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Ancient Wonders from Colombo (2 Days)

2 days · 1 nights

Private tour with chauffeur guide

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About this experience

This two-day tour runs north from Colombo into Sri Lanka's Cultural Triangle, taking in two UNESCO World Heritage cities that once served as the island's ancient capitals. It covers Anuradhapura, a monastic city whose ruins stretch back over a thousand years, and Polonnaruwa, the fortified capital that succeeded it, with a stop at Sigiriya in between as you move between the two.

Travelling by private vehicle with an English-speaking chauffeur guide, you walk through the scattered pagodas, ponds and monastery grounds of Anuradhapura before continuing to the compact, well-preserved ruins of Polonnaruwa, including its carved stonework and royal monuments. The route is built around giving a clear sense of how Sri Lankan kingship, religion and city planning developed across more than a thousand years.

The tour is run on a private basis, so the schedule is yours alone rather than shared with other travellers. Ground transport, fuel, tolls and guide services are arranged throughout; hotel stays, meals and site entrance fees are handled separately, giving you the choice of where to stay and eat along the way.



Day-by-day itinerary

Day 1 Colombo → Anuradhapura → Sigiriya

Leaving Colombo, the day is spent exploring the ruined city of Anuradhapura, which served as Sri Lanka's capital for over a thousand years until the 10th century AD, before continuing on to Sigiriya.



Anuradhapura

Walk through the ancient ruined city, where pagodas, monastic buildings and ponds are scattered across a vast area, tracing the footsteps of the kings who once ruled here.

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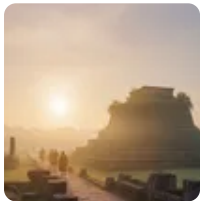
View this landmark stupa, once one of the tallest structures in the ancient world.



Sri Maha Bodhi

Visit this sacred site, one of the key landmarks within the ancient city.

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Abhayagiri Monastery

See the ruins of this once-huge monastic complex, one of Anuradhapura's major sites.

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Day 2 Sigiriya → Polonnaruwa → Minneriya → Colombo

The day is devoted to Polonnaruwa, Sri Lanka's second major ancient capital, which flourished between the 10th and 13th centuries AD, before the return journey to Colombo via Minneriya.



Polonnaruwa

Walk through the ruins of this ancient city, which flourished between the 10th and 13th centuries AD as Sri Lanka's second major capital.

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Gal Vihara

View this important monument among Polonnaruwa's rock-carved sculptures.

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Vatadage

See this notable circular relic house within the ancient city.

Lotus Bath

Visit this ornamental bathing pool, one of Polonnaruwa's distinctive structures.

Lankathilaka Temple

See this large image house, one of the key monuments of the ancient city.

Statue of King Parakramabahu

View the statue commemorating King Parakramabahu, whose reign is considered the golden age of Polonnaruwa.

What's included

INCLUDED

- Transport in a Private Vehicle, Fuel, Parking & Highway tolls.
- Service of English-Speaking Chauffeur Guide.
- All prevailing taxes and service charges.

NOT INCLUDED

- Hotel Accommodation and Meals.
- Entrance fees to the respective sites.
- Chauffeur Guide's Accommodation.
- Expenses of personal nature.
- Visa and Related Expenses.
- Tips & Portages.

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