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Ceylon Tea Tour (5 Days)

5 days · 4 nights | Private tour with chauffeur guide

About this experience

This five-day tour follows the story of Ceylon tea while covering a broad sweep of Sri Lanka, from Colombo into the cool hill country around Nuwara Eliya, down to the coastal fort town of Galle, and along the southwest coast to Negombo before returning to the airport. Travel is by private vehicle with a chauffeur guide, so the route links tea factories and plantations with colonial-era towns, a historic fort, and coastal wildlife sites in a single continuous journey.

Travellers get a close look at how Ceylon tea is grown and made, from a factory visit in Colombo for those short on time to plantations and processing in the hill country, finishing with a tasting of the unusual Virgin White Tea near Galle. Alongside the tea theme, the itinerary takes in Nuwara Eliya's British-era streets and parks, Galle's fort and museums, and a stop on the southwest coast to see turtles and take a boat trip on the Madu River.

The tour is run privately, allowing a flexible pace between the factories, towns and coastal stops that make up each day.



Day-by-day itinerary

Day 1 Airport → Colombo

The tour begins with a visit to a tea factory in Colombo, a convenient option for travellers who will not have time to visit the hill country.

Colombo Tea Factory

Ceylon tea has been renowned since it was first planted in the island's hills by Scotsman James Taylor in the mid-19th century, and this Colombo-based factory offers a chance to learn about the industry without travelling to the highlands.

Day 2 Colombo → Nuwara Eliya

The day combines a visit to a working tea plantation and factory with time exploring the former British hill station of Nuwara Eliya.

Tea Factory and Plantation

See how Ceylon tea is manufactured at a working plantation and factory. The first tea plant was brought to Ceylon from China in 1824 and planted at the Royal Botanical Gardens in Peradeniya, and James Taylor went on to introduce commercial tea planting at the Loolecondera estate in Kandy in 1852.



Nuwara Eliya

Walk through the streets of this former premium British holiday resort town, with its cottages, villas and mansions. Visit the old red-bricked post office to buy a postcard, and relax at Queen Victoria Park or on the shores of Lake Gregory.

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Day 3 Nuwara Eliya → Galle

The day moves from the hill country to the south coast, taking in Galle's historic fort and a specialist tea factory known for its white tea.



Galle Fort

Discover the city where the Portuguese and Dutch once made their headquarters, and visit the fort, one of the best-preserved fortifications in Asia. Walk the cobblestoned streets with their Dutch names, and view the Maritime Museum, Galle National Museum and the lighthouse.

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Handunugoda Tea Factory

Also known as the Virgin White Tea Factory, learn how its famous Virgin White Tea is plucked and processed without being touched by human hands. Take part in a tasting session with tea and chocolate cake, and buy tea leaves as a souvenir.

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Day 4 Galle → Negombo

Heading up the southwest coast towards Negombo, the day focuses on the region's marine and river wildlife.



Kosgoda Turtle Hatchery

Learn about the five endangered sea turtle species that nest on Sri Lanka's shores and how the Kosgoda Turtle Care Program protects their nests to improve hatchling survival. See, touch and feed baby turtles, and injured adult turtles in the hatchery's care.

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Madu River Boat Ride

Take a boat ride through the mangrove-lined passages of the Madu River, spotting basking crocodiles and water monitors. Visit a small island where cinnamon is harvested, try a fish massage, and observe waterbirds in their natural habitat.

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Day 5 Negombo → Airport

The tour ends with a relaxed morning before the drive to the airport for the homeward flight.

What's included

INCLUDED

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

NOT INCLUDED

- Hotel Accommodation.
- International / Domestic Airfare.
- Any expenses of personal nature.
- Entrance fees to the respective sites.
