

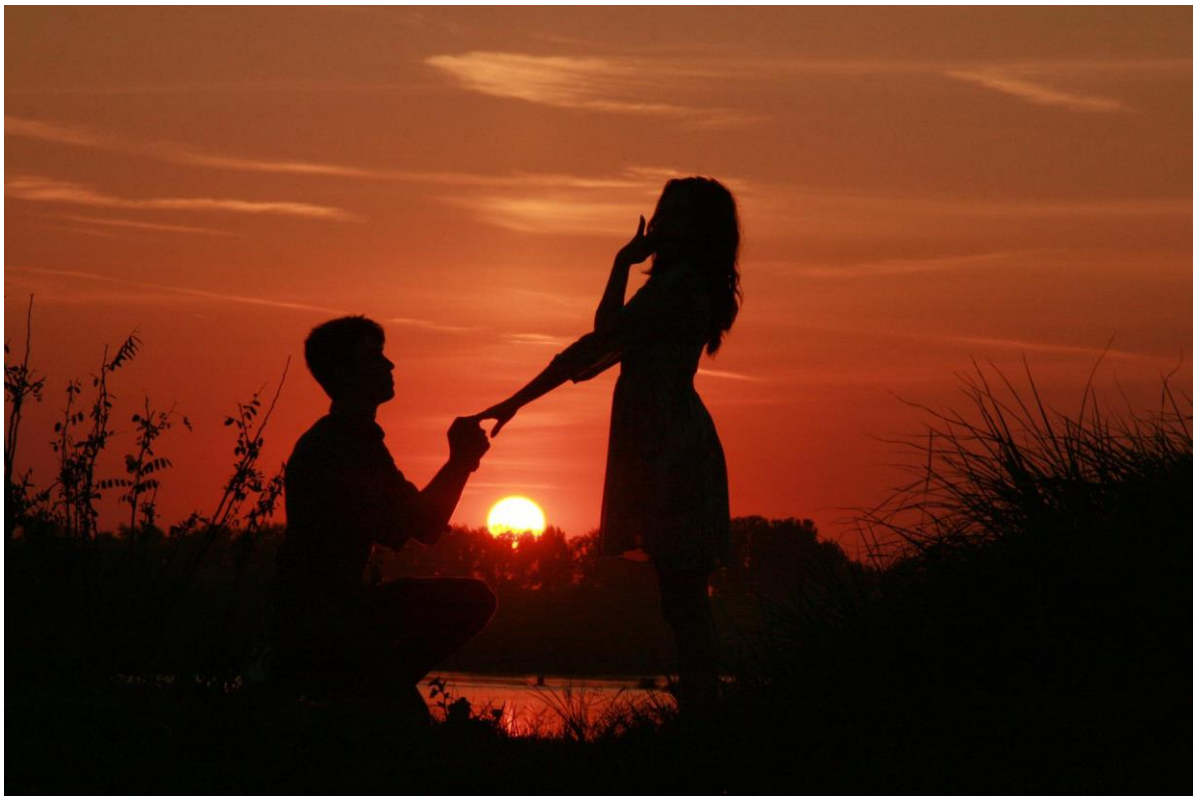


CLASSIC SRI LANKA HONEYMOON

12 Nights Hotel Stay

(COLOMBO – NEGOMBO – HIRIWADUNNA – HABARANA – SIGIRIYA – POLONNARUWA – DAMBULLA – MATALE – KANDY – PINNAWALA – PERADENIYA GARDENS – NUWARA ELIYA – ELLA – YALA N.P. – WELIGAMA – GALLE – HIKKADUWA BEACH – COLOMBO AIRPORT)

Travel Period >> Due to rain, the beach stay at Hikkaduwa on the south coast is valid between only from November – April



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 – 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 – Hiriwadunna – Habarana

- Negombo - Habarana Approx 150 km / 3 Hrs. 40 Mins
- Habarana - Hiriwadunna Approx 10 km / 20 Mins

After breakfast transfer to the hotel in Habarana. Enroute visit Hiriwadunna.

HIRIWADUNNA

- In the evening you can enjoy the Sinhalese culture in its fervor making a cultural tour in the town of Hiriwadunna where we will make a walk in the lotus flowers lagoon, tour a Sinhalese village in a cart pulled by oxen that have been used for hundreds of years to work the land.

To end the day, you will take a pleasant and relaxing ride on a typical boat, called Oruwa. Arrival at the hotel, and rest of the day free to rest from the trip. Night in Habarana.

Day 3. Habarana – Sigiriya – Polonnaruwa - Habarana

- Habarana - Sigiriya Approx 20 km / 30 Mins
- Sigiriya – Polonnaruwa Approx 60 km / 1 Hrs 30 Mins
- Polonnaruwa – Habarana Approx 50 km / 1 Hrs 20 Mins

Breakfast at the hotel.

Today you will get up early to climb the Lion Rock, Sigiriya. In this way, we will avoid crowds and heat. Next, we will go to the second ancient capital, to see the ancient palaces, temples, stupas and the statues carved in the rock.

- ♥ Lunch at a local restaurant. Enjoy a typical meal served in water lily leaves.

