

Sri Lanka Experience



Sri Lanka Experience is the absolute best of Sri Lanka in 12 days. You'll discover fascinating local culture, ancient cave temples, stunning sunsets, the famous Sigiriya rock fortress, spice gardens, tea plantations, epic waterfalls, travel the world's most scenic train journey, spot wild elephants, crocodiles and amazing birdlife on Safari, relax on gorgeous white sandy beaches, learn to surf, teach Buddhist monks English, experience local life, party on the beach and more! With an awesome group leader from the moment you step off the plane, an instant group of friends to share your adventure, amazing accommodation and so much included. Get ready for the trip of a lifetime!

Duration: 12 days / 11 nights

Starts: Negombo

Finishes: Colombo

Transport: Minibus, Train & Tuk Tuk

Meals: 10B, 2L, 4D

Group size: 12 - 16

Age Range: 18 - 40+

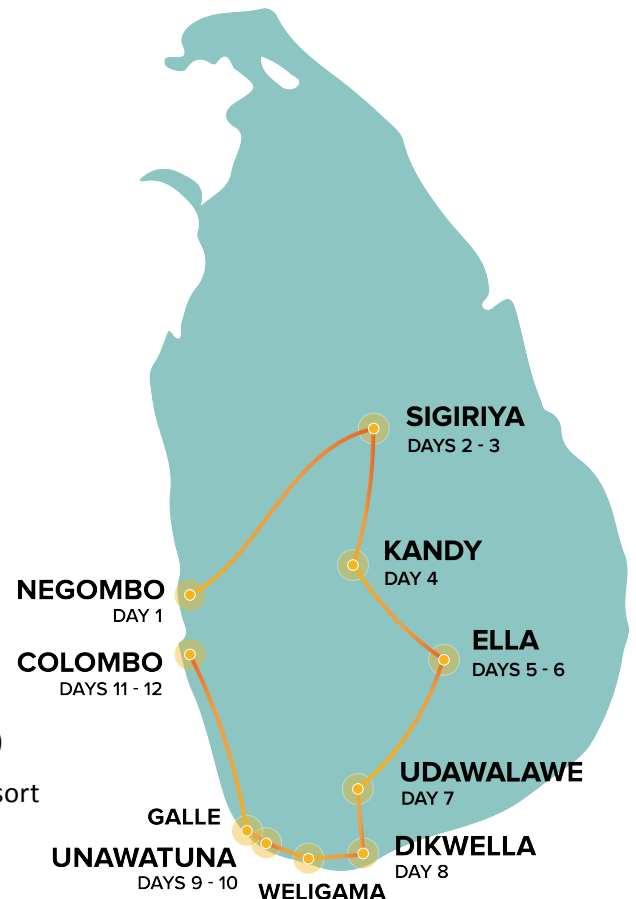
Local Fees: None

Accom:

- 1 Night Negombo - Twin/DbI Share Hotel (Hotel J)
- 2 Nights Dambulla - Twin/DbI Share Glamping Resort
- 1 Night Kandy - Twin/DbI Share Hotel
- 2 Nights Ella - Twin/DbI Share Hotel
- 1 Night Udawalawe National Park - Twin/DbI Riverside Glamping
- 1 Night Dikwella - Twin/DbI Share Hotel
- 2 Nights Unawatuna - Twin/DbI Share Hotel
- 1 Night Colombo - Twin/DbI Share Hotel

Included: Airport pickup, 11 nights accommodation, Local markets, Tuk Tuk rides, Golden Temple Caves, Local Village Visit, River Boat Ride, Cooking Class, Sigiriya View Climb, Spice Garden, Temple of the Tooth, Tea Plantation, Waterfalls, Ella train journey, Little Adams Peak, Nine Arches Bridge, Safari Experience, Learn to Surf, Buddhist Monk Visit & English Teaching, Farewell Dinner, all transport, meals as indicated, experienced western Group Leader and local guides, onward travel help & planning, 24/7 support after the trip finishes.

Not Inc: Flights, Insurance, Visas, some meals, drinks



Trip Highlights

- Explore the fascinating Golden Temple caves, visit a local Sri Lankan village and learn first hand about local life before climbing Pidurangala Rock for an amazing view over the famous Sigiriya Rock Fortress.
- Stroll through rolling green tea plantations, pick tea with the locals, experience thundering waterfalls, Little Adam's Peak and the famous Nine Arches Bridge.
- Get up close and personal with some of the world's most amazing wildlife on a once in a lifetime Safari experience. Spot herds of wild free roaming elephants, crocodiles, water buffalo and all kinds of beautiful birdlife!
- Relax on the beautiful white sandy beaches of southern Sri Lanka and learn to surf.
- Visit a Buddhist Monastery and spend time with the local monks, learning their way of life and teaching them English.

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive & meet the Group - We'll pick you up from Colombo airport and take you to our beach front hotel in Negombo. You'll then have plenty of time to recover from your long flight, chill out and meet everyone in your group.

