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East Explorer (21 Tage)

21 Tage · 20 Nächte | Privattour mit Fahrer-Guide

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Über dieses Erlebnis

Diese 21-Tage-Reise umfasst den gesamten Osten und die Mitte von Sri Lanka und führt von Colombo durch das Kulturdreieck, entlang der Ostküstenstrände von Trincomalee, Pasikuda und Arugam Bay, hinauf ins Hochland um Ella und Kandy und endet an der Westküste in Negombo. Die Reise erfolgt durchgehend mit privatem Fahrzeug und Chauffeur-Guide, sodass das Tempo vom Reisenden selbst bestimmt wird und nicht an einen festen Busfahrplan gebunden ist.

Höhepunkte sind die Höhlentempel von Dambulla, die antiken Städte Anuradhapura und Polonnaruwa, die Felsfestung Sigiriya und eine Safari im Minneriya-Nationalpark, wo sich Elefanten in der Trockenzeit in großer Zahl versammeln. Der Ostküstenabschnitt bietet Tempelbesuche in Trincomalee, Walbeobachtungen, die Korallenriffe der Pigeon Island und ausgedehnte Strandzeit in Pasikuda und Arugam Bay, mit einem Ausflug zum Kumana-Nationalpark für die Vogelwelt. Die letzten Tage umfassen Wanderwege und Aussichtspunkte in Ella, Teeanbaugebiete um Ella und Kandy, den Tempel der Zahnreliquie, die Königlichen Botanischen Gärten in Peradeniya, eine kandyische Kulturveranstaltung und einen Stopp am Strand von Negombo vor der Abreise.

Das Ergebnis ist ein umfassendes Reiseprogramm für Reisende, die Kultur, Tierwelt und Strandzeit kombinieren möchten, ohne Regionen zu wiederholen, mit eingebauten Ruhetagen an der Küste, um die Besichtigungen zu unterbrechen.

Tagesreiseplan

Tag 1 Airport → Colombo

The tour begins with a look at Colombo's mix of colonial landmarks and city life.

Colombo city sights

Visit historic monuments such as the Old Lighthouse, the Old Parliament, Galle Face Hotel, Galle Face Green, Gangarama Temple and the National Museum, and take in the malls of Independence Square or the Race Course along with boutique shops and designer stores.

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Tag 2 Colombo → Dambulla → Sigiriya

Travel to the Cultural Triangle, stopping at the cave temples of Dambulla en route to Sigiriya.

Golden Temple of Dambulla

Enter the historic caves dating back to the 1st century BC and view the ancient murals depicting the life of Lord Gautama Buddha, along with hundreds of figurines of Buddha and other deities across the five main caves, including the Cave of the Divine King, Cave of the Great King and the Great New Monastery. See the giant golden Buddha statue a short distance outside the cave complex.

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Tag 3 Sigiriya → Anuradhapura → Polonnaruwa → Sigiriya

A day trip to the ancient capital of Anuradhapura and the standing Buddha statue at Avukana.

Anuradhapura

Walk through the ruined city that served as the capital for over a millennium until the 10th century AD, taking in pagodas, monastic buildings and ponds. Visit landmarks such as Jetavanarama, once one of the tallest buildings of the ancient world, the Sri Maha Bodhi, and the ruins of the Abhayagiri Monastery.

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Avukana Buddha Statue

See the 40-foot standing Buddha statue carved from a single rock and standing unsupported except for a single thin attachment at the back, with delicately carved robe folds and a cleanly sculpted body. Partially collapsed structures nearby suggest it once stood within an image house.

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Tag 4 Sigiriya → Minneriya → Sigiriya

Climb Sigiriya rock fortress, spend time in a village setting, and take a safari in Minneriya National Park.

Sigiriya Rock Fortress

Walk through the entrance framed by the paws of a lion, giving the site its name, 'The Lion Rock'. View the unfading murals, climb the steep staircase, and see the terraced gardens and still-working cisterns that demonstrate ancient Sri Lankan hydraulic engineering.

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Village experience

Take an oxen cart ride, a relaxing catamaran safari across a calm lake, and a walk through paddy fields, followed by a traditional cooking demonstration and a home-cooked lunch served on lotus leaves.

Minneriya National Park safari

Take a safari through the park, which during the dry season between May and October sees over 150 elephants congregate at once in the famous Great Elephant Gathering, alongside other mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians.

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Tag 5 Sigiriya → Trincomalee

Transfer to Trincomalee on the east coast, with time to explore nearby ancient and natural sites.

Thiriyaya Watadage

Explore Thiriyai, a village where Tamil Buddhism was practised in ancient times, and visit the Girihadu Seya Stupa, said to mark the spot where Buddha gave hair relics to two traders, along with the old fortress of one of the last Vanniyar.

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Whale watching safari

Take a five-hour tour to see blue whales, sperm whales and fin whales in the waters south of Sri Lanka, guided by a qualified naturalist with a focus on responsible, low-impact viewing.

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Pigeon Island National Park

Visit the smaller and larger Pigeon Islands and the coral reef encircling the larger one, home to breeding rock pigeons and a range of coral types and marine life.

