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Cultural and Central Country (6 Days)

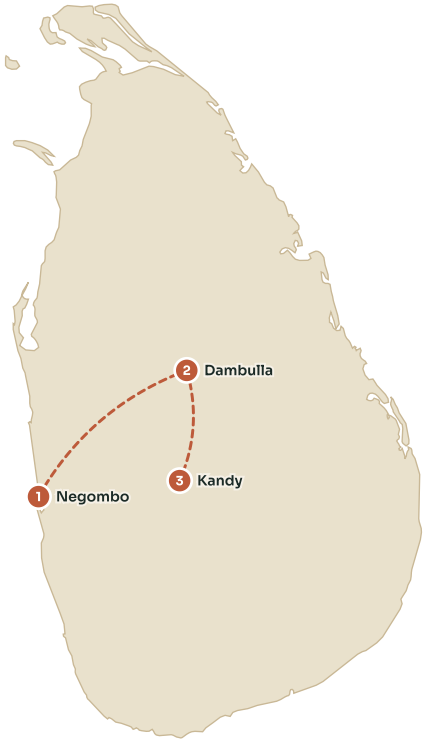
6 days · 5 nights | Private tour with chauffeur guide

About this experience

This six-day tour covers Sri Lanka's cultural heartland, running from the west coast at Negombo inland to the ancient sites around Dambulla and Sigiriya, then on to Kandy in the hill country. Travel is by private air-conditioned vehicle with a chauffeur guide throughout, so the pace is set around your own party rather than a fixed group schedule.

Highlights include the Dambulla Cave Temples, the Sigiriya Lion Rock Fortress, a village experience near Sigiriya with an oxen cart ride and catamaran safari, a spice garden visit in Matale, and Kandy's Temple of the Tooth Relic and Kandyan Cultural Show. Together these take in several of the island's most recognised historical landmarks alongside more rural, hands-on experiences.

Hotel accommodation, meals and entrance fees are arranged separately, which leaves you free to choose your own lodging and dining along the way.



Day-by-day itinerary

Day 1 Airport → Negombo

On arrival at Colombo International Airport you are met by your chauffeur guide and driven to Negombo to check in and relax.



Negombo

After arrival formalities at the airport, you are driven to Negombo to check in to your hotel and unwind after the flight.

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Day 2 Negombo → Dambulla

After breakfast you check out and travel to Dambulla to visit its historic cave temples.



Dambulla Cave Temples

Dating back to the 1st century BC, the Dambulla Cave Temples hold ancient murals depicting the life of Lord Gautama Buddha and hundreds of Buddha figurines across five main caves, including the Golden Cave Temple, 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 3 Dambulla → Sigiriya → Minneriya → Dambulla

A day based around Sigiriya, combining the climb of the Lion Rock Fortress with an immersive village experience nearby.



Sigiriya Lion Rock Fortress

This 5th century AD rock fortress, once ruled by King Kashyapa, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visitors pass through an entrance framed by a lion's paws, view the fortress's well-known frescoes, and climb a steep staircase to terraced gardens and still-working cisterns that demonstrate ancient Sri Lankan hydraulic engineering.

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Sri Lankan Village Experience

An oxen cart ride offers a farmer's view of village life, followed by a catamaran ride across a calm lake and a walk through paddy fields ready for harvest. The visit includes a traditional cooking demonstration and a home-cooked lunch served on lotus leaves over woven trays.

Day 4 Dambulla → Matale → Kandy

The drive to Kandy includes a stop at a spice garden in Matale, followed by craft tours and a cultural show once you arrive.



Matale Spice Garden

A guided tour of a spice and herbal garden in Matale, Sri Lanka's spice capital, introduces coriander, chilli, cinnamon, cardamom, nutmeg and other spices grown there, along with their uses in Ayurvedic medicine.

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Arts and Crafts Tours

On arrival in Kandy, you can visit workshops showing gem crafting, woodcarving and batik techniques.

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Kandyan Cultural Show

This hour-long evening show features traditional Kandyan dances and music, including fire dances, sword dances and drumming.

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Day 5 Kandy

A day in Kandy centred on the Temple of the Tooth Relic, followed by a walk around the lake and town.



Temple of the Tooth Relic

Built in the 16th century to house Lord Buddha's sacred tooth, this UNESCO World Heritage Site has passageways and halls painted in red, cream and black, carved pillars and golden statues.

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Kandy Lake and Town

After the temple, there is time for a walk around Kandy Lake and to explore the town before returning to the hotel.

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Day 6 Kandy → Airport

After a relaxed morning and breakfast, you check out and are driven to the airport for your departure flight.



Departure Transfer

Following breakfast at the hotel, you are driven from Kandy to the airport for your flight home.

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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
- Chauffeur Guide's Accommodation.
- Visa and Related Expenses.
- Expenses of personal nature.