



ROMANTIC SRI LANKA

10 Nights Hotel Stay

COLOMBO – NEGOMBO – SIGIRIYA - PIDURANGALA – MINNERIYA - KANDY – NUWARA
ELIYA – HORTON PLAINS – ELLA – YALA N.P. – 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 unequalled 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 AIRPORT – 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 - SIGIRIYA

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 Sigiriya and check into the hotel. (Approx. 3.5 Hour drive)

- 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.
- Overnight stay at the hotel

Day 3. SIGIRIYA – PIDURANGALA – MINNERIYA - 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.

Enjoy 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.

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 back to the hotel for overnight stay.

Day 4. SIGIRIYA – KANDY

Morning 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. 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.

On completion check out and transfer to Kandy for night stay. (Approx. 3.5 Hour drive)

Cooking demo + local lunch > Learn to cook a Sri Lankan meal and taste a delicious lunch at the hotel.

- ♥ A cooking demo 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.

Visit 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.

Night stay in Kandy.

Day 5. KANDY – NUWARA ELIYA

After Breakfast check out and proceed to Nuwara Eliya (Approx. 02h30 drive to Nuwara Eliya)

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.

In the afternoon visit a tea factory enroute and do a tea plucking session with the tea pluckers

Arrive and check in to the hotel.

Evening city tour of Nuwara Eliya, also known as little England

- ❖ The City of Lights is designed to resemble a typical English village. With its brick facades of the post office building to the hill club that resembles a country house, the 18 hole golf course, racecourse, you are instantly transported into the setting for a P G Wodehouse novel; with all the charm and coziness of old England.

Overnight stay at Nuwara Eliya.

Day 6. NUWARA ELIYA – HORTON PLAINS – NUWARA ELIYA

Early morning visit to Horton 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 Plains 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 Plains. 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 7. NUWARA ELIA – ELLA

After the breakfast take the train from Nanoya station to Ella.

- ❖ 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 Ella station and meet our transport at Ella Station. Transfer to hotel for night stay.

Day 8. 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 9. ELLA – YALA NATIONAL PARK

After the breakfast check out and transfer to Yala for night stay. (Approx. 01h15 drive to Yala)

Evening safari at Yala national park

- ❖ 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.

Overnight Stay at the hotel

Day 10. YALA NATIONAL PARK

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

Day 11. YALA NATIONAL PARK – COLOMBO AIRPORT OR OPTIONAL BEACH STAY OR MALDIVES

Your amazing holiday in Sri Lanka has reached to the final day. After Breakfast transfer by road (approx. 5 hrs) to Colombo Airport for the final departure or to a beach destination.

Please Note:

- ❖ In normal circumstances, the travel from Yala to Colombo airport will take more than 5 hours (300 kilometers). If your overseas flight departs in the evening, we can choose this option. However, to avoid any problems, 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.

We wish you a safe flight back home....

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SRI LANKA BEACH STAY (OPTIONAL)

Sri Lanka, between November and April

❖ If you are visiting Sri Lanka between November and April, the following beaches can only be added to the above tour, Romantic Sri Lanka.

- ♥ Tangalle Beach (Approx, 4 hrs driving time to Colombo Airport.)
- ♥ Mirissa beach (Approx, 3 hrs driving time to Colombo Airport.)
- ♥ Weligama beach (Approx, 3 hrs driving time to Colombo Airport.)
- ♥ Hikkaduwa beach (Approx, 3 hrs driving time to Colombo Airport.)

Please Note > between May and October, the above mentioned beaches of Tangalle, Mirissa, Weligama, and Hikkaduwa are not recommended due to rain.

Sri Lanka, between May – October.

- ♥ If you want to include a beach stay between May and October, we recommend another tour called "**Honeymoon in Sri Lanka**" instead of Romantic Sri Lanka Tour because due to rain you can only stay on the east coast at Pasikudah beach between May and October.
- ♥ However, if you choose to include east coast to "**Romantic Sri Lanka Tour**," "even it is raining" you have to keep in mind that the travelling time from Yala to the east coast (Pasikudah) will take at least 6 hours by road to reach at Pasikudah area. "Remember raining season on east coast"
- ♥ For overseas flights you need to return to Colombo Airport for final departure. The drive from Pasikudah to Colombo Airport takes more than 6 hours, so we recommend sleeping a night in Colombo before your final flight.

SOME OPTIONAL SUGGESTIONS.

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

- Please consult suitable month for this itinerary.
- Please keep rain season in mind if you wish to stay at the beach. On this issue, we have explained well, so read all the instructions above.
- The tour can be modified as per your wishes and requirements.
- 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
- For reservation & queries please mail us at: info@angloindiago.com