



## **HONEYMOON IN SRI LANKA**

# 13 Nights Hotel Stay

COLOMBO – NEGOMBO – YALA N.P. – ELLA – NUWARA ELIYA – HORTON PLAINS – KANDY – PASIKUDAH BEACH - SIGIRIYA – COLOMBO AIRPORT



Beautiful and seducing on the travel bucket list, Sri Lanka is a true rising star. This magnificent island nation is unlike any other in terms of warmth, diversity, and color. There is a visual and unequaled vibrancy throughout, from golden sands to heavily forested mountain peaks; from vivid prayer flags blowing in the breeze to acre upon acre of verdant tea plantation; from emerald lakes to the turquoise ocean. It is the ideal location for a luxurious honeymoon with a variety of activities.



#### **ITINERARY**

#### Day 1. Arrive Colombo – Transfer to Negombo

Upon arrival at Colombo Airport, you will be met by your car with chauffeur for the short transfer to your hotel in Negombo. (approx. 40 min drive.)

Check in to the hotel. Rest of the day free. Night in Negombo. Note > Early check in Not included. Standard hotel check in time 14h.

Optional > Candlelight dinner at the beach.

#### Day 2. Negombo – Yala

After early breakfast, do a Negombo city tour by bicycle.

Over the course of approximately 4 hours, you will be taken through the most beautiful and interesting aspects of Negombo and learn about its history, as well as the most interesting sightseeing spots. One of our experienced tour guides will take you for a bicycle tour through the city of Negombo. You will be amazed how much of the scenery you normally miss. It is fun, it is convenient, and you will see a lot more riding your bicycle.

Afterwards, proceed to Yala for night stay. (Approx. 5 hrs drive)

#### Day 3. Yala

Enjoy morning and Evening safari at Yala national park. Overnight Stay at the hotel

The Yala National Park is situated in the southeastern corner of the island. It is mainly thorny scrub forest, reminiscent of the African bush, and provides the visitors best bet for seeing animals. Animals could be seen in herds are elephants, deer species, wild buffalo, wild boar, monkeys. Other varieties of species such as crocodile, peacock and if you are lucky, bear and leopard could be seen as well.

#### Day 4. Yala – Ella

Morning safari at Yala national park with picnic breakfast.

On completion proceed to Ella for night stay. (Approx. 01h15 drive from Hotel to Ella)

#### Day 5. Ella

After breakfast proceed to visit 9-arch bridge, situated close to the town of Ella, "little Adams Peak" is a mountain of 1141 meters above sea level. The hike takes you through luscious tea plantations and vegetation until you arrive at the summit which offers panoramic views of the south of Sri Lanka, perfect for a photo-op. Visit the 9-arch bridge in Ella.

#### Experience an adventurous session of zip lining in Ella.

Flying Sri Lanka's first-ever Mega zip-line. The two-wire zip-line stretches for more than half a kilometer, slides at 80kmph, and offers a bird's-eye view of the beautiful hills of the island.

Return to the hotel for night stay.

#### Day 6. Ella – Nuwara Eliya

After the breakfast take the train from Ella station to Nanuoya. The train ride to Naanu Oya will allow you the best view of the hill country from a perfect vantage. As the train winds its way round the sloping hills you will witness the many wonders of this unique locale, the valleys, meadows, mountains and greenery with the occasional flash of a distant waterfall. Note > train tickets are subject to availability & advance booking not permitted)

Arrive at Nanu Oya station, collect by your driver and transfer to your hotel for night stay.

#### Day 7. Nuwara Eliya – Horton Plains – Nuwara Eliya

Early morning visit to Hortain Plains national park with picnic breakfast. (Approx. 01h15 drive from Hotel to Nuwara Eliya)

❖ Horton Plains is Sri Lanka's highest and most isolated plateau discovered by Sir Thomas Farr in 19 hundreds. And named as Horton Plaines as a respect to the then British Governor of Sri Lanka Sir Horton and it is the only place where you could see the bear monkey. This is one of world's best nature tracks. And certain plant species, birds and insects you see them only at Horton Plaines. Nature lovers will enjoy this wide, patna-grass-covered plain, the haunt of several wild yet harmless animals and the home of many species of birds. Bridle paths through the plain will take you to the precipice, popularly referred to as "Worlds End" a sheer drop of 1050 meters. Lie on your stomach and peep over the ridge, the view when it is clear of mist, it is simply magnificent.

Afternoon free and night stay at Nuwara Eliya.

#### Day 8. Nuwara Eliya – Kandy

After Breakfast check out and proceed to Kandy for night stay. (Approx. 02h30 drive to Kandy)

#### Visit a tea factory enroute and do a tea plucking session with the tea puckers.

• It is generally accepted that the discovery of tea occurred in ancient China. The Chinese say it was their Emperor Shen-Nung in 2737 BC who first tasted Tea. The story goes that while he was boiling his drinking water a few leaves from a wild tea bush accidentally fell into the water. The emperor liked the delicate flavor they imparted to the water and so the art of tea making was born. Ceylon Tea acclaimed as the best Tea in the world. The influence of climatic conditions imparts to the product a variety of flavors and aromas, synonymous with quality. The cultivation and manufacture of tea is presently a highly skilled, scientific, and technical process, with Sri Lanka producing some of the most fragrant teas in the world.

After checking in at the hotel a cooking demo will be given by the hotel

## Evening visits to the Temple of Tooth Relic

The Kandy Temple, which houses the famous tooth relic of the Buddha is the star attraction
of the city. Puja ceremonies (Thevava) are held every morning noon and evening to honor
the relic and visitors may view the casket where the sacred tooth relic is held within the
chamber during these times. Observing these ritualistic proceedings to the accompaniment
of traditional drums is a must for any traveler to the sacred city of Kandy.

