



## Escape to Sri Lanka

### Description

#### Day 1: Arrival in Negombo - A Coastal Dream Awaits

Upon arrival, you will be warmly welcomed by our airport representative and whisked away to the enchanting coastal town of Negombo. Nestled north of Colombo, Negombo is a picturesque fishing village brimming with charm and vibrant activity.

As you settle into your hotel, you have the option to relax and unwind at your leisure, either at the beach or within the serene hotel grounds. In the afternoon, embark on an exploration of Negombo, where you'll discover the Dutch-built canal, a bustling waterway alive with the colorful boats of local fishermen. Along the canal's shores, you'll encounter charming homes, historic churches, and a diverse array of bird species, including the magnificent Kingfisher.

For the adventurous, catamaran trips on the sea and boat rides along the canal can be arranged, offering unique perspectives of this idyllic village. From November to April, diving facilities are available, allowing you to explore the underwater wonders of Negombo.

As you stroll along the streets flanking the hotels, you'll find an array of souvenir shops and delightful restaurants, perfect for a leisurely evening.

Conclude your dreamlike day with an overnight stay at your chosen hotel in Negombo, drifting to sleep to the soothing sounds of the sea.

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## Day 2: Journey to Sigiriya via Pinnawala - An Enchanting Adventure

Start your day with a delightful breakfast at the hotel before embarking on a mesmerizing journey from Negombo to Sigiriya, with an enchanting stop at the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage.

Located approximately 55 miles from Colombo, Pinnawala is a sanctuary for abandoned and wounded elephants, established in 1975. This remarkable orphanage has grown to house over 65 elephants, including baby elephants brought from various parts of Sri Lanka and 23 babies born through its successful captive breeding program. The best times to visit are during the feeding sessions from 9:30 to 10:00 AM and 1:30 to 2:00 PM, and the bathing sessions from 10:00 to 10:30 AM and 2:00 to 2:30 PM, when you can witness these majestic creatures being led to the nearby river for their daily bath.

After this heartwarming experience, continue your journey to Sigiriya. Upon arrival, check in to your hotel and immerse yourself in the tranquil surroundings, ready for the adventures that await.

Conclude your enchanting day with an overnight stay at your hotel in Sigiriya, dreaming of the wonders you've seen and those yet to come.

## Day 3: Exploring the Wonders of Sigiriya and Dambulla

Start your day with a delicious breakfast at the hotel before embarking on an unforgettable adventure to the Sigiriya Fortress.

Sigiriya, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is known as the "Fortress in the Sky" and stands as one of the most fantastic wonders of the island. Also called Lion Rock, it features the remains of a huge lion statue that once guarded the entrance to the palace atop the 600-foot high rock. At the summit, you can explore the foundations of the Royal Palace, water tanks, guardhouses, and other structures. One of the stairways features the only known ancient work of Sinhala secular painting, with frescoes of 21 life-sized damsels preserved in their original vibrant colors. Don't miss the Water Gardens, Fountain Garden, summerhouse, Boulder Gardens, and the intriguing caves.

After exploring Sigiriya, you will transfer to Dambulla to visit the famous Dambulla Cave Temple. This vast, isolated rock mass rises 500 feet high and spans a mile around its base. Dating back to the First Century B.C., the caves once sheltered King Walagamba during his 14-year exile from Anuradhapura. Upon reclaiming his throne, he built the most magnificent rock temples on the island. In the first cave, you'll find a 47-foot long recumbent Buddha carved out of rock, surrounded by images of deities associated with Buddhism. The oldest frescoes on the walls and ceiling, although overpainted during the Kandy period, still captivate with their beauty. The second cave, the largest and finest, houses 150 life-sized statues of Buddha in various postures, along with statues of gods and kings. The ceiling frescoes depict significant events in Buddha's life and milestones in Sinhalese history.

After immersing yourself in the historical and spiritual wonders of Dambulla, return to your hotel for some leisure time.

Enjoy a peaceful overnight stay at your hotel in Sigiriya, reflecting on the incredible sights and experiences of the day.

## Day 4: Journey to Polonnaruwa - A Step Back in Time

Begin your day with a delightful breakfast at the hotel. Afterward, prepare for your transfer from Sigiriya to the ancient city of Polonnaruwa.

Upon arrival in Polonnaruwa, check in to your hotel and take some time to relax and unwind. Spend the rest of the day at your leisure, enjoying the luxurious amenities and serene surroundings of your hotel.

Savor the peaceful ambiance and perhaps take a stroll through the hotel grounds, swim in the pool, or indulge in a spa treatment.

