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Island of Wonder (5 Days)

5 days · 4 nights | Private tour with chauffeur guide

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About this experience

This five-day private tour links the hill country around Kandy with the southwestern coast, taking in Sri Lanka's Central Highlands, its tea country, and the beaches and colonial towns south of Colombo. It moves from the cultural heart of Kandy through the cool climate of Nuwara Eliya down to Bentota and Galle before returning to the airport.

Travellers get a mix of cultural sites such as the Temple of the Tooth Relic and the Galle Fort, nature encounters at Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage, a tea estate and factory, the Kosgoda Turtle Hatchery and the Madu River, plus free time to explore towns such as Nuwara Eliya on foot.

A chauffeur guide drives you throughout in a private vehicle, with fuel, tolls and water included, collecting you at Colombo airport on arrival and returning you there at the end; hotels and meals are arranged separately.



Day-by-day itinerary

Day 1 Airport → Kandy

On arrival at Colombo International Airport you are met by a Lakpura chauffeur guide and driven to Kandy, where you check in to your hotel before an afternoon and evening of cultural activities.

Technical tours of arts and crafts

Visit workshops covering gem crafting, woodcarving and batiks.



Kandyan Cultural Show

Watch an hour-long show of traditional Kandyan dancing and music, including fire dancers and sword dancers performing to drumming.

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Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage

Visit the orphanage in the Sabaragamuwa province, home to around 70 elephants that have been displaced or lost from their natural habitat, making it the largest captive herd of elephants in the world.

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Day 2 Kandy → Nuwara Eliya

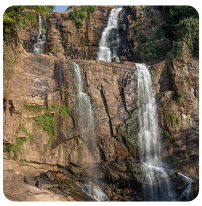
After breakfast you visit Kandy's most important religious site before driving up to Nuwara Eliya, stopping en route at a waterfall and a tea estate.



Temple of the Tooth Relic

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

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Ramboda Falls

Stop at Ramboda Falls, the 11th tallest waterfall in Sri Lanka, on the way to Nuwara Eliya.

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Tea Estate and Factory

Take a guided tour of a tea estate and factory to learn how Ceylon Tea is grown and processed, a tradition introduced commercially by James Taylor after tea was first planted at the Royal Botanical Gardens in Peradeniya in 1824.



Nuwara Eliya town

In the evening explore the former British hill-station town, with its cottages, villas and mansions, the old red-brick post office, Queen Victoria Park and the shores of Lake Gregory.

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Day 3 Nuwara Eliya → Bentota

After breakfast you check out and drive to the coast, stopping at a turtle hatchery before reaching Bentota.



Kosgoda Turtle Hatchery

Visit the hatchery on the southwestern coast, which cares for five endangered sea turtle species nesting on Sri Lankan shores, including baby turtles and injured adults, as part of the Kosgoda Turtle Care Program.

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Day 4 Bentota → Galle → Bentota

After a relaxed morning you head to Balapitiya for a river boat safari, then continue to Galle to explore its old colonial city before returning to Bentota.



Madu River boat safari

Take a boat ride through the mangroves of the Madu River, passing basking crocodiles and water monitors, a small island with cinnamon harvesting, a fish massage stop, and waterbirds in their natural habitat.

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Galle Fort and Old Colonial City

Explore Galle, once a Portuguese and Dutch headquarters, including the well-preserved Galle Fort, the Maritime Museum, the Galle National Museum, the lighthouse and the fort's cobblestoned streets.

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Day 5 Galle → Airport

After breakfast you check out and are driven to the airport for departure.

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.
- Expenses of personal nature.
- Visa and Related Expenses.