#### Day 9. Kandy – Pasikudah (Beach)

After Breakfast check out and proceed to Passikudah for beach stay. (Approx. 05 hrs. drive from Hotel to Passikudah)

In the afternoon leisure at the hotel and night stay.

#### Day 10 & 11. Pasikudah (Beach)

Full day at leisure to enjoy at the beach. Note, driver & vehicle not available during beach stay.

One candlelight beach dinner during the stay

#### Day 12. Pasikudah – Sigiriya

After breakfast check out and proceed to Sigiriya for night stay. (Approx. 02 hrs. 45 mins drive from Hotel to Passikudah)

Optional visit & not included > Peradeniya royal botanical garden.

A rare variety of tropical exotic and indigenous flora, as well as an amazing orchid house, can be seen at the Royal Botanical Gardens. The Gardens, which are conveniently placed on the outskirts of Kandy, have about 4000 varieties of plants, including orchids, spices, medicinal plants, and palm trees. A visit accompanied by a knowledgeable botanical guide is recommended.

Evening visit to Sigiriya rock fortress. (Approx. 25 mins drive from Hotel to Sigiriya)

In the center of the cultural triangle lies the Sigiriya rock fortress, another remarkable feat of engineering and a fascinating example of artistic craftsmanship. Hewn out of the living rock, the Sigiriya fortress was the stronghold of King Kashyapa, a formidable royal palace and city. Sigiriya, or the 'Lion Rock" is most famous for its frescoes; a series of "heavenly maidens" painted on the rock surface itself. From halfway up the rock you can witness the elaborately landscaped water gardens containing the royal baths and fountains; some of which still work today during the rainy seasons. Sigiriya is a still standing monument to Kashyapa, and the vision of a truly egotistical monarch.

Return to the hotel for night stay and enjoy 30 min Spa treatment & Candlelight dinner.

- 30 minutes spa treatment for the couple at the Ayurvie spa at the hotel.
- Candlelight dinner in the pool deck overlooking the Sigiriya rock with a wine bottle

#### Day 13. Sigiriya

Early morning visit Pidurangala rock to watch sunrise with picnic breakfast. (approx. 30 mins drive)

Pidurangala is a large rock situated a couple of kilometres away from Sigiriya. The rock was home to a monastery that dates to the 1st century BC which now remains as a temple. Starting the climb through the present-day temple one comes across various caves where monks used and still live to this day. The climb takes you through lush forest on a well-made stone made path until you reach a large statue of reclining lord Buddha. From here onwards the path stops but one can reach the summit by following a rocky trail that will require scaling a few rocks. The view from the top of the rock provides a breath-taking point of view of Sigiriya and the surrounding landscape of forest, hills and lakes.

#### Scenic boat ride at the Thalkote lake

The Thalkote Wewa is a tank situated in Thalkote, Sigirya. It has the Sigiriya Rock and Pidurangala Rock as the backdrop.

Optional Cooking demo + lunch with local family > Learn to cook a Sri Lankan meal and taste a delicious lunch with local family.

▼ A cooking demo and lunch with a local family would be a good addition to the program. You can
participate in preparing your own traditional Sri Lankan meal or simply enjoy a meal with a local
family. The rice and curry meal are prepared with local produce sourced by the family from
local markets and gardens. A traditional meal is full of flavor and spice, but the family tries to
prepare the meal to western palates. However, be ready expect some spice and heat.

Evening proceeds to visit Minneriya national park by safari jeep. (Approx. 45 mins drive from Pidurangala to Minneriya National Park)

Minneriya National Park is one of the best places in the country to see wild elephants, which are often present in huge numbers, and wading birds. Dominated by the ancient Minneriya Tank, the park has plenty of scrub, forest and wetlands in its 88.9 sq km to also provide shelter for toque macaques, sambar deer, buffalo, crocodiles and leopards. The dry season, from May to September, is reckoned to be the best time to Elephants, which can number 200 or more, come to feed and bathe during what is known as 'the Gathering'. However, it is also possible to see large numbers of elephants here at other times of year too.

Return to the hotel for night stay.

#### Day 14. Sigiriya – Colombo Airport – Final Departure

Your amazing holiday in Sri Lanka has reached to the final day. After Breakfast transfer by road (approx. 4 hrs) to Colombo Airport for the final departure.

#### Please Note:

- In normal circumstances, the travel from Sigiriya to Colombo airport will take more than 4 hours. Of course, depending on your flight but to avoid any problem, we recommend spending a night in Colombo before your final departure.
- We suggest reaching airport 3-4h prior to departure.
- ❖ Maldives > If you want to incorporate the Maldives in your journey following Sri Lanka, you can do so with ease. However, depending on your travel to Male, you may need to spend a night in Colombo before flying to Male. Please consult us before booking your flights.

### SOME OPTIONAL SUGGESTIONS.

These are some optional suggestions and are always subject to change and availability.

- Please consult suitable month for this itinerary.
- Between May and October, the only place to stay if you want to be by the beach is at East Coast (Pasikudah). Due to the rainy season, the other beaches in Sri Lanka are not accessible from May to October.
- The tour can be changed as needed, however if you want to stay on the beach between
   May October, be aware of the rain season.
- If you wish you can add / remove the number of days in the program.
- Chauffeur and vehicle will not be available during the beach stay.
- The schedule, programmes are subject to change for any reason.
- Before traveling, always verify the current Covid19 protocol.
- The official check out time is 11 am & check in time 14h
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