Enjoy a restful overnight stay at your hotel in Polonnaruwa, anticipating the historical exploration that awaits you.

## Day 5: Discovering the Ancient Wonders of Polonnaruwa

Begin your day with a delightful breakfast at the hotel. Afterward, set out to explore the ancient city of Polonnaruwa, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that served as the capital of Sri Lanka from the 11th to 13th centuries.

Polonnaruwa is renowned for its splendid and spectacular statues. Visit the Lankatilake, Tivanka, and Thuparama, the most

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beautiful and largest image houses, with Tivanka boasting the best examples of frescoes from the Polonnaruwa period. Marvel at the well-preserved large stupas, Rankoth Vehera and Kirivehera, and the Gal Vihare rock shrine, which features four impressive Buddha statues: two seated, one standing, and one reclining. The Parakrama Bahu statue is another stunning example of Sinhalese stone carving.

Explore the unique Vata-da-ge, a remarkable creation of Sri Lankan artists. The medieval capital of Polonnaruwa was fortified with inner and outer moats and walls. On the western side of the city lies the Parakrama Samudra, a vast reservoir. Within the inner city, visit the Royal Palace, Audience Hall, and other historic buildings, all enclosed by a tall protective wall.

After a day filled with historical exploration, return to your hotel to relax and reflect on the day's discoveries.

Enjoy a restful overnight stay at your hotel in Polonnaruwa, surrounded by the echoes of ancient grandeur.

### **Day 6: Journey to Kandy - A Cultural Extravaganza**

Begin your day with a hearty breakfast at the hotel before embarking on a scenic transfer from Polonnaruwa to Kandy.

Upon arrival in Kandy, immerse yourself in a city tour that highlights the rich tapestry of culture, history, and heritage. Kandy, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the last royal capital of Sri Lanka, was ruled by King Sri Wickrama Rajasinghe until it came under British rule in 1815.

Your tour will include a visit to the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic, home to the revered relic of Lord Buddha. This sacred site is the crown jewel of Kandy's ancient legacy. Stroll through this picturesque lakeside town nestled among misty hills, visiting the Kandy City Centre, which boasts world-class brands, a vibrant bazaar, an arts and crafts center, and a gem museum and lapidary.

Wander through the colorful Kandy market, brimming with fresh fruits and vegetables. As evening approaches, enhance your experience by attending a cultural show that features traditional music and drumming, showcasing the rich and vibrant culture of Sri Lanka.

Conclude your captivating day with an overnight stay at your hotel in Kandy, reflecting on the day's cultural delights.

### **Day 7: Journey to Nuwara Eliya - The Enchanting Highlands**

Begin your day with a delightful breakfast at the hotel before setting off on a picturesque journey from Kandy to Nuwara Eliya.

En route, visit a tea plantation in Nuwara Eliya. Tea was first planted in Sri Lanka in 1824 at the Botanical Gardens in Peradeniya with plants brought from China. In 1867, Scottish planter James Taylor initiated the tea industry on an 8-hectare forest land in the Lookondura Estate. By 1873, Sri Lanka began exporting tea, with the first modest shipment of 23 lbs. to London. Today, Sri Lanka is the world's largest tea exporter, with over 200,000 hectares dedicated to tea cultivation, producing around 300 million kilograms annually.

After exploring the tea plantation and learning about its rich history, continue your journey to Nuwara Eliya, often referred to as the 'Little England' of Sri Lanka. Nestled amidst stunning backdrops of mountains, valleys, waterfalls, and tea plantations, Nuwara Eliya exudes a quaint charm.

Enjoy a city tour of Nuwara Eliya, a town that showcases British influence through its country cottages and Queen Anne-style mansions. Visit Victoria Park, located in the heart of the town, perfect for a leisurely stroll or a picnic, and a haven for bird watchers with its rare bird species. Nuwara Eliya experiences distinct seasons, with flowers blooming in the spring (March to May) and the fall (July, August, and September), attracting visitors seeking to escape the heat and humidity of the lowlands.

After your delightful exploration, check in to your hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure.

Conclude your enchanting day with an overnight stay at your hotel in Nuwara Eliya, surrounded by the cool, serene highlands.

### **Day 8: Nuwara Eliya to Horton Plains - A Nature Lover's Paradise**

Begin your day with a hearty breakfast at the hotel before embarking on a morning excursion to Horton Plains National Park.

