

YOUR SRI LANKAN EXPERIENCE

A Journey that is Over Flowing with The Best of What the Island has to Offer!



THE ISLE OF SERENDIPITY

This extraordinary island set in the Indian Ocean, off the south-eastern tip of India, has thousands of years of diverse culture. Still a predominantly Buddhist country, it also has strong Hindu, Christian and Muslim communities as well. Incredibly fertile and a great producer of exotic fruits and it was for centuries the spice producer of the world famous and incredibly picturesque hill country. With a strong cultural past that now offers over 7 UN World Heritage sites, Sri Lanka was once one of the richest countries in Asia. In recent times it has not developed at the dramatic pace of its neighbours' in the region adding to its charm and character. The relative lack of development and gentle island pace make Sri Lanka the perfect destination for those looking for a varied and stimulating holiday. From beautiful beaches, unbelievable flora and fauna (much endemic), amazing architecture as well as a vast amount of historical & religious sites, white water rafting, cycling and many other adventures for the more active and finally the friendliest of people who carry infectious smiles with them every day!

Whatever you are looking for in Sri Lanka, it is an island of immense beauty, small enough to explore widely in 10 to 15 days yet large enough to offer infinite variety.

THE FACTS

- ✓ Population 21 million
- ✓ 3 main languages - Sinhala, Tamil and English.
- ✓ Buddhist majority (70%), with Hindu, Christian and Muslim minorities.
- ✓ Gained independence from Britain in 1948
- ✓ Democratic Socialist Republic since 1978
- ✓ The top exports are: Tea, Textiles, Gems & Foreign Remittances

THE TRIVIA

- ✓ Has the highest concentration of Leopard in the world
- ✓ 7 of the world's UN World Heritage Sites
- ✓ Is one of the world's 25 Biodiversity Hot Spots
- ✓ World's 3rd largest tea producer
- ✓ The Sinhalese name, Sri Lanka, means, "The Resplendent Land" or "Holy Ceylon."
- ✓ Is famous for its Ceylonese Sapphire
- ✓ Has 1,340km of tropical coastline

OUR FAVOURITE THINGS TO DO:

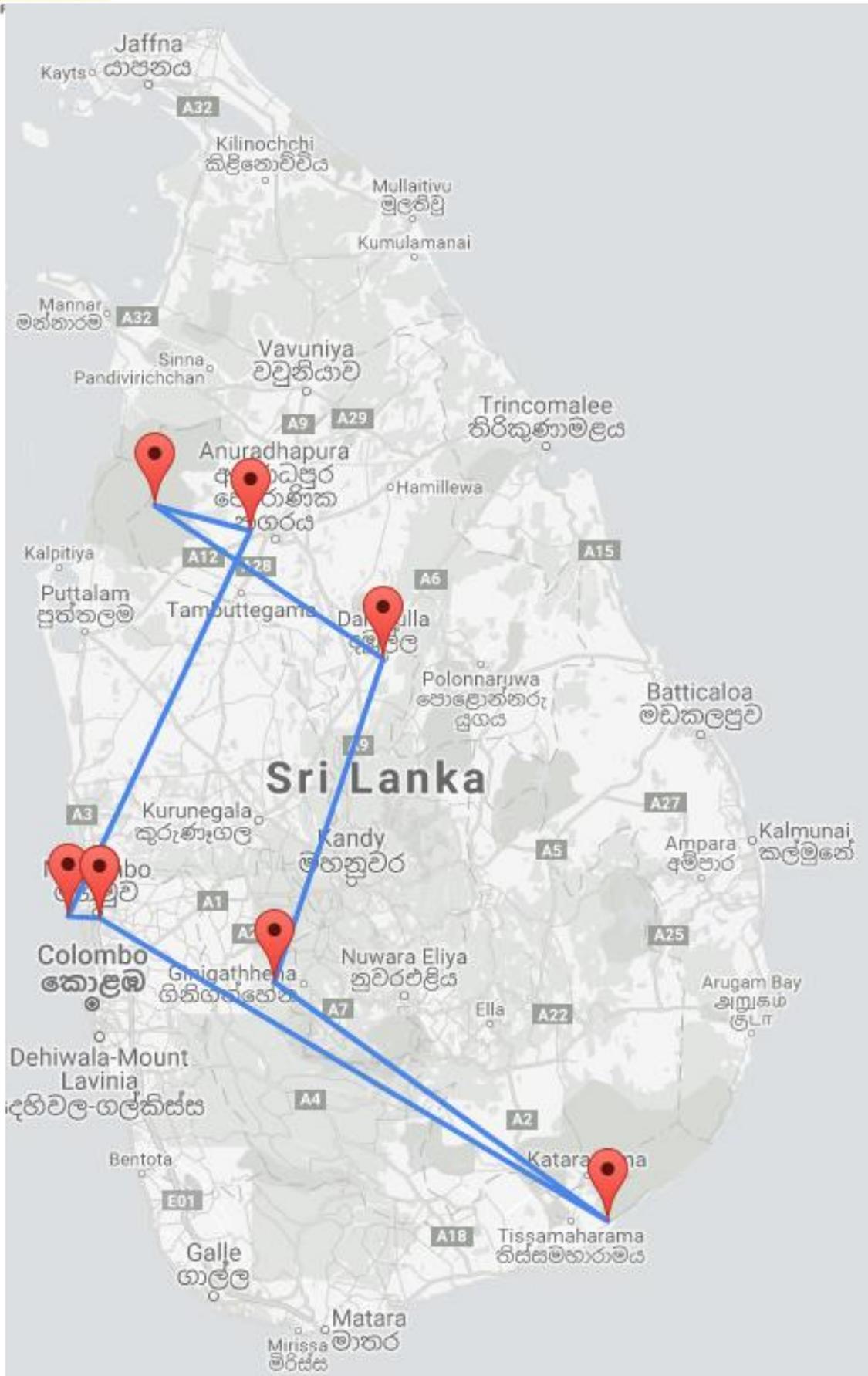
1. Enjoy a refreshingly hydrating king coconut known as 'Thambili' in Sri Lanka.
2. Keep your camera's on hand to snap amazing pictures of all the beautiful scenery across the island.
3. By the beach, dig your toes into the sand or in the hills, sip on our famous Ceylon tea.