SIGIRIYA

- The impressive fortress of Lion's Rock in Sigiriya is one of the most important archaeological sites in Asia. It is a 70-hectare citadel with its palace on the top of a 200-meter high rock on the forest plains and which is entered between two huge lion's legs carved in stone to protect the fortress. Built in the fifth century by King Kasyapa, this citadel also has gardens, terraces, an ingenious irrigation system that still feeds the garden of fountains, a "mirror wall" hand-carved with graffiti of the seventh century to the XIII, in addition to the frescoes of the "divine ladies" under the Gupta style of India that are the only surviving sample of non-religious art of the ancient Sri Lanka. It was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1982.

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.*

After Sigiriya we will visit Polonnaruwa

POLONNARUWA

- Polonnaruwa, Sri Lanka's splendid medieval capital was established as the first city of the land in the 11th Century, A.D. It replaced Anuradhapura, which was plundered, made desolate and laid hopelessly bare to the invading armies from South India. Three Kings dominate the chronicles of the city and the period. The city reached a dazzling but pitifully brief zenith in the 12th century and though ravaged by invasion in the centuries that followed, much evidence remains of the old grandeur and glory. The ruins of the ancient city stand on the east shore of a large artificial lake, the Topa Wewa Lake, or Parakrama Samudraya (the Sea of Parakrama), built by King Parakramabahu I (1153-86), whose reign was Polonnaruwa's golden age.

After visit return to Habarana for night stay.

Day 4. Habarana – Dambulla – Matale – Kandy Temple

- Habarana - Dambulla Approx 25 km / 20 Mins
- Dambulla - Matale Approx 50 km / 1 Hrs 20 Mins
- Matale – Kandy Approx 30 km / 1 Hrs

Breakfast at the hotel.

Visit the five caves in Dambulla, better known as the Temple of Gold.

- Then you will visit the fascinating Temple of Buddha's Tooth, Dalada Maligawa, at the time of the ceremony where you will be able to see the urn where the most important relic is kept Buddha's tooth.

The Rock Temple of Dambulla

- The principal Pali Chronicle of Sri Lanka is situated about forty seven miles northwest of Kandy, the last capital of the Sinhalese kings, on the main road to Anuradhapura. One of the capitals of the medieval Sinhalese kings. The other rock temple of equal fame, Aluvihare, where, according to tradition, the Buddhist scriptures were first committed to writing about the first century B.C., Dambulla is a scent of unique interest. Its rock temples are the most extensive in the Island, and one of the most ancient, and in the highest state of preservation and order. Dambulu (the rock of Dambulla), in which these temples are situated, is almost insulated and of a vast size. Its perpendicular height above the plain is about six hundred feet. Very few parts of it are covered with wood, and in general its surface is bare and black

MATALE & KANDY

- Continue towards Kandy and en route in Matale visit a spice garden to see how the island's many spices are grown
- KANDY, Last ruled by King Sri Wickrama Rajasinghe - before it was brought under the British rule in 1815, Kandy - the World Heritage Site & last royal capital of Sri Lankan kings - crafts an array of culture, history, and heritage in the minds of visitors across the globe. Experience an ancient Kandyan legacy engraved around its crown jewel, the temple of the sacred tooth relic of Lord Buddha.

Accommodation in Kandy.

Day 5. Kandy – Pinnawala – Kandy City Tour – Kandy

- Kandy - Pinnawala Approx 45 km / 1 Hr. 30 Mins

After breakfast drive to Pinnawala to visit the Elephant Orphanage.

PINNAWALA

- The Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage is situated northwest of the town of Kegalle, halfway between the present capital Colombo and the ancient royal residence Kandy.
- Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage is an orphanage, nursery and captive breeding ground for wild Asian elephants located at Pinnawala village, 13 km northeast of Kegalle town in Sabaragamuwa Province of Sri Lanka.

Kandy City Tour

- In Kandy you will have the opportunity to see the world's largest Blue Sapphire in a gem museum and expand your knowledge of world gemstones. After the visit, there will be time to stroll through the center, visiting the Main Market of Kandy, where you can see the authentic life of the Sinhalese. Night stay in Kandy.

Day 6. Kandy – Peradeniya Gardens – Tea Plantation – Nuwara Eliya

- Kandy – Peradeniya Gardens Approx 8 km / 15 Mins
- Kandy - Nuwaraeliya Approx 100 km / 3 Hr 40 Mins

Breakfast at the hotel.

First you will visit the best Botanical Garden in the country and then go to the mountain called "Little England", whose Sinhalese name is Nuwara Eliya. Along the way, you will collect tea leaves from a plantation and visit a factory to see firsthand the processing and making of the highly prized and famous Sri Lankan tea. At late afternoon you will arrive in the city and enjoy a walk through the center.

PERADENIYA:

- Developed for the first time as an amusement park under royalty and later harmonized by the British, the Royal Botanical Garden of Peradeniya is the largest in Sri Lanka, with an area of 60 hectares, housing more than 4000 species of plants among the which highlights the collection of orchids and the giant fig tree of Java.