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Tag 6 Trincomalee

A day exploring Trincomalee's temple and fort.

Koneswaram Temple

Visit this ancient temple, praised by Indian poet-saints and noted by historical figures worldwide, with murals describing its history and a cave shrine dating to 1580 BC, while the main temple developed from 400 BC. See the giant statue of King Ravana, said to have worshipped here.

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Fort Frederick

Visit the fort originally built by the Portuguese in 1624, see stones that once formed the Koneswaram temple before its destruction, and hear the history of its dismantling and rebuilding by the Dutch.

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Tag 7 Trincomalee

A further day at Trincomalee focused on the offshore national park.

Pigeon Island National Park

Explore the smaller and larger Pigeon Islands and the surrounding coral reef, home to breeding rock pigeons and varied coral and marine fauna.

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Tag 8 Trincomalee

A free day at leisure in Trincomalee.

Leisure time

Spend the day enjoying the hotel facilities or the beach.

Tag 9 Trincomalee → Pasikuda

Transfer south along the coast to Pasikuda to relax.

Transfer to Pasikuda

Check out after breakfast and travel to Pasikuda for a relaxed stay.

Tag 10 Pasikuda (days 10–11)

Two days at leisure on the beach at Pasikuda.

Beach time

Enjoy the golden sand, swaying palms and clear blue sea.

Tag 12 Pasikuda → Arugam Bay

Transfer to Arugam Bay, visiting an ancient temple on the way.

Muhudu Maha Vihara

Visit this Buddhist temple near Pottuvil, built over 2000 years ago by King Kavan Tissa of Ruhuna, where ruins and remains of ancient stupas, Seema Malaka, Avasa Geya and statues can still be seen, including stone statues of Buddha and two statues of old kings or gods.

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Tag 13 Arugam Bay → Kumana → Arugam Bay

A day trip to Kumana National Park for its birdlife and wetlands.

Kumana National Park

Visit the park, which spans 35,664 hectares bordered by the Kumbukkan Oya river and the south-eastern coast towards Panama. See the Kumana Villu mangrove swamp, where many water birds nest during May and June, and water pools such as Kudawila wewa, Thummulla wewa and Kotalinda wewa that attract wildlife.

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Tag 14 Arugam Bay (days 14–15)

Two further days at leisure on the beach at Arugam Bay.

Beach time

Enjoy the golden sand, swaying palms and clear blue sea.

Tag 16 Arugam Bay → Ella

Transfer inland to Ella, visiting a waterfall along the way.

Ravana Falls

See this waterfall, which drops 82 feet from an oval concave rock in the Ravana Ella Wildlife Sanctuary, taking the form of a drooping areca flower in peak season and reducing considerably in the dry season.

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Tag 17 Ella

A walking day through Ella's countryside and landmarks.

Little Adam's Peak

Pass through bright green tea fields and rocky stretches for views of Little Adam's Peak.

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Nine Arches Bridge

Walk over the bridge and hear the story of its construction.

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Demodara Railway Station

End the walk at the station, known for its unique loop-over track design.

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Tag 18 Ella → Kandy

Travel towards Kandy with a stop to see how Ceylon Tea is made.

Tea factory and plantation

Visit a tea factory and plantation to see how Ceylon Tea is produced. Tea was first planted at the Royal Botanical Gardens in Peradeniya in 1824, and James Taylor, who arrived in 1852 and settled at Loolecondera estate in Kandy, introduced commercial tea planting to the island.

Tag 19 Kandy

A day of temple, garden and cultural sightseeing in Kandy.

Temple of the Tooth Relic

Visit this UNESCO World Heritage Site, built in the 16th century to house and protect Buddha's sacred tooth, and walk through its decorated passageways and painted halls with carved pillars and golden statues.

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Royal Botanical Gardens, Peradeniya

Walk through the gardens, established in the early 19th century and home to over 4000 plant species, including orchids, spices and medicinal plants, rare trees, a cannonball tree, a suspension bridge and hedge mazes.

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Kandy Cultural Show

Watch an hour-long performance of traditional Sri Lankan art forms, including fire dancers, sword dancers and Kandyan dancers performing to drumming.

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Tag 20 Kandy → Negombo

Transfer to the west coast for beach time at Negombo.

Negombo beach

Enjoy the sandy beaches on the western coast, watch the centuries-old fishing industry, try water sports, and dive among corals and a 50-year-old shipwreck just off the coast.

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Tag 21 Negombo → Airport

The tour ends with a transfer to the airport.

Departure

Check out after breakfast and transfer to the airport for departure.

Was ist inbegriffen

INBEGRIFFEN

- Breakfast
- Accommodation at 3 Star Hotels.
- Transport in a Private Vehicle, inclusive of all chauffeur accommodation.
- Service of an English-Speaking Chauffeur Guide throughout the tour.
- All prevailing taxes and service charges.

NICHT INBEGRIFFEN

- Entry Visa Fees.
- International / Domestic Airfare.
- Any expenses of personal nature.
- Tips & Portages.
- Compulsory Supplements/Peak Supplements.