OUR FAVOURITE THINGS TO EAT:

1. Eat the freshest chilli crab with your feet in the sand under the stars by the Indian Ocean
2. An egg hopper for breakfast with seeni sambol! Watch out of the 'kata sambol' - it's a definite challenge (spicy wise)
3. Buffalo Curd & Treacle - start and you won't be able to stop!
4. Cashew nut curry – so rich and creamy you will never forget it

OUR FAVOURITE THINGS TO BUY:

1. Hand woven Sarongs from Barefoot - they have the most incredible selection in the brightest of colours and are reasonably priced. Great gifts if you can bare to give them away.
2. A bottle of local brew called ARRACK ...a daring drink for the adventurous.
3. Cashew nuts from Kadjugama
4. Plenty of the best Ceylon tea to continually remind you of this amazing island and to give to those who missed the opportunity to visit Sri Lanka



BIRD WATCHING SRI LANKA - 06 NIGHTS 07 DAYS

DAY 01

Arrival in Colombo International Airport and meet with our representative at the arrival lounge

Transfer to Negombo – 20 min drive approximately

Overnight stay at Club Hotel Dolphin Negombo 4*

DAY 02

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Anawilundawa Wetland – 1 hours drive approximately

Bird Watching at Anawilundawa

Anawilundawa is a man made wetland constructed in the 12th Century AD and is located on the western migratory bird route. This is a sanctuary with prolific bird life in beautiful surroundings. The vegetation of the site consists of a scenic forest in the low country dry zone and in addition to birds, mammals such as mouse deer, hare, mongoose, squirrels, wild cats (such as civets), wild boar and fruit bats and reptiles and amphibians like land monitors, water monitors, lizards, geckoes, skinks, and tortoises can be sighted.

Transfer to Nawadankulama for bird watching

The Nawadankulama Tank is about half an hour's drive from the Anawilundawa Sanctuary. It is barren and dry when there is no rainfall. The tank is frequented by large flocks of migrant ducks. Collared dove and Indian grey partridge are present year round along with several species of eagle.

Overnight stay at Miridiya Lake Hotel Anuradhapura 3*

DAY 03

Full day safari at Wilpattu National Park with picnic meals

Wilpattu is a fairly thick dry zone jungle interspersed with a number of flood plain lakes banked with delicate white sands. It boasts an impressive variety of flora in huge expanses of forest, and varied wildlife, including deer, elephants, wild boar, sloth bears and leopards.

