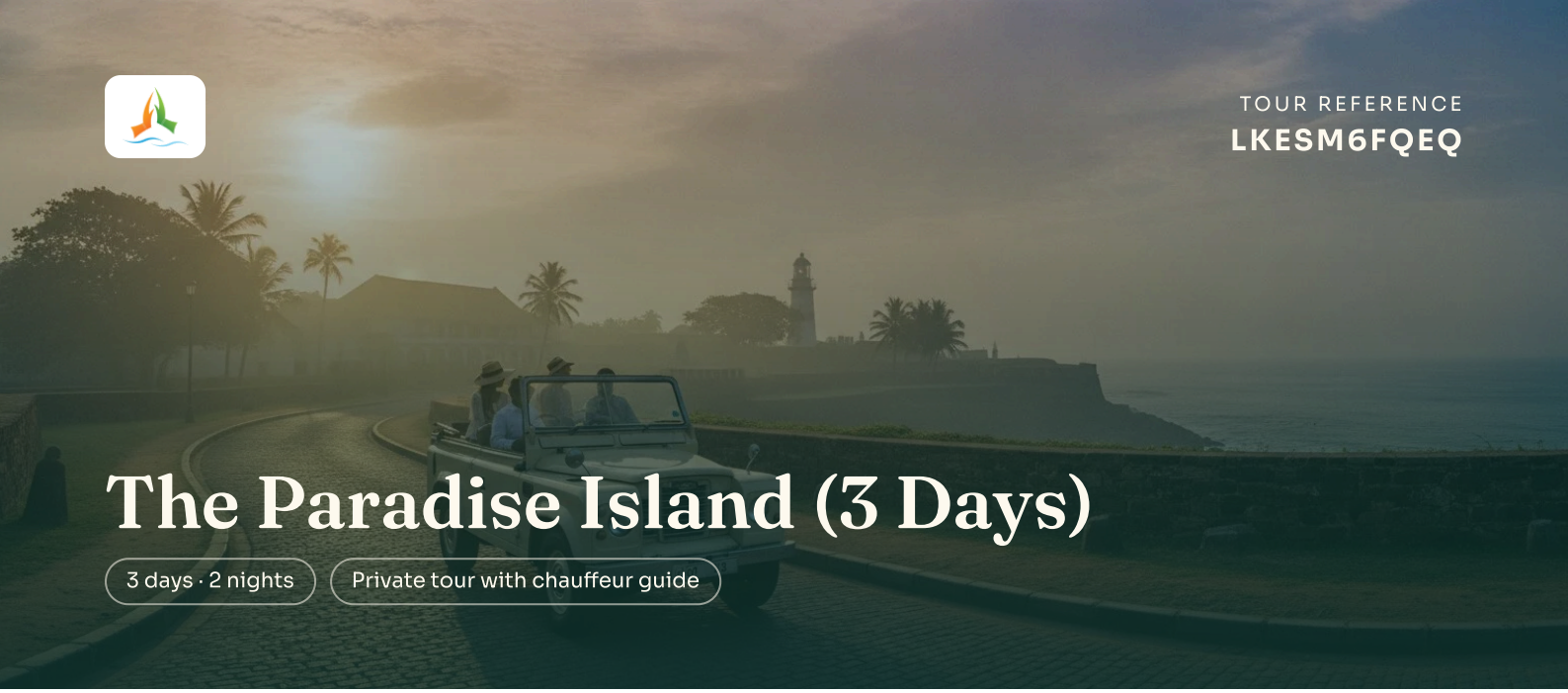


TOUR REFERENCE
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The Paradise Island (3 Days)

3 days · 2 nights | Private tour with chauffeur guide

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About this experience

This three-day private tour links Sri Lanka's Cultural Triangle with the southern coast, giving a fast but well-rounded introduction to the island's ancient and colonial history alongside a slice of coastal wildlife. It opens with the Sigiriya rock fortress and the painted caves of Dambulla, then heads south via the Madu River wetlands and a turtle hatchery before finishing with a walk through the old Dutch fort at Galle.

Travellers get a compact mix of archaeology, nature and colonial architecture without the tour feeling rushed: each stop is given enough time to be explored properly, from climbing the stairways of Sigiriya to drifting through mangrove channels by boat. The route is efficient, with the first and last days built around transfers to and from Colombo, and the middle day dedicated to the coast.

The tour runs in a private air-conditioned vehicle with a chauffeur guide throughout, who handles logistics and explains the history and ecology at each stop, leaving travellers free to focus on what they are seeing.

Day-by-day itinerary

Day 1 Airport → Sigiriya → Dambulla → Colombo

On arrival at Colombo airport, a Lakpura chauffeur guide meets you and drives you north to the Cultural Triangle for a day of ancient sites before returning to Colombo for the night.



Sigiriya Rock Fortress

This 5th century AD rock fortress was built for King Kasyapa, its entrance framed by the carved paws of a lion that gives the site its name, Lion Rock. The climb up the steep staircase passes the fortress's famed unfading murals, terraced gardens and still-working cisterns, and tunnels leading to the palace ruins at the summit.

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Dambulla Cave Temple

The Golden Temple of Dambulla's caves 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 Colombo → Balapitiya → Kosgoda → Galle → Colombo

After checking out, the day heads south along the coast, combining a river safari and a turtle hatchery visit before an afternoon in Galle, then returns to Colombo for the night.



Madu River Boat Safari

A boat ride through the Madu River's mangrove ecosystem passes through narrow channels, with sightings of basking crocodiles and water monitors along the way. The route includes a stop at a small island inhabited by cinnamon-harvesting families, a chance to try fish massage, and views of waterbirds in their natural habitat.

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Kosgoda Turtle Hatchery

This hatchery on the southwestern coast works with five endangered sea turtle species that nest on Sri Lanka's shores, protecting their eggs until they hatch to improve survival rates. Visitors can see, and in some cases touch and feed, baby turtles as well as injured adult turtles under the hatchery's care.

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Galle Fort

Galle was once a headquarters for the Portuguese and later the Dutch, and its fort is among the best-preserved fortifications in Asia. The visit takes in the Maritime Museum, the Galle National Museum and the lighthouse, along with a walk through cobbled streets that still carry their Dutch names.

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Day 3 Colombo → Bandaranaike International Airport

The tour ends with a transfer from Colombo to the airport for departure.

What's included

INCLUDED

- Transport in a Private Car, inclusive of all chauffeur accommodation.
- Service of English-Speaking Chauffeur Guide.
- All prevailing taxes and service charges.

NOT INCLUDED

- Visa and Related Expenses.
- Any expenses of personal nature.
- Entrance fees.
- Hotel Accommodation and Meals.
- Chauffeur Guide's Accommodation.
