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Glimpse of Sri Lanka (5 Days)

5 days · 4 nights | Private tour with chauffeur guide

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About this experience

This five-day tour covers the Cultural Triangle, the hill city of Kandy and a final stop in Colombo, tracing a loop from the airport through Sri Lanka's ancient and natural heritage. It moves from the cave temples and rock fortress of the Dambulla-Sigiriya area to the forests of Minneriya National Park, then through the spice country around Matale to Kandy, before heading down to the capital for a last taste of city life.

Travellers get a mix of history, nature and culture: cave temples carved into rock, a climb up a 5th-century fortress, a village experience with an ox-cart ride and lake safari, an elephant-watching jeep safari, a spice garden visit, the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic, a Kandyan dance performance, the Royal Botanical Gardens at Peradeniya, and a city tour of Colombo.

The tour is run with a private chauffeur guide and air-conditioned vehicle throughout, so stops and pacing follow the traveller rather than a fixed group schedule.



Day-by-day itinerary

Day 1 Airport → Dambulla → Sigiriya

After arrival at Colombo airport, a chauffeur guide meets you and drives you to Dambulla before continuing on to Sigiriya for the night.



Golden Temple of Dambulla

Explore the cave temples dating back to the 1st century BC, with murals depicting the life of Lord Gautama Buddha and hundreds of Buddha figurines across the five main caves, including the Cave of the Divine King, the Cave of the Great King and the Great New Monastery. A giant golden Buddha statue stands just outside the cave complex.

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Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage

Visit the home for young elephants displaced or lost from their natural habitat in Sabaragamuwa province, now host to around 70 elephants, making it the largest captive herd in the world.

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Day 2 Sigiriya → Minneriya → Sigiriya

A full day combining the climb up Sigiriya rock, a village experience, and a wildlife safari in Minneriya National Park, before returning to Sigiriya for the night.



Sigiriya Rock Fortress

Climb the 5th-century rock fortress built by King Kasyapa, entering through the lion's-paw gateway that gives the site its name. See the unfading murals, climb the steep staircase to the terraced gardens and still-working cisterns, and walk through the tunnels leading to the palace ruins.

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Sigiriya village experience

Visit a local village for a taste of rural Sri Lankan life, including an ox-cart ride, a catamaran ride across a calm lake, a walk through paddy fields, a traditional cooking demonstration, and a home-cooked lunch served on lotus leaves.



Minneriya National Park

Take a jeep safari of around three hours through the park, known for the Great Elephant Gathering of over 150 elephants during the dry season between May and October, alongside other mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians.

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Day 3 Sigiriya → Matale → Kandy

The day moves from Sigiriya through the spice-growing area of Matale to Kandy, with an evening of temple and cultural sightseeing.



Spice Garden, Matale

Take a guided tour of a spice and herbal garden near Matale, the spice capital of Sri Lanka, learning about coriander, chilli, cinnamon, cardamom, nutmeg and other spices, along with the basics of Ayurveda.

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Technical tours of local crafts

See demonstrations of gem crafting, woodcarving and batik work in Kandy.



Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic

Visit this UNESCO World Heritage Site, built in the 16th century to house and protect the sacred tooth relic of the Buddha, with its painted halls, carved pillars and golden statues.

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Kandyan Cultural Show

Watch an hour-long performance of traditional Kandyan dance and music, including fire dancers and sword dancers.

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Day 4 Kandy → Colombo

After a relaxed morning in Kandy, the day continues to the Royal Botanical Gardens before driving to Colombo for an evening city tour.



Royal Botanical Gardens, Peradeniya

Walk through the gardens, established in the early 19th century and home to over 4,000 species of plants, including orchids, spices and medicinal plants, the cannonball tree, a suspension bridge, hedge mazes and large shade trees.

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Colombo city and shopping tour

See Colombo's landmarks such as the Old Lighthouse, the Old Parliament, Galle Face Hotel, Galle Face Green and the National Museum, as well as Independence Square and shopping areas.

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Day 5 Colombo → Airport

Check out and transfer to the airport for departure, closing out the tour.

What's included

INCLUDED

- Transport in a Private Vehicle, Fuel, Parking & Highway tolls.
- Service of English-Speaking Chauffeur Guide.
- All prevailing taxes and service charges.

NOT INCLUDED

- Visa and Related Expenses.
- Entrance fees
- Hotel Accommodation and Meals.
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- Expenses of personal nature.