



TOUR REFERENCE
LKXTHEK3KK

Quintessential Ceylon (8 Days)

8 days · 7 nights

Private tour with chauffeur guide

AI-generated image · not an actual photograph

About this experience

This eight-day tour runs by private vehicle with a Lakpura chauffeur guide from the moment you land in Colombo to the moment you fly out of Weligama, covering the central highlands, the hill country around Kandy and Ella, and the south coast around Weligama and Galle.

The route begins with the Temple of the Tooth Relic and the street life of Kandy, then climbs through tea country past Ramboda Falls, Mackwoods Tea Estate and Hakgala Botanical Gardens on the way to Ella, where a walk takes in Little Adam's Peak, the Nine Arches Bridge and Demodara Railway Station. The second half of the trip is based on the south coast, with whale watching off Mirissa, the stilt fishermen of Koggala, a turtle hatchery at Habaraduwa, the Handunugoda Tea Factory and a walk through Galle Fort.

Travellers get a mix of cultural sights, hill-country scenery and coastal activity in one trip, moving at a relaxed pace with time built in for walking, tasting and watching rather than rushing between stops. Lakpura's chauffeur guide manages the driving and logistics throughout, leaving the days free for sightseeing.



Day-by-day itinerary

Day 1 Airport → Colombo

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

Day 2 Colombo → Kandy

After checking out of Colombo you drive to Kandy and check in, then spend the afternoon exploring the town on foot.



Kandy Town

Walk through the streets of Sri Lanka's last kingdom, taking in its history, bright colours and street food stalls, watching garland makers at work, visiting a Hindu temple and finishing with a short three-wheeler ride.

A.Savin · FAL

Day 3 Kandy → Ella

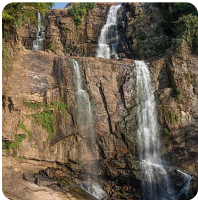
Check out of Kandy to visit the Temple of the Tooth Relic before heading to Ella, stopping along the way at a waterfall, tea estate and botanical garden, then explore Ella itself in the afternoon.



Temple of the Tooth Relic

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

A.Savin · FAL



Ramboda Falls

One of the country's tallest waterfalls, visited on the way from Kandy to Ella.

A.Savin · FAL

Mackwoods Tea Estate

A guided tour covering tea varieties, processing methods and quality grading.



Hakgala Botanical Gardens

A walk through the gardens' shaded avenues and colourful plantings.

Own work of Buddhika Mawella · CC BY-SA 3.0



Lake Gregory

A relaxed walk along the lake shore.

Rehman Abubakr · CC BY-SA 4.0



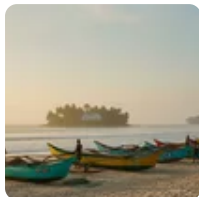
Ella Town Tour

A walk through Ella past tea fields and rocky stretches to views of Little Adam's Peak, across the Nine Arches Bridge, and on to the Demodara Railway Station with its loop-over track.

Dan arndt · CC BY-SA 4.0

Day 4 Ella → Weligama

Check out of Ella and drive to Weligama to check in and relax by the coast.



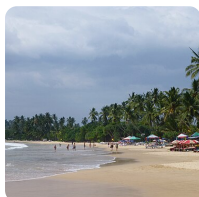
Weligama

A blend of fishing town and beach resort known for its sandy beach, cove beaches to the west, and a benign beach break well suited to novice surfers.

AI-generated image · not an actual photograph

Day 5 Weligama → Mirissa → Weligama

An early start for a whale watching trip from Mirissa harbour before returning to Weligama.



Mirissa Whale Watching

A boat safari from Mirissa harbour to see blue whales, sperm whales and fin whales with the guidance of a qualified naturalist, run with minimal impact on the animals.

Ji-Elle · CC BY-SA 3.0

Day 6 Weligama → Koggala → Ahangama → Weligama

A day visiting the coastal sights between Koggala and Ahangama before returning to Weligama.



Stilt Fishermen of Koggala

Watch fishermen perched on stilts along the coast and hear how the practice, passed down through generations, is carried out.

Bernard Gagnon · CC BY-SA 3.0

Turtle Hatchery, Habaraduwa

Learn about the five endangered sea turtle species nesting on Sri Lanka's shores and the hatchery's care programme, with a chance to see and feed baby and injured turtles.



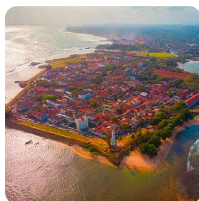
Handunugoda Tea Factory

Also known as the Virgin White Tea Factory, with a tour of how the tea is plucked and processed untouched by human hands, followed by a tasting of tea and chocolate cake.

AI-generated image · not an actual photograph

Day 7 Weligama → Galle → Weligama

A day trip to Galle to explore its fort and museums before returning to Weligama for the rest of the day at leisure.



Galle Fort

One of the best-preserved fortifications in Asia, built during the Portuguese and Dutch periods, with cobblestoned streets bearing Dutch names.

Rovin Shanila · CC BY-SA 4.0

Maritime Museum and Galle National Museum

Museums within the fort area, visited along with the old lighthouse.



Weligama Beach

The remainder of the day spent at leisure on the beach and using the hotel's facilities.

Honeplus · CC BY-SA 3.0

Day 8 Weligama → Airport

After breakfast, check out and transfer 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 to the respective sites.
- Chauffeur Guide's Accommodation.
- Visa and Related Expenses.
- Tips & Portages.

Lakpura® · Prices, options and booking: www.lakpura.com/products/quintessential-ceylon-8-days
hello@lakpura.com · +94 11 574 7474