TEA PLANTATION

- Tour a tea factory to learn how tea is grown, produced, and make a custom blend to take home. Ceylon Tea, perhaps the most well-known and famous tea in the world. As the most important export of Sri Lanka, we will take you behind the scenes of this world-renowned product.

NUWARA ELIYA

- A picturesque village on the shores of Lake Gregory surrounded by mountains with beautiful landscapes also known as "Little England" for its colonial architecture or "the city of light" for its meaning in Sinhalese. Misty steep roads, twisting through lush green blankets of tea bushes in a cool climate, remind visitors that they are within the range of the renowned British colonial retreat, Nuwara Eliya. Augmented by an English countryside atmosphere, the city of light - once governed by English & Scottish planters - is still studded with colonial bungalows, hedgerows & one of the finest 18-hole golf courses in the world. A hike through the green grass and red-brick walls should present breathtaking views of a buzzing countryside hamlet. Drive through green valleys of the hill country pierced by endless waterfalls & dotted by tea pluckers draped in bright-colored saris.

Night stay in Nuwara Eliya.

Day 7. Nuwara Eliya – Train to Ella - Ella

- Nuwaraeliya – Train to Ella Approx 3 Hours

Breakfast at the hotel.

You will go to the Nanu Oya train station to make the journey to Ella by train, thus avoiding the road with so many curves 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 >** The train tickets will be 1st or 2nd, or 3rd Class reserved or non-reserved seats cos the tickets and seats are strictly subject to availability. Train tickets should order 30 days before the journey day.

ELLA

- A small town in the middle of the mountains that offers a very kind hospitality, spectacular views and leisurely walks in the middle of nature, tea plantations, temples and waterfalls. Arrival at night and with clear skies you can see the twinkling stars and a distant glow of the houses. The passage through this area allows you to enjoy the green and beautiful landscapes of the central highlands

Night stay in Ella.

Day 8. Ella Rock Climb – Little Adams Park – Nine Arch Bridge – Yala

- Ella - Yala Approx 110 km / 2 Hrs. 40 Mns

Breakfast at the hotel

Ella Rock > It is the most famous place for hiking tourism. (3-4 Hour Excursion)

Nine Arch Bridge > Built at 3100m above sea level, among the craggy peaks of the Central Highlands; the Nine Arches forms a viaduct between the Demodara and Ella Railway stations. Built entirely out of brick, rock and cement; without a single piece of steel; the bridge has stood solid from 1921, its time of creation. According to history, the bridge was built by the locals using such materials; when the construction came to a standstill from the lack of steel caused by World War I

Little Adams Peak > The trip took us about 2-3 hours in total (including picture taking). The Little Adam`s Peak, 1141 m high, is fairly easy to climb, with a good path all the way up.

Transfer to Yala for night stay.

Day 9. Yala Morning & Evening Safari

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

YALA NATIONAL PARK

- Of all the National Parks in Sri Lanka, Yala National Park gives the best opportunity to witness Sri Lanka's broad variety of wildlife: colorful painted stork in troops are seen perched at the shores of lagoon where the crocodiles too have chosen to doze off; lovely fantailed peacocks in their resplendent blues and greens parade about amidst the woods where monkeys hang, leap and chatter; in the bush jungle are the Elephants; crossing the tracks and wandering off into the thorny scrub jungle is the star attraction of the park: the leopard. Night stay in Yala.

Day 10. Yala – Weligama – Galle - Hikkaduwa

- Yala – Galle Approx 180 km / 3 Hr. 30 Mins

After breakfast visit Weligama and Galle.

- Transfer by road to the coastal town of Welligama to see the incredible and fascinating way in which the fishermen of this area fish, up on a narrow pole and anchored between the waves and the beach. You will return to Galle, to visit the Dutch Fortress. Then you will continue to Colombo, starting with the area of the buildings from the colonial era. Next, you will go to the commercial part of the city, specifically to the Pettah neighborhood. Cinnamon Gardens, the Viharamahadevi Park, the Hindu Temple, the Galle Face Promenade, the Independence Square

GALLE

- Galle, the epic capital of the south, is where the classic Dutch architecture meets a tropical environment creating a vivid environment in beauty. Galle was one of the main ports of Ceylon, a city rich in history, since it was the center of the Dutch regime in the seventeenth century and the majestic fort of Galle, which covers ninety acres, testifies to that. Its original walls and bastions preserved to date show a heritage preserved for more than three and a half centuries. The Dutch Museum and the Dutch church are two tourist attractions in Galle, and it is also known for its decorative objects made by hand. As one of the best preserved cities in Southeast Asia, it has been declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO.

Night stay at Hikkaduwa beach.

Day 11 & 12. Hikkaduwa Beach Stay

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

Day 13. Drop at Colombo Airport

Your amazing holiday in Sri Lanka has reached to the final day. After Breakfast transfer by road (approx. 2 hrs) to Colombo Airport for the final departure.

Optional

During your stay you can enjoy 30 min Spa treatment & Candlelight dinner.

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

Please Note:

- ❖ We suggest reaching airport 3-4h prior to departure if you are travelling in economic class.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ Please consult suitable month for this itinerary.
- ❖ This tour is valid only from November – April.
- ❖ 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