

CLASSICAL GATEWAY

07 NIGHTS / 08 DAYS ITINERARY (HALF BOARD)

OVERALL PACKAGE DESCRIPTION

Discover the essence of Sri Lanka's cultural and natural heritage on this carefully crafted 8-day journey. From the coastal charm of Negombo to the wildlife encounters at Millennium Elephant Foundation and Kalawewa National Park, the ancient wonders of Pidurangala, the cultural treasures of Kandy, the scenic tea country of Nuwara Eliya, and the vibrant capital city of Colombo. This tour combines comfortable 3-star accommodations, private air-conditioned transfers, expert guides, and authentic Sri Lankan experiences.

DAILY ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival & Negombo

Arrival & Transfer: Welcome to Sri Lanka! Meet your representative from Lavish Travels & Tours at Bandaranaike International Airport and transfer to Negombo (approx. 30 minutes).

Activities:

- Check in at Lavinia Beach Hotel
- Relax and freshen up at the hotel
- Evening Lagoon Safari - unique cruising experience on smooth coastal lagoon waters
- Drift along wilderness of coconut palms and mangrove forests
- Observe diverse birdlife and marine life

Overnight: Negombo

Day 2: Negombo – Rambukkana – Dambulla

Morning: Visit the famous "Lellama" fish market in Negombo, then depart for Dambulla.

En-route Activities:

- Visit Millennium Elephant Foundation in Rambukkana (approx. 2.5 hours from Negombo)
- Tour the 9-hectare sanctuary dedicated to domestic elephant welfare
- Experience the exclusive Elephant Walk and Bath
- Interactive encounter with these majestic creatures (approx. 2 hours)
- Continue to Dambulla (approx. 2.5 hours from Rambukkana)
- Check in at hotel
- Afternoon free at leisure

Overnight: Dambulla

Day 3: Dambulla – Pidurangala – Kalawewa National Park – Dambulla

Morning: Climb and explore Pidurangala Rock.

Activities:

- Visit ancient Buddhist temple at Pidurangala Rock
- Challenging climb with steep steps and boulder navigation
- History dating back to 1st-2nd century BC
- Stunning panoramic views of Sigiriya Rock from the summit (approx. 3 hours)
- Proceed to Kalawewa (approx. 1 hour)
- Exciting 4x4 Jeep Safari at Kalawewa National Park
- Observe elephants including rare tuskers (male elephants with ivory)
- Explore 6,000+ hectares around imposing water tanks built in 5th century
- Return to Dambulla
- Evening free at leisure

Overnight: Dambulla

Day 4: Dambulla – Village Trek – Matale – Kandy

Morning: Experience authentic Sri Lankan village life.

Activities:

- Hiriwadunna Village Trek including:
 - Walk along bund of manmade reservoir (Wewa)
 - Bullock cart ride through forests and paddy fields
 - Catamaran safari on scenic lake (30 minutes)
 - Visit to Chena cultivation
 - Enjoy farmer's hospitality with king coconut or ginger tea
 - Birdwatching opportunities (peacocks, kingfishers, cormorants)
- Total village trek experience: approx. 3 hours
- Journey to Kandy with stop at Spice Garden in Matale (approx. 1.5 hours from Dambulla)
- Learn about cinnamon, cardamom, pepper, and other spices
- Continue to Kandy (approx. 1 hour from Matale)
- Brief city tour of Kandy including Kandy Lake and Royal Palace area
- Check in at hotel

Overnight: Kandy

Day 5: Kandy – Temple of the Tooth – Botanical Gardens

Morning: Visit Temple of the Tooth Relic for morning Pooja ceremony.

Activities:

- Witness sacred morning rituals at Temple of the Tooth
- Visit Gem Museum to learn about Sri Lankan gemstones
- Explore blue/yellow sapphires, rubies, cat's eye, alexandrite, and more
- See jewelry-making process (approx. 1 hour)
- Tour the Royal Botanical Gardens (147 acres)
- View 4,000+ species of plants and trees
- Walk through Spice Garden and Orchid House
- Stroll along five magnificent Palm Avenues (approx. 2 hours)
- Return to hotel
- Evening free at leisure or optional spa treatment

Overnight: Kandy

Day 6: Kandy – Pussallawa – Ramboda – Nuwara Eliya

Morning: Depart for Nuwara Eliya (approx. 2.5 hours).

En-route Activities:

- Visit Tea Plantation and Tea Factory in Pussallawa
- Learn about Sri Lanka's tea industry history (since 1867)
- Tea plucking experience with local workers
- Stop at famous Ramboda Waterfalls for photos (approx. 1 hour)
- Arrive in Nuwara Eliya and check in
- Afternoon walking tour of "Little England"
- Explore Victorian Park
- Admire colonial architecture and Queen Anne mansions
- Enjoy cool mountain climate (approx. 1 hour)

Overnight: Nuwara Eliya

Day 7: Nuwara Eliya – Kitulgala – Colombo

Morning: Depart for Colombo via Kitulgala (famous water rafting village).

