TOUR REFERENCE
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Glimpse of the Past (4 Days)

4 days · 3 nights | Private tour with chauffeur guide

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About this experience

This four-day private tour covers the core of Sri Lanka's cultural triangle before finishing in Colombo, taking in Dambulla, Sigiriya, Matale, and Kandy along the way. A chauffeur guide from Lakpura meets you at Colombo International Airport and drives you throughout in a private air-conditioned vehicle, handling the route so you can concentrate on the sights.

Highlights include the painted caves of Dambulla's Golden Temple, the climb up Sigiriya Rock Fortress with its ancient frescoes and terraced gardens, a spice garden stop in Matale, the Temple of the Tooth Relic in Kandy, and a Kandyan cultural show of traditional dance and drumming. The tour closes with an evening exploring Colombo's landmarks before departure from the airport.

This is a private departure rather than a scheduled group tour, with the itinerary built around the main historic and cultural sites of the island's interior and a final taste of city life in the capital.



Day-by-day itinerary

Day 1 Airport → Dambulla

On arrival at Colombo International Airport you are met by your chauffeur guide and driven to Dambulla, with an evening visit to the cave temple before returning to the hotel to relax.



Dambulla Cave Temple

The Golden Temple of Dambulla's caves date back to the 1st century BC, with ancient murals depicting the life of Lord Gautama Buddha and 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 Dambulla → Matale → Kandy

After breakfast and checkout, the day moves from the 5th-century rock fortress of Sigiriya through the spice gardens of Matale to Kandy, where the evening brings craft demonstrations and a cultural show.



Sigiriya Rock Fortress

Climb the 5th-century AD rock fortress where King Kashyapa ruled, entering through the lion's-paw gateway that gives the Lion Rock its name. The ancient murals, terraced gardens, still-working cisterns and palace tunnels at the summit give a sense of the site's past.

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Matale Spice Garden

A guided tour of a spice and herbal garden covers spices such as coriander, chilli, cinnamon, cardamom and nutmeg and their uses. A traditional cooking demonstration shows how Sri Lankan cuisine makes use of these spices, with the chance to try making roti or curry powder from scratch.

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Kandy arts and crafts tours

In Kandy, visits take in gem crafting, woodcarving and batik work.



Kandyan Cultural Show

This hour-long show presents traditional Kandyan dance and music, including fire dancers, sword dancers and drumming.

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Day 3 Kandy → Colombo

The morning is given to the Temple of the Tooth Relic in Kandy before driving to Colombo, where the evening is free to explore the capital's streets and landmarks.



Temple of the Tooth Relic

This UNESCO World Heritage Site was built in the 16th century to house and protect Lord Buddha's sacred tooth. Its passageways and halls are painted in red, cream and black and decorated with carved pillars and golden statues.

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Colombo city exploration

An evening in Colombo takes in landmarks such as the Old Lighthouse, the Old Parliament, Galle Face Hotel, Galle Face Green, Gangarama Temple and the National Museum, along with shopping around Independence Square and the Race Course.

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Day 4 Colombo → Airport

After breakfast, check out and transfer to the airport for departure.

What's included

INCLUDED

- Transport in a Private Vehicle, Fuel, Parking & Highway tolls.
- Service of English-Speaking Chauffeur Guide.
- Transport in a Private Car, inclusive of all chauffeur accommodation.

NOT INCLUDED

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