Overnight stay at Miridiya Lake Hotel Anuradhapura 3*

DAY 04

Breakfast at the Hotel

Transfer to Sigiriya – 2 hours drive approximately

Sigiriya Sanctuary bird watching

Surrounding of Sigiriya Rock Fortress is a designated forest reserve and is a very good birding destination. Sigiriya sanctuary is a well protected area as it is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, waterways and thick canopied forests make it a heaven for birds. You will be accompanied by our expert bird watching naturalist for the birding trip in Sigiriya. Finishing the morning bird watching in Sigiriya you will be transferred to an Eco Lodge in Habarana for lunch and for some rest. There too you would be able to see many varieties of birds in the lodge's

compound. At 3 PM we venture in to the jungles of Habarana surrounded by many lakes which is a very good habitat for birds.

Overnight stay in Back of Beyond in Pidurangala 3*

DAY 05

Breakfast at the Hotel

Transfer to kitulgala – 4 ½ hour drive approximately

Do evening bird watching in the Makandawa Rainforest Patch

The Kalani Valley forest reserve is low country rain forest containing a host of endemic birds and other wildlife unique to the Island. Some of the birds are found around home gardens and will be a fascinating experience. One of the more sort after endemics is the Chestnut-backed Owlet, we will head in the direction to a known stakeout and then to the Serendib Scops Owl stakeout. The latter mentioned owl created a sensation in the birding world. Other endemic birds found here is the Yellow-fronted barbet, Ceylon small Barbet, Ceylon Spurfowl, Green-billed Coucal, Layard's Parakeet, and the Ceylon Rufous Babbler to name a few.

Overnight stay at The Plantation Hotel 3*

DAY 06

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Tissamaharama – 5 hour drive approximately

Do evening bird watching safari in Bundala National park

The bio diversity of this park is immense: A total of 383 plant species have been recorded from the park, including 6 endemics and 7 species that are considered nationally threatened. It is also home to 32 different species of mammal, 5 of which are classified as threatened. The birdlife is also diverse. For keen bird-watchers, the complex wetland system harbours a rich bird life (approximately 197 species), including several species of migratory waterfowl. This has led to the declaration of the park as Sri Lanka's first 'Ramsar' wetland – one of great international importance especially for migratory waterfowl

Overnight stay at Kithala Hotel Tissamaharama 3*

DAY 07

Do Morning bird watching in the area of Tissa Lake and the village

Transfer to airport for departure – 6 hour drive approximately

“WE WISH YOU AN ENJOYABLE JOURNEY”



☰ BIRDS



TOUR PRICE VALID TILL 15TH DECEMBER 2018

PAX	1 Guests	2 Guests	3-5 Guests	6-8 Guests	Single room supplement	Triple room reduction
PER PERSON SHARING DBL/TWIN ON BB BASIS	2250	1240	965	720	220	10

OUR TOUR PRICES ARE INCLUSIVE OF

- Accommodation in shared DBL room with private bathroom
- Meals are as stated in the programme B= breakfast,
- Transfers and tours with local English -speaking driver guide in private air-conditioned vehicles
- All entrance fees as per the Itinerary

NOT INCLUDED ARE

- Domestic airfare (quoted separately, if requested)
- Peak period supplements
- International airfare to / from Sri Lanka (quoted separately, if requested)
- Optional tours
- Surcharges for other language guides
- Surcharges for Christmas & New Year Eve
- Personal travel insurance
- Personal expenditure, such as drinks, souvenirs, laundry, camera fees, communications, postage, gratuities etc.
- Meals and services other than mentioned in the programme
- Drinks with meals
- Compulsory gala dinners during festive seasons and peak season surcharges which will be advised at the time of booking
- Electronic Travel Authorisation fee for Visas upon arrival (Please note that an ETA is compulsory for nationalities besides nationals from the Republics of Singapore and Maldives)
- Early check-in and late check-out at hotels, if not mentioned in the programme

CANCELLATIONS

- Before 31 days no cancellation.
- Between 31 – 21 days 25% cancellation of the total invoice value.
- Between 21 – 14 days 50% cancellation of the total invoice value.
- Between 14 – 07 days 75% cancellation of the total invoice value.
- Less than 7 days 100% cancellation of the total invoice value.
- No shows & early departures 100% cancellation of the total invoice value
- Refunds will not be given for unused or cancelled services after the tour arrangements have commenced.

**Certain Hotels impose stricter cancellation policies which will be advised separately.

PLEASE NOTE

- For air ticket reservations, we require the guests' full names AS THEY APPEAR IN THEIR PASSPORTS. Airfares and reservations are always subject to change until paid in full and ticketed.
- Airfares are subject to increase without prior notice.
- Please be advised that prices will be adjusted periodically in case of fuel price increase by our suppliers.



- This is a quotation only and neither reservations for services nor hotel bookings have been made.

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