hill resort for the British in the 19th and early 20th centuries, with cottages, villas and mansions, an old red-brick post office, and spots to relax such as Queen Victoria Park and Lake Gregory.

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Ramboda Falls

The 11th highest waterfall in Sri Lanka, near Pussellawa, with its middle section visible from the A5 highway and its upper section reached by a climb from a pathway near the bridge.

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Day 3 Nuwara Eliya → Ella

Travel continues toward Ella via Haputale, taking in highland viewpoints, colonial buildings and a scenic train journey.



Lipton's Seat

One of Sri Lanka's best-known viewpoints, giving views over the Uva, Sabaragamuwa, Central and Eastern Provinces.

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Adisham Bungalow

A Tudor-style mansion built in the early 1900s, set in its own grounds near Haputale.

St Andrews Church

A neo-gothic church with a graveyard that is the resting place of many British tea planters.

Train Ride from Nanu Oya to Haputale

A scenic rail journey through tea plantations, misty villages and mountain landscapes on the way toward Haputale.

Day 4 Ella → Yala

The morning is spent hiking around Ella before travelling on to Yala for an afternoon safari.



Little Adam's Peak, Nine Arches Bridge and Demodara Railway Station hike

A hike through tea fields and rocky stretches taking in views from Little Adam's Peak, a walk over the Nine Arches Bridge, and a visit to Demodara Railway Station with its loop-over track design.

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Yala National Park Safari

A three-hour safari in Sri Lanka's second-largest national park, with the chance to see leopards, wild water buffalo, sloth bears and elephants among its many species.

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Day 5 Yala → Ahangama

The journey continues to the south coast, with stops to see traditional fishing and turtle conservation.



Stilt Fishermen of Koggala

Watch fishermen perched on stilts along the coast and hear how this traditional method of fishing developed, with good opportunities for photographs at sunset.

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Rekawa Turtle Hatchery

Learn about the five species of endangered sea turtles that nest on Sri Lanka's shores, with the chance to join a night turtle watch and volunteer at the hatchery.

Day 6 Ahangama → Galle → Ahangama

A day trip to Galle covers its colonial-era fort before returning to Ahangama for a tea factory visit.



Galle Fort

One of the best-preserved fortifications in Asia, built under Portuguese and Dutch rule, with museums, a lighthouse and cobblestoned streets bearing Dutch names.

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Handunugoda Tea Factory

Also known as the Virgin White Tea Factory, where tea is plucked and processed without being touched by hand, followed by a tasting of tea and chocolate cake.

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Day 7 Ahangama → BIA

After breakfast you check out and are driven to the airport for your flight home.

What's included

INCLUDED

- Transport in a Private Vehicle, inclusive of all chauffeur accommodation.
- Service of an English-Speaking Chauffeur Guide throughout the tour.
- All prevailing taxes and service charges.

NOT INCLUDED

- Hotel Accommodation and Meals.
- Entrance fees to the respective sites.
- Chauffeur Guide's Accommodation.
- Expenses of personal nature.
- Visa and Related Expenses.