Activities:

- Arrive in Colombo and check in at hotel
- City tour of Colombo including:
 - Fort - former British administrative center
 - Pettah - bazaar area with Hindu Temple
 - Sea Street - Goldsmith's quarters
 - Kayman's Gate and Belfry
 - Dutch Church of Wolfendhaal (1749)
 - BMICH (Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall)
 - Independence Square
 - Optional: Colombo Museum (entrance fee USD 15)

- Last-minute shopping opportunities

Overnight: Colombo

Day 8: Colombo – Airport Departure

Morning: Enjoy breakfast and check out.

Activities:

- Private transfer to Bandaranaike International Airport (approx. 45 minutes)

Departure: End of tour

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES & ENTRANCE FEES

Below is a consolidated list of activities with entrance fees (per person):

Activity	Entrance Fee (USD)
Negombo Lagoon Safari	30
Millennium Elephant Foundation	15

Pidurangala Rock	15
Kalawewa National Park Entrance	35
Hiriwadunna Village Trek	25
Temple of the Tooth (Kandy)	15
Cultural Dance Show (Kandy - Optional)	10
Royal Botanical Gardens	10
Tea Factory Visit	5
Colombo Museum (Optional)	15
TOTAL ENTRANCE FEES (All Activities)	175

TOTAL (Without Optional Items)

150

Note: Fees are indicative and subject to change. Camera and video permits not included.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS BY CITY

Selected 3-star hotels along the itinerary with indicative room rates:

City	Hotel Name	SUPPLEMENTS & NOTES
Negombo	Amagi Arya	No Supplementry
Dambulla	Lario Resort	No Supplementry
Dambulla	Lario Resort	No Supplementry
Kandy	Senani Hotel	No Supplementry
Nuwara Eliya	Blue Meadows	No Supplementry

Colombo	Fairway Colombo	Superior Balcony: 15USD for Room per night
---------	-----------------	--

TOUR SUMMARY

- Day 01: Airport / Negombo
- Day 02: Negombo / Rambukkana / Dambulla
- Day 03: Dambulla / Pidurangala / Kalawewa / Dambulla
- Day 04: Dambulla / Village Trek / Matale / Kandy
- Day 05: Kandy (Temple of the Tooth & Botanical Gardens)
- Day 06: Kandy / Pussallawa / Ramboda / Nuwara Eliya
- Day 07: Nuwara Eliya / Kitulgala / Colombo
- Day 08: Colombo / Airport Departure

PRICING BREAKDOWN

Category	2 PAX (USD)	6 PAX (USD)	9 PAX (USD)	12+ PAX (USD)
Per Person Sharing (Double Room)	781	524	567	531
Per Person Sharing (Triple Room)	754	497	539	504
Single Room Supplement	202.5	202.5	202.5	202.5
Child Sleeping with Extra Bed (40% discount)	313	210	227	213
Child Sleeping without Extra Bed (25% discount)	196	131	142	133

COMPULSORY SUPPLEMENTS

- **Christmas Eve (24th Dec) Gala Dinner:** USD 50 per person
- **New Year's Eve (31st Dec) Gala Dinner:** USD 50 per person

COST INCLUDES

- ✓ Meet & greet services at the airport
- ✓ Transportation in air-conditioned vehicle as per itinerary
- ✓ Hotel accommodation on Half Board basis (Dinner & Breakfast)
- ✓ English-speaking chauffeur guide (up to 6 pax) or National guide (7+ pax)
- ✓ 2 x 500ml mineral water bottles per guest daily
- ✓ Kalawewa National Park jeep hire (max 4 pax per jeep)
- ✓ All applicable taxes

COST DOES NOT INCLUDE

- ✗ Lunch throughout the tour
- ✗ Camera and video permits
- ✗ Entrance fees (listed separately above - USD 150-175 per person)
- ✗ Beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic)
- ✗ Air fare and visa fees
- ✗ Any additional visits or activities not mentioned
- ✗ Early check-in / late check-out charges
- ✗ Tips and gratuities
- ✗ Travel insurance
- ✗ Personal expenses
- ✗ COVID insurance covers & PCR test costs (if mandatory)

IMPORTANT NOTES

- Itinerary sequence may change with/without prior notice to ensure smooth tour operations
- Entrance fees subject to government revision - increases to be borne by guests
- All reservations subject to availability at time of booking
- Prices subject to tax changes imposed by Sri Lankan Government/authorities
- No refund for unutilized services or stays
- Drive times are approximate and subject to change
- Train schedules and climate conditions beyond our control
- Liquor not served on Full Moon Poya Days
- Standard check-in: 14:00 hrs / Check-out: 12:00 hrs

- Bank charges outside Sri Lanka on account of remitter
- Itinerary may change based on flight arrival/departure times

CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact Information: Lavish Travels & Tours
520/41B, Randunuwatta, North Road, Weerawila, Sri Lanka
Tel: +94 70 172 8922 | +94770418967
Email: lavishtravelstours@gmail.com