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Ramayana Holiday (10 Days)

10 days · 9 nights

Private tour with chauffeur guide

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About this experience

This 10-day private tour follows the Ramayana Trail across Sri Lanka, linking sites connected to the Hindu epic with the island's wider cultural and natural highlights. The route runs from Dambulla and Trincomalee in the north and east, through the hill country around Kandy and Nuwara Eliya, down to Yala's wilderness and the south coast at Galle, before finishing near Colombo at Negombo.

Travellers visit shrines and landmarks tied to the Ramayana legend, among them Koneswaram Temple, Sita Amman Temple, Divurumpola Temple, Kataragama Temple, Ussangoda, Rumassala and Munneswaram Temple, alongside major heritage sites such as Dambulla Cave Temple, Sigiriya Rock Fortress and the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic in Kandy. The itinerary also takes in tea country, a Horton Plains trek, a Yala jeep safari, spice gardens, and city tours of Kandy, Nuwara Eliya, Galle and Colombo.

The tour is run with a private chauffeur guide and air-conditioned vehicle throughout, moving at a steady pace from site to site with hotel check-ins arranged along the way.



Day-by-day itinerary

Day 1 Airport → Dambulla

On arrival at Colombo airport you are met by a Lakpura chauffeur guide and driven to Dambulla, with visits to a historic cave temple and an elephant orphanage on the way.



Dambulla Cave Temple

The caves of the Golden Temple of Dambulla date back to the 1st century BC and hold ancient murals of the Buddha's life and hundreds of Buddha and deity figurines across five main caves, including the Cave of the Divine King and the Cave of the Great King. A giant golden Buddha statue stands a short distance outside the cave complex.

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Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage

This orphanage near Pinnawala village in Sabaragamuwa province cares for young elephants displaced from their natural habitat and offers a close encounter with the world's largest land mammal.

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Day 2 Dambulla → Trincomalee → Dambulla

A day trip to Trincomalee takes in a clifftop Hindu temple, a marine national park and a popular beach before returning to Dambulla.



Koneshwaram Temple

Built atop Swami Rock overlooking Trincomalee, this temple is dedicated to Lord Shiva in the form of Konesar, and legend holds that Emperor Ravana once meditated on this rock.

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Pigeon Island National Park

One of Sri Lanka's two marine national parks, Pigeon Island lies just off the coast of Nilaveli and comprises a large and a small island with some of the country's best remaining coral reefs.

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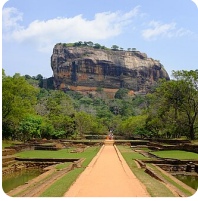
Nilaveli Beach

A popular stretch of coast near Trincomalee, Nilaveli is known for water sports including scuba diving.

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Day 3**Dambulla → Sigiriya → Matale → Kandy**

The day combines the climb of Sigiriya Rock Fortress with a spice garden visit at Matale before continuing to Kandy for a city tour and cultural dance show.

**Sigiriya Rock Fortress**

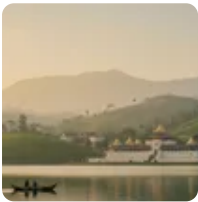
This 5th-century AD rock fortress was ruled by King Kasyapa and is entered through an opening framed by giant lion's paws. Visitors see the famous unfading murals, climb a steep staircase past terraced gardens and still-working cisterns, and pass through tunnels leading to the former palace.

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**Spice Gardens, Matale**

The spice gardens near Matale, Sri Lanka's spice capital, grow herbs, spices and plants used in Ayurveda, with a guided spice tour explaining their uses and origins.

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**Kandy city tour**

A tour around Kandy city introduces the town before the evening's cultural performance.

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**Kandy Cultural Dance Show**

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

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Day 4 Kandy → Nuwara Eliya

The day begins with the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic in Kandy, continues via a waterfall on the way to Nuwara Eliya, and ends with two temples linked to the Ramayana story.



Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic

This UNESCO World Heritage Site was built in the 16th century to house and protect Lord Buddha's sacred tooth relic, with painted halls, carved pillars and gilded statues.

