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Wonders of the East (7 Days)

7 days · 6 nights | Private tour with chauffeur guide

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About this experience

This seven-day private tour runs from Colombo through Sri Lanka's cultural heartland to the eastern coast and back. A chauffeur guide drives you to the cave temple of Dambulla, the rock fortress of Sigiriya, and the ancient ruined capital of Polonnaruwa, before continuing east to the coastal city of Trincomalee for a stretch of beach time. The route then returns to Colombo for a final look at the capital.

Along the way the tour mixes heritage sites with wildlife and village experiences: a jeep safari through Minneriya National Park, an oxen-cart ride and cooking demonstration in a Sigiriya village, and visits to temples and monuments spanning more than two thousand years of history. The eastern coast adds beach time at Trincomalee, with options for watersports, Pigeon Island, Fort Frederick and the Kanniya hot springs.

Travel is in an air-conditioned vehicle throughout, with a chauffeur guide managing the driving and logistics so the pace stays flexible from one stop to the next.



Day-by-day itinerary

Day 1 Airport → Dambulla → Sigiriya

After arrival at Colombo International Airport, a chauffeur guide meets you and drives you to Dambulla, with an evening visit to the Golden Temple's cave complex.



Dambulla Cave Temple

The historic caves of the Golden Temple of Dambulla date back to the 1st century BC and hold ancient murals depicting the life of Lord Gautama Buddha alongside hundreds of Buddha and deity figurines across 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 a short distance outside the cave complex.

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Day 2 Sigiriya → Minneriya → Sigiriya

The day combines a climb of Sigiriya Rock Fortress with a village experience and an afternoon safari in Minneriya National Park.



Sigiriya Rock Fortress

This 5th century AD rock fortress was the seat of King Kasyapa, entered through a gateway framed by giant lion's paws that gives the rock its name. The climb passes the famous unfading murals, terraced gardens, still-working cisterns and tunnels leading up to the palace ruins on the summit.

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Sigiriya Village Experience

A visit to a local village gives an authentic taste of Sri Lankan rural life, including an oxen cart ride, a catamaran safari across a calm lake, and a walk through paddy fields. A traditional cooking demonstration is followed by a home-cooked lunch served on lotus leaves.



Minneriya National Park Safari

A safari through Minneriya National Park offers the chance to see elephants, with over 150 sometimes gathering in one place during the Great Elephant Gathering between May and October. The park's scrubland, forest and wetland areas are also home to other mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians.

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Day 3 Sigiriya → Polonnaruwa → Trincomalee

After checking out, the day runs through the ancient city of Polonnaruwa before continuing on to the coastal city of Trincomalee.



Polonnaruwa Ancient City

Sri Lanka's second major ancient capital flourished between the 10th and 13th centuries AD. Highlights among the ruins include Gal Vihara, the Vatadage, the lotus bath, Lankathilaka Temple and the statue linked to King Parakramabahu, whose reign is remembered as the city's golden age.

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Koneswaram Temple

This ancient temple, praised by Indian poet-saints and noted by historical figures worldwide, holds murals telling its history. A small cave shrine dates back to 1580 BC, while the main temple developed from around 400 BC, and a giant statue of King Ravana recalls the legend of his worship here.

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Day 4 Trincomalee

A day at leisure on the Trincomalee coast, with time to enjoy the beach, hotel facilities and the surrounding area.

Trincomalee Exploration

Trincomalee, or Thirukonamalai, takes its name from the hill where its Hindu temple stands. The area includes the white beaches of Nilaveli with watersports, the bird sanctuary of Pigeon Island, the Dutch-era Fort Frederick, the Thirukoneswaram temple, and the natural hot springs of Kanniya.

Day 6 Trincomalee → Colombo

A relaxed morning precedes the drive back to Colombo, with an evening out to experience the capital's nightlife.

Colombo Night Life

Colombo by night offers nightclubs, beach parties with cocktails and music, casinos, and boutique restaurants that stay open late, giving a lively contrast to the day's travel.

Day 7 Colombo → BIA

A final morning city and shopping tour in Colombo precedes the transfer to the airport for departure.



Colombo City and Shopping Tour

The tour of Sri Lanka's capital takes in historic monuments such as the Old Lighthouse, the Old Parliament, the Galle Face Hotel and Galle Face Green, as well as the Gangarama Temple and the National Museum. There is time for shopping at Independence Square, the Race Course malls, and various boutique stores before heading to the airport.

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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

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