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Golden Coast of the South (7 Days)

7 days · 6 nights | Private tour with chauffeur guide

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About this experience

This seven-day route follows Sri Lanka's southern coastline, starting and ending at the airport near Colombo. It links beach time at Bentota with visits to a tea factory, a turtle hatchery, the old fort town of Galle, and the mangrove-lined Madu River, before finishing with a tour of Colombo.

Travellers get a mix of relaxation and sightseeing: time on the beach and at the hotel, a look at how white tea is produced, a stop to see rescued and nesting sea turtles, a walk through Galle Fort's Dutch and Portuguese quarters, a boat ride through the Madu River wetlands, and a visit to Geoffrey Bawa's country estate at Lunuganga. The tour closes with a city and shopping tour of Colombo and an evening out in the capital's nightlife.

The tour runs with a private vehicle and chauffeur guide throughout, who meets travellers on arrival and handles the formalities at the airport. As a private tour, the stops and pace can be adjusted with the guide along the way.



Day-by-day itinerary

Day 1 BIA → Bentota

Arrival day: travellers are met at Colombo International Airport by a chauffeur guide and driven to Bentota to check in and relax.



Bentota

After the airport formalities, the drive continues to Bentota, where travellers check in to their hotel and relax.

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Day 2 Bentota → Handungoda

A day split between leisure time at Bentota and a visit to a tea factory inland.

Bentota Beach and Hotel

Travellers spend part of the day enjoying the beach and the hotel's facilities at leisure.



Handunugoda Tea Factory

Known as the Virgin White Tea Factory, it shows how this tea is plucked and processed without being touched by hand. The visit includes a tasting of tea with chocolate cake, and the chance to buy tea leaves to take home.

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Day 3 Handungoda → Kosgoda

The day focuses on sea turtle conservation on the southwestern coast.



Kosgoda Turtle Hatchery

Here travellers learn about the five endangered sea turtle species that nest on Sri Lanka's shores and how the Kosgoda Turtle Care Program protects nests to improve hatchling survival. Visitors can see, touch and feed baby turtles, and sometimes injured adult turtles under the hatchery's care.

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Day 4 Kosgoda → Galle

A day exploring the fortified old town of Galle.



Galle Fort

One of the best-preserved fortifications in Asia, Galle Fort once served as a headquarters for the Portuguese and Dutch. Travellers can view its museums and lighthouse, walk its cobblestoned streets with their Dutch names, and pause for a king coconut or cup of tea.

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Day 5 Galle → Bentota

The day is given over to a boat trip through the wetlands of the Madu River.



Madu River

A boat ride winds through narrow channels created by mangroves, passing basking crocodiles and water monitors and a small island where residents harvest cinnamon. The outing includes watching water birds in their habitat and the chance to try a fish massage.

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Day 6 Bentota → Colombo

Travellers check out of their Bentota hotel and head towards Colombo, stopping at Geoffrey Bawa's country home before an afternoon and evening in the capital.



Lunuganga Estate

The country home of architect Sir Geoffrey Bawa, with gardens and sections of the house open to visitors, showing the design style that shaped his reputation.

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Colombo City and Shopping Tour

A tour of Colombo takes in landmarks such as the Old Lighthouse, the Old Parliament, Galle Face Hotel, Galle Face Green and the National Museum, along with malls and boutique shops around Independence Square and the Race Course.

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Colombo Night Life

In the evening, travellers can experience Colombo's nightclubs, beachside parties, casinos and late-night boutique restaurants before returning to the hotel.

Day 7 Colombo → Airport

The final day is for checking out and transferring to the airport for departure.

Departure

After breakfast, travellers check out of the hotel and are driven to the airport, concluding the tour.

What's included

INCLUDED

- Transport in a Private Vehicle, inclusive of all chauffeur accommodation, cost of fuel, parking & highway tolls.Service of an English-Speaking Chauffeur Guide throughout the tour.All prevailing taxes and service charges (Except for Credit Card Charges).

NOT INCLUDED

- Hotel Accommodation. Entry Visa Fees, please visit www.eta.gov.lk for more details / submit your individual visa application. International / Domestic Airfare.Any expenses of personal nature.Tips & Portages.Cost of BeveragesMeals.Entrance fees.