TOUR REFERENCE
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Into the Hills (7 Days)

7 days · 6 nights | Private tour with chauffeur guide

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About this experience

This seven-day tour moves from the coast into Sri Lanka's hill country, taking in Negombo, Kandy and Nuwara Eliya before returning to Colombo for departure. It combines the cultural sites of the last Kandyan kingdom with the cool, scenic landscapes of the central highlands, including tea country and Horton Plains National Park.

Travellers visit the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic and a cluster of historic temples around Kandy, stop at the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage, and tour a working tea factory and estate to see how Ceylon Tea is made. In Nuwara Eliya, the tour explores the former British hill station before an early trek through Horton Plains to World's End and Baker's Falls. The final days bring a tour of Colombo's landmarks before departure from the airport.

The route is built around a private vehicle and driver, with each stop paced for sightseeing rather than shared-coach schedules.

Day-by-day itinerary

Day 1 Airport → Negombo

On arrival at Colombo International Airport, transfer to Negombo and check into the hotel.

Negombo

Arrive and settle in after completing airport formalities, with the rest of the day free to relax.

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Day 2 Negombo → Kandy

Travel from Negombo to Kandy, stopping en route at Pinnawala, then spend the evening exploring Kandy's arts and culture.

Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage

Visit the orphanage, home to young elephants displaced or lost from their natural habitat, for a close encounter with the world's largest land mammals.

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Arts and crafts of Kandy

See technical demonstrations of gem crafting, woodcarving and batik work in Kandy.

Kandyan Cultural Show

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

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Day 3 Kandy

Spend the day on a temple run around Kandy, followed by a visit to the Royal Botanical Garden.

Embekke Temple

See the woodcarving that makes this temple notable.

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Gadaladeniya Temple

Wander through this historic temple and view its paintings and sculptures.

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Lankatilaka Temple

Visit a temple that was architecturally advanced for its era.

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Degaldoruwa Cave Temple

See the cave temple's interior walls, covered in painstakingly restored paintings.

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Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic

Visit the internationally known temple with its cream and gold interiors.

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Royal Botanical Garden, Peradeniya

Walk through gardens formed in the early 19th century, home to over 4,000 plant species, including orchids, spices and medicinal plants, a cannonball tree and a suspension bridge.

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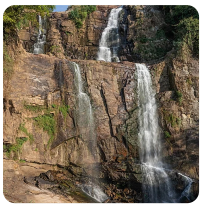
Day 4 Kandy → Nuwara Eliya

Travel to Nuwara Eliya, stopping at Ramboda Falls and a tea factory, then explore the highland town in the evening.



Ramboda Falls

Stop at the 11th tallest waterfall in the country.

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Tea Factory and Estate

Take a guided tour through a tea estate and factory to learn about tea varieties and processing, tracing the history of Ceylon Tea back to James Taylor's plantation at Loolecondera in 1852.

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Nuwara Eliya town

Explore the former British hill station, walking past its cottages, villas and mansions, the old red-bricked post office, Queen Victoria Park and the shores of Lake Gregory.

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Day 5 Nuwara Eliya → Horton Plains → Nuwara Eliya

Set out early for a trek through Horton Plains National Park before returning to Nuwara Eliya.

Horton Plains National Park

Trek through the park's montane grasslands and cloud forests, taking in views from World's End, the spray of Baker's Falls, and the endemic fauna and archaeological finds of the area.

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Day 6 Nuwara Eliya → Colombo

Travel to Colombo and spend the day exploring the commercial capital of Sri Lanka before checking into the hotel.

Colombo city sights

Visit landmarks including the Old Lighthouse, the Old Parliament, Galle Face Hotel, Galle Face Green, Gangarama Temple and the National Museum, along with Independence Square and the Race Course for shopping.

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Day 7 Colombo → Airport

After breakfast, transfer to Colombo International Airport for departure.

Departure

Transfer to the airport in time for your flight home.

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 and Meals.
- Entrance Fees.
- Any expenses of personal nature.
- Tips & Portages.
- Chauffeur Guide's Accommodation.
- Visa and Related Expenses.

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