Located 20 miles (32 km) from Nuwara Eliya via Ambewela and Pattipola, Horton Plains spans 3,160 hectares and is known to Sri Lankans as Mahaeliya. Renamed after Sir Robert Horton, British Governor from 1831-1837, it became a nature reserve in 1969

and was upgraded to a national park in 1988 due to its unique watershed and biodiversity values. The plains are characterized by a high level of endemism in its flora. The hills are covered with diverse wet low evergreen forests, with trees flattened to the ground on the higher, windswept slopes.

Horton Plains is home to 52 species of resident birds and 11 species of migratory birds. The forests and grasslands harbor a variety of wildlife, including more than 2,000 to 3,000 sambhur, as well as bear monkeys, leopards, barking deer, giant squirrels, fishing cats, wild boars, and hares. While most of these animals are elusive, sambhur are commonly seen in the morning and evening.

After exploring the natural wonders of Horton Plains, return to your hotel in Nuwara Eliya and enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure.

End your day with a peaceful overnight stay at your hotel in Nuwara Eliya, surrounded by the breathtaking highland scenery.

### **Day 9: Journey from Nuwara Eliya to Yala via Ella - A Scenic Expedition**

Begin your day with a delightful breakfast at the hotel before embarking on a picturesque journey from Nuwara Eliya to Yala, with a captivating stop in Ella.

Ella, situated 127 miles from Colombo and 8 miles from Bandarawela, offers one of the most spectacular scenic sights in Sri Lanka. The view from Ella Gap is breathtaking, with the landscape dropping 3,000 feet to the eastern plains. Ella Rock is renowned for the cave of Ravana, a legendary king of Sri Lanka who ruled during prehistoric times. Just a few miles from the Ella Rest House, you'll find a stunning 1,080-foot-high waterfall, one of the most beautiful in the country.

After soaking in the beauty and history of Ella, continue your journey to Yala. Upon arrival, check in to your hotel and relax, enjoying the serene surroundings.

Conclude your day with a restful overnight stay at your hotel in Yala, ready to explore the natural wonders that await you.

### **Day 10: Exploring the Wilderness of Yala National Park**

Start your day with a hearty breakfast at the hotel before embarking on an adventure to Yala National Park.

Yala National Park, also known as Ruhunu National Park, spans 126,786 hectares, including the Strict Natural Reserve (Block II). The most well-known area is Block I, which covers 14,101 hectares and was established in 1938. Yala is renowned for its large herds and diverse wildlife, including elephants, leopards, spotted deer, sambhur, crocodiles, mongooses, wild boars, and wild buffaloes. The park is also a birdwatcher's paradise, with over 130 recorded bird species, including both residents and winter visitors.

Explore the park's rich biodiversity and possibly spot some of its most famous inhabitants. The park features seven bungalows and several camp sites, offering a chance to immerse yourself in nature.

After a day of thrilling wildlife encounters, return to your hotel in Yala and relax, reflecting on the day's adventures.

Enjoy a peaceful overnight stay at your hotel in Yala, surrounded by the sounds of the wilderness.

### **Day 11: Journey from Yala to Mirissa via Hummanaya Blowhole - A Coastal Adventure**

Begin your day with a delightful breakfast at the hotel before setting off on a scenic transfer from Yala to Mirissa, with an exciting stop at the Hummanaya Blowhole.

Hummanaya is a natural blowhole, created when sea water rushes through a submerged cavern and is pushed upwards due to pressure. This spectacular water fountain shoots up every few minutes, with the spray often reaching heights of 25 to 30 meters (82 to 98 feet), depending on the sea conditions. Witnessing this natural phenomenon is a thrilling experience, as the power of nature is on full display.

After marveling at the Hummanaya Blowhole, continue your journey to the beautiful coastal town of Mirissa. Upon arrival, check in to your hotel and relax, enjoying the serene beachside atmosphere.

Conclude your day with an overnight stay at your hotel in Mirissa, ready to embrace the coastal charm and activities that await

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### **Day 12: Whale Watching in Mirissa - A Marine Adventure**

Begin your day with a delightful breakfast at the hotel before embarking on an unforgettable whale-watching excursion.

Mirissa, with its breathtaking sandy beaches, transforms dreams of a tropical paradise into an everyday reality. This charming coastal town is one of the most appealing places to spend a few days by the sea in southern Sri Lanka. The beach, with its fine swathe of sand tucked into a picturesque bay and backed by a dense thicket of coconut palms, is especially enchanting at night when it transforms into a magical scene with fairy lights.

Set off on a recreational boat tour for a breathtaking experience of whale watching. Mirissa is the perfect place to spot the majestic Blue Whales, Sperm Whales, and playful Spinner Dolphins a few nautical miles off the shore. Witnessing these magnificent creatures in their natural habitat is a truly awe-inspiring experience.