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Ramboda Falls

Ramboda Ella is among Sri Lanka's higher waterfalls and consists of three sections; the middle section is visible from the A5 highway, while reaching the top section requires a climb via a pathway near the bridge.

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Sita Amman Temple

Seen en route 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

This temple marks the spot where Sita is said to have undergone her Agni Pariksha to prove her fidelity to Rama, and remains a place where people take oaths today.

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Day 5 Nuwara Eliya

A full day in Nuwara Eliya combines a trek in Horton Plains with a tour of the town itself.



Horton Plains National Park

This montane grassland and cloud forest park near Ohiya offers views from the precipice of World's End and the cooling spray of Baker's Falls, along with sightings of endemic fauna and sites of archaeological interest.

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Nuwara Eliya city tour

Set in the hill country at altitude, Nuwara Eliya was built by the British in the style of an English countryside town, with Georgian and Queen Anne-style homes, a golf course, an Anglican church and parks.

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Day 6 Nuwara Eliya → Ella → Yala

The drive to Yala stops at Ella, where tea country scenery and a well-known bridge and railway station can be explored on foot.



Ella

Ella's surrounding tea fields and rocky terrain give views of Little Adam's Peak. The walk takes in the Nine Arches Bridge and continues to Demodara Railway Station with its loop-over track design.

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Day 7 Yala → Kataragama → Yala

The day pairs an early jeep safari in Yala National Park with an evening visit to a major Hindu temple at Kataragama.

Yala National Park Jeep Safari

This three-hour safari in Sri Lanka's second-largest national park, on the southeastern coast, offers the chance to see leopards, wild water buffalo, sloth bears and elephant herds among other wildlife.



Kataragama Temple

Dedicated to Lord Karthikeya Subramaniam, this temple is linked in legend to his role protecting Lord Rama from King Ravana's weapon during the war. Three poojas take place daily, with visitors able to make offerings of fruit, incense and money.

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Day 8 Yala → Ussangoda → Galle

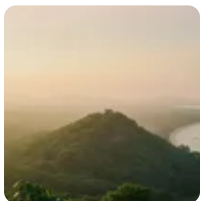
The route to Galle passes a bare coastal plateau linked to the Ramayana legend before a visit to a Ramayana-associated hill and a tour of Galle's old town.



Ussangoda

This treeless coastal area sits on serpentine rock containing toxic heavy metals, which limits plant growth. Ramayana legend attributes its bald appearance to Hanuman setting fire to King Ravana's lands, and it is also said to have been used as a landing site for Ravana's flying chariot.

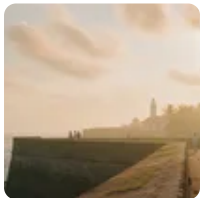
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Rumassala

This hill east of Galle, topped by a white Buddhist dagoba, is said to be a fragment of the Dronagiri mountain dropped by Hanuman while carrying it to Lanka for its healing herbs, and is linked in legend to Sita's stay on the island.

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Galle city tour

Galle's Dutch-built fort, dating from 1663, covers a promontory surrounded on three sides by the ocean and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with colonial architecture lining its old walls and streets.

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Day 9 Galle → Colombo → Negombo

The journey north includes a city tour of Colombo before continuing to Negombo for the night.



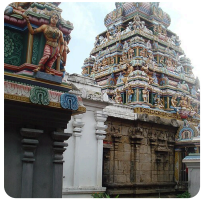
Colombo city tour

The tour of Sri Lanka's capital takes in landmarks such as the Old Lighthouse, the Old Parliament, Galle Face Hotel, Galle Face Green, Gangarama Temple and the National Museum, along with shopping areas around Independence Square and the Race Course.

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Day 10 Negombo → Airport

The final day includes a temple visit near Chilaw before transfer to the airport for departure.

**Munneswaram Temple**

This regional Hindu temple complex near Chilaw has existed since at least 1000 CE and is associated in legend with Rama from the Ramayana. It is one of five ancient temples dedicated to Shiva in the region.

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

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