Day 2: Tuk tuk ride & local markets – Discover the beachside town of Negombo by tuk tuk and visit the famous local fish market, before heading north to the beautiful and sacred town of Dambulla. The next two nights we will stay in a unique and beautiful 'glamping' resort. **(B, L, D)**

Day 3: Golden Temple Cave, Local Village & Sigiriya - An amazing and diverse day starting with the iconic Golden Temple Cave followed by an authentic local village experience. We'll cruise by boat and learn how to make delicious Sri Lankan food, before experiencing a stunning view of the famous Sigiriya Rock Fortress. **(B, L)**

Day 4: Spice Garden, Temple of the Tooth & Kandy – Today we'll head south via a spice garden before arriving in the cultural centre of Sri Lanka – Kandy. We'll visit the amazing Temple of the Tooth and wander around the beautiful lake and town of Kandy, before heading out for dinner and a few drinks. **(B)**

Day 5: Tea Plantations, Waterfalls & train to Ella – We'll continue south through stunning rolling green tea plantations, stopping to learn how to pick and make tea; Sri Lanka's most famous export. We'll make the short hike to a beautiful thundering waterfall before boarding the 'world's most scenic train' to the town of Ella. Once we arrive we'll head into town for dinner and a night out! **(B)**

Day 6: Little Adam's Peak and chill time in Ella – A free morning to relax and explore the beautiful little town of Ella, do some shopping or unwind with a traditional massage. We'll then hike the stunning Little Adam's Peak and enjoy the spectacular views. **(B)**

Day 7: Nine Arches Bridge & National Park – This morning we'll visit the famous Nine Arches Bridge before heading south to the amazing Udawalawe National Park where we'll stay in unique riverside 'glamping' tents. **(B, D)**

Day 8: Safari time! – A truly unforgettable day as we wake for sunrise and travel by jeep into the stunning Udawalawe National Park; one of the world's best places to spot herds of wild free roaming elephants, crocodiles and amazing bird life. That afternoon we'll make our way to some beautiful beaches and finish the day watching the sunset and playing cricket with the locals. **(B, D)**

Day 9: Learn to Surf and Beach time - After a relaxing morning on 'Sri Lanka's most beautiful beach' we'll continue along the coast and stop for a private surf lesson on the super friendly and relaxed Welligama Beach, before heading out for a few drinks and beach party! **(B)**

Day 10: Galle & Buddhist Monk Visit – Today we'll explore the exotic world heritage town of Galle, a fascinating mix of Dutch colonial buildings, ancient mosques, quirky cafes, boutiques and great shopping! After a tasty lunch we'll have the truly special experience of visiting a Buddhist Monastery where we'll spend time with the local monk students, learning their way of life and teaching them English. **(B)**

Day 11: Beach time, Colombo & Farewell Dinner – A final morning to relax on the beach before we make our way back to the capital city, Colombo. We'll check in to our funky boutique hotel and get ready to head out, explore the city and have our final dinner and party together! **(B, D)**

Day 12: Check out & onward travel - Your epic adventure comes to an end today. Your group leader will help organise your onward travel including airport transfers.

Arrival Information

It's best to arrive on the actual start date. There's no activities on the first day, so you can arrive at any time. If you do arrive early, we'll still pick you up from the airport and will book you into our Negombo hotel from the day you arrive. Extra nights will be approx. £30 / \$60 AUD per night for a double/twin room and can be paid on arrival.

After Sri Lanka Experience

Sri Lanka Experience finishes in Colombo. You can choose to stay on longer in Colombo, continue your travels in Sri Lanka or make your way back to the airport. The airport is approx. 45 minutes drive from your Colombo accommodation and a transfer costs approx. £20 / \$40. Your Group Leader can organise this transfer for you and will ensure you're comfortable with all parts of your onward travel.

Visas

Most nationalities require a visa or ETA (electronic travel authority) to enter Sri Lanka. This can generally be done online at <http://www.eta.gov.lk/slvisa/> and costs approx \$35USD . If you're unsure of your visa requirements or need any help just contact us.

Travel Insurance

Travel Insurance for Sri Lanka is compulsory to join Sri Lanka Experience. Your Group Leader will ask to see proof of your cover before your trip begins. You can organise a quote and policy for yourself at www.introtravel.com/travel-insurance

FAQ's

When is the best time to visit Sri Lanka?

The great thing about Sri Lanka is it's usually quite hot all year round, so it's great to go at any time. The seasons vary quite a lot across the country with the chance of rain across certain areas at anytime of year. We cover a large part of Sri Lanka so you're sure to get beautiful sunshine with a chance of rain all year round.

Do many people travel alone?

Yes. Lots of people who go to Sri Lanka are travelling solo. But by doing Sri Lanka Experience you'll be part of a group, so it's a great way to meet people and make friends!

Can I chat to my group before I leave?

Yes! Once you've booked and before you travel we'll help put you in touch with the rest of your group so you can start chatting and getting to know each other.

How much spending money will I need?

All your activities, accommodation, transport and a bunch of meals are included, so you'll just need money for any extra meals, drinks, shopping and any onward travel. We recommend you bring at least £300 / \$600 spending money.

How will I access money while I'm away?

It's best to take a Visa or Master Card debit, credit or travel money card. There are ATM's available throughout Sri Lanka so it's easy to get access to cash. Some places accept credit card but not all.

Is there Wi-Fi throughout the trip?

All accommodations we stay at have free Wi-Fi available. Sri Lanka's network quality is often lower than you're used to but you can generally connect and do basic stuff.

What luggage do you recommend?

We always recommend travelling with a backpack and packing light! 10-20kgs of stuff should be plenty. It's generally quite hot in Sri Lanka so dragging around a huge suitcase is not much fun.