After your whale-watching adventure, return to your hotel to relax and enjoy the leisure facilities.

Conclude your day with a peaceful overnight stay at your hotel in Mirissa, surrounded by the tranquil beauty of the coast.

### **Day 13: Journey to Bentota via Galle - A Blend of History and Coastal Bliss**

Begin your day with a delightful breakfast at the hotel before setting off on a scenic transfer from Mirissa to Bentota, with an enriching stop in Galle.

Galle, the epic Southern capital, is a captivating blend of classic Dutch architecture and tropical charm. Stroll through the Dutch-haunted streets, listening to the creaks of wooden saloon doors, and observe how European architecture seamlessly mingles with South Asian traditions. This vivid atmosphere attracts cultural enthusiasts from around the world. The original ramparts and bastions, preserved for over three and a half centuries, stand as a testament to the city's rich heritage.

Walk clockwise within the fort to see the 'old gate' bearing the British coat of arms. Nearby, you'll find the Zwart Bastion, the oldest of all, and the lighthouse standing proudly at 18 feet next to the Point Utrecht Bastion. The streets of this Dutch haven are laid out in a rectangular grid pattern, lined with houses featuring Dutch colonial-style verandas. Visit the Dutch Hospital Shopping Complex to explore a variety of souvenir selections.

Galle Fort remains a vibrant community, bustling with administrative offices, a court complex, commercial buildings, churches, and locals frequenting its charming streets. The blend of history and daily life creates a unique and captivating atmosphere.

After exploring the historical and cultural treasures of Galle, continue your journey to Bentota. Upon arrival, check in to your hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure, embracing the coastal beauty of Bentota.

Conclude your day with a relaxing overnight stay at your hotel in Bentota, surrounded by the serene coastal ambiance.

### **Day 14: Exploring Bentota - Coastal Wonders and Leisure**

Start your day with a delicious breakfast at the hotel before heading out to explore the attractions of Bentota.

Bentota, situated on the South coast of Sri Lanka, is a paradise for beach lovers and adventure seekers. This region, along with the nearby city of Beruwela, offers a wealth of interesting sightseeing opportunities. Visit the Turtle Hatchery to learn about conservation efforts, explore the Mask Factory to see traditional craftsmanship, and tour the historic Galle Fort. Don't miss the Mini Zoo, the serene Garden Brief, and the enchanting "Lunuganga" estate.

Bentota and Beruwela are among the earliest Moor settlements in the country, home to the revered Kechchimale Mosque, dedicated to the memory of Rev. Hajji Voliulla. These coastal towns are also renowned for their water sports facilities, offering thrilling activities such as water scooter rides, windsurfing, parasailing, water skiing, and river cruising. For those interested in deep-sea fishing and diving, Beruwela provides excellent opportunities for exploring wrecks and coral reefs.

After a day of adventure and exploration, return to your hotel to relax and unwind.

Conclude your day with a peaceful overnight stay at your hotel in Bentota, surrounded by the beauty and tranquility of the South coast.

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### Day 15: Transfer to Colombo - Exploring the Vibrant Capital

Begin your day with a delightful breakfast at the hotel before transferring from Bentota to Colombo.

Upon arrival, embark on an exciting city tour of Colombo, the throbbing metropolis and commercial capital of Sri Lanka. This vibrant city generates over 50% of the national GDP and boasts impressive urban development. Drive along clean streets past the crystal white Race Course, once a horse racing hub in 1893 and a World War II airstrip, now furnished with upscale clothing, food, and tea boutiques.

Explore Pettah and experience the unique Floating Market for an offbeat shopping adventure. Witness the buzz surrounding the upcoming Colombo Port City, an offshore city featuring parks, commercial complexes, and even an F1 track! Continue along Bauddhaloka Mawatha to the 'Arcade,' situated opposite the historic Independence Square. This colonial masterpiece has been transformed into one of the trendiest shopping and hangout spots in Sri Lanka, complete with designer boutiques, top-notch cuisine outlets, and a 'walk-over fish tank.'

Enjoy a chilled beer at the Dutch Hospital, surrounded by fancy windows showcasing the best fashion, jewelry, and handicraft brands. Visit the serene Gangaramaya Temple, where you can smell the scent of incense and listen to the chiming bells. In the evening, experience Colombo's vibrant nightlife, spiced up with nightclubs and casinos.

