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Ramayana Holiday (11 Days)

11 days · 10 nights

Private tour with chauffeur guide

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About this experience

This 11-day private tour follows the Ramayana Trail across Sri Lanka, linking the shrines, caves and natural sites associated with the ancient epic to a broader circuit of the island's cultural and coastal highlights. The route runs from the west coast at Negombo north to Trincomalee, inland to the cave temples of Dambulla, Sigiriya and Kandy, up into the hill country around Nuwara Eliya and Ella, south to Yala and Kataragama, then along the south coast through Unawatuna and Galle before finishing in Colombo.

Travellers visiting sites linked to the Ramayana story, such as the Koneswaram Temple, Sita Amman Temple, Divurumpola Temple, Ravana Ella Cave, Ussangoda and Rumassala, alongside Sri Lanka's standard highlights: Dambulla's cave temples, the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage, Sigiriya rock fortress, the Temple of the Tooth in Kandy, a safari in Yala National Park and the historic Galle Fort. The pace mixes cultural sightseeing, nature stops and beach time on the west and south coasts.

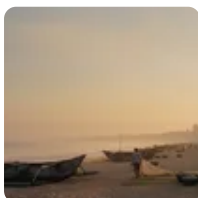
The tour runs by private vehicle with a chauffeur guide throughout, taking in temples, archaeological sites, waterfalls, national parks and beaches in one continuous itinerary from Negombo to Colombo.



Day-by-day itinerary

Day 1 BIA → Negombo

The tour begins on the west coast at Negombo, known for its long sandy beaches and fishing traditions.



Negombo Beach

Spend time on the sandy beaches of Negombo, watch the centuries-old fishing industry at work, and try water sports such as diving among the corals and a nearby 50-year-old shipwreck.

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Day 2 Negombo → Dambulla

Travel inland to Dambulla to see its cave temples before visiting the elephant orphanage at Pinnawala.



Golden Temple of Dambulla

Explore the cave temples dating back to the 1st century BC, including the Cave of the Divine King, the Cave of the Great King and the Great New Monastery, with their murals of the Buddha's life and hundreds of Buddha and deity statues. A giant golden Buddha statue stands a short distance outside the cave complex.

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Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage

Visit the orphanage to see and feed orphaned baby elephants and watch the mahouts bathe them.

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Day 3 Dambulla → Trincomalee → Dambulla

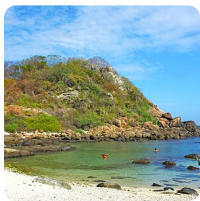
A day trip north to Trincomalee to see its clifftop temple and offshore marine park.



Konesvaram Temple

Built atop Swami Rock overlooking Trincomalee, this temple is dedicated to Lord Shiva in the form of Konesar and is linked by legend to Emperor Rawana, who is said to have meditated here.

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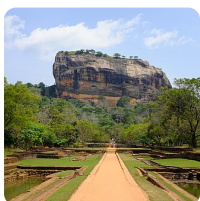
Pigeon Island National Park

One of Sri Lanka's two marine national parks, situated off the coast of Nilaveli and made up of two islands with some of the country's best-preserved coral reefs.

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Day 4 Dambulla → Sigiriya → Matale → Kandy

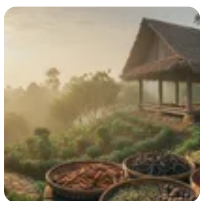
Climb the rock fortress of Sigiriya en route to Kandy, with a stop at a spice garden near Matale and a cultural show in the evening.



Sigiriya Rock Fortress

Climb the 5th century AD rock fortress built by King Kasyapa, entering through the lion-shaped gateway and passing the fame murals, terraced gardens, working cisterns and tunnels leading to the palace ruins.

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Spice Gardens

Visit a spice garden near Matale, Sri Lanka's spice capital, to see herbs, spices and plants grown in their tropical setting and learn about their uses, including in Ayurveda.

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Kandy Cultural Show

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

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Day 5 Kandy → Nuwara Eliya

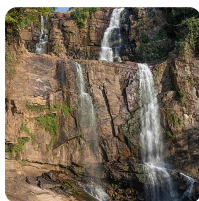
Visit Kandy's Temple of the Tooth before heading up into the hill country, stopping at a waterfall and sites connected to the Sita legend.



Temple of the Tooth Relic

A UNESCO World Heritage Site built in the 16th century to house and protect the sacred tooth relic of the Buddha, with painted halls, carved pillars and golden statues.

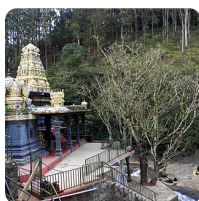
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Ramboda Ella

A waterfall near Pussellawa made up of three sections; the middle section is visible from the A5 highway, while reaching the top section involves a climb up a pathway near the bridge.

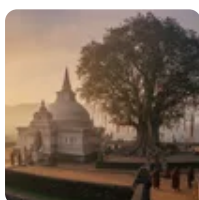
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Sita Amman Temple

Seen on the way to the Hakgala Botanical Gardens, this temple features statues of Rama and Sita and modern paintings and sculptures depicting their story.

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Divurumpola Temple

The site where Sita is said to have performed her Agni Pariksha to prove her chastity to Rama; it remains a place where locals pledge fidelity or take oaths.

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Day 6 Nuwara Eliya → Ella → Kataragama → Yala

Continue south through Ella to Kataragama, visiting sites tied to the Ramayana story, before arriving at Yala.

Ravana Ella Cave

Located at the base of a cliff near the waterfall of the same name, this cave is believed to be where Sita was imprisoned, and prehistoric human occupation of the cave has been reported.



Kataragama Temple

Dedicated to Lord Karthikeya Subramaniam, this temple is linked by legend to his role in protecting Lord Rama from King Ravana's weapon during the final battle.

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Day 7 Yala

A full day dedicated to a safari in Yala National Park.



Yala National Park Safari

Take a three-hour safari through Sri Lanka's second-largest national park on the southeastern coast, with the chance to see leopards, wild water buffalo, sloth bears and elephants among the park's wide range of species.

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Day 8 Yala → Ussangoda → Rumassala → Unawatuna

Travel along the south coast, stopping at sites linked to the Hanuman legend before reaching Unawatuna via Galle.



Ussangoda

A bare coastal plateau with serpentine rock containing toxic heavy metals, which limits plant growth; local legend attributes its baldness to Hanuman's burning tail and also describes it as the site of King Ravana's airport for his peacock chariot.

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Rumassala

A hill near Unawatuna beach topped by a white Buddhist dagoba, said to be a fragment of Mount Dronagiri dropped by Hanuman while carrying it to Lanka, and also linked to Sita's stay on the island.

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Galle Fort

Explore the former Portuguese and Dutch headquarters at Galle, one of the best-preserved fortifications in Asia, including its museums, lighthouse and cobblestoned streets.

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Day 9 Unawatuna

A day at leisure on the beach at Unawatuna.



Unawatuna Beach

Spend the day on one of Sri Lanka's best beaches, with options for water sports such as jet-skiing and windsurfing, and a chance to see turtles nesting.

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Day 10 Unawatuna → Colombo

Travel to Colombo for a tour of the capital's landmarks and shopping areas.



Colombo City Tour

See the capital's landmarks, including the Old Lighthouse, the Old Parliament, Galle Face Hotel, Galle Face Green, Gangarama Temple and the National Museum, and browse shops around Independence Square and the Race Course.

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Day 11 Colombo → BIA

The final day of the tour, with transfer to the airport for departure.

Departure

Check out and transfer to the airport for the departure flight.

What's included

INCLUDED

- 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.

NOT INCLUDED

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

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