If you're fortunate, you may catch an exhibition at the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH) or enjoy an opera or play at the stunning Nelum Pokuna, making your day truly perfect.

Conclude your day with an overnight stay at your hotel in Colombo, reflecting on the bustling energy and rich experiences of the city.

### Day 16: Departure from Colombo - Farewell to Sri Lanka

Begin your final day with a delicious breakfast at the hotel. After enjoying your meal, prepare for your transfer from Colombo to the airport.

Reflect on the wonderful experiences and memories you've made during your journey as you head to the airport for your departure.

Farewell, Sri Lanka! Safe travels and hope to see you again soon.

### Tour Highlights

Negombo, Colombo, Pinnawala, Sigiriya, Dambulla, Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa, Kandy, Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic, Kandy City Centre, Victoria Park, Horton Plains National Park, Ambewela, Pattipola, Yala, Ella, Bandarawela, Ella Gap, Ella Rock, Ravana, Ruhunu National Park, Hummanaya, Mirissa, Whale Watching (Extra Own Cost), Galle, Galle Fort, Zwart Bastion, Point Utrecht Bastion, Dutch Hospital Shopping Complex, Bentota, Beruwela, Kechchimale Mosque, Garden Brief, Lunuganga, Pettah, Colombo Port City, Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Independence Square, Dutch Hospital, Gangaramaya Temple, Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall & Nelum Pokuna

### Includes

- Accommodation in 3 Star Hotel
- Stay in Double/ Triple Sharing Room
- Daily Breakfast
- All Sightseeing by AC Vehicle (PVT)
- All Airport Transfers by AC Vehicle (PVT)

### Excludes

- Any Airfare
- Sri Lanka Visa
- Travel Insurance

- 5% GST
- 5% TCS
- 2.5% Card Charges(If Applicable)
- Contingency Expenses
- Whatever is not mentioned in Includes

### Price Table

The featured price of this tour is based on a guaranteed 2 Pax in 1 double sharing room for 15 nights in the below mentioned hotels/ resorts in their base category rooms.

No. of Heads	Per Person Cost
2 Pax	\$1050/ ₹88,200 [Whichever is Higher]
3-4 Pax	\$925/ ₹77,700 [Whichever is Higher]
5-6 Pax	\$825/ ₹69,300 [Whichever is Higher]
Single Supplement [Solo Traveller]	\$350/ ₹29,400 Extra [Whichever is Higher]
Kid with Bed	70% of Adult Cost [Till 10 Years]
Kid with No Bed	50% of Adult Cost [Till 10 Years]
Kid with No Bed	Complimentary [Below 4 Years]

### Pricing Policy

1. All the price can change without any notice.
2. All the price are not valid on long weekends, national holidays, blackout dates, any festival dates.
3. All the price are based on base category double bed rooms of the above accommodations.
4. All the price will change with respect to the change in the number of Pax.
5. All the price are valid for Indian Citizens only.
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### Tour Customisation

1. This tour can be upgraded & customised as per your requirement.
2. You can share your preferred accommodation, we will try to get the best deal for you and customise the tour.
3. Please call +91 9874284569/ 9874361951 to upgrade your package.

### Accommodation Booking Policy

1. Ocean6 Holidays partners exclusively with accommodations rated 3.5 stars or higher on Trip Advisor or Google.
2. Exact Accommodation names can be told after advance payment to Ocean6 Holidays before booking.
3. All Accommodation rooms are volatile. No rooms are on hold.
4. Confirmation of Accommodation process starts upon guest payment receipt.
5. Accommodation confirms rooms after receiving payment from Ocean6 Holidays.
6. If promised Accommodation rooms are unavailable, refund or alternative accommodation will be proposed.
7. Ocean6 Holidays shall not be responsible for any consequences of Accommodation non-booking.
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### General Payment Policy

1. 50% Advance must be paid during Booking.
2. 50% Balance must be paid 21 days before Check-in Date.
3. 100% Payment must be made if the Check-in Date < 21 days.
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**General Cancellation & Refund Policy**

Percentage of Refund	Period	Deduction
100% Refund of Total Tour Amount	21 days before Check-in Date	0% Deduction
50% Refund of Total Tour Amount	15-20 days before Check-in Date	50% Deduction
No Refund of Total Tour Amount	0-14 days before Check-in Date	100% Deduction
Any cancellation or refund is subject to INR.1000 or 5% of Total Tour Amount whichever is higher as processing charge.		
Any cancellation or refund is prioritised on the time and policy of Third Party Accommodation & Transportation.		
Please call +91 9874284569/ 9874361951 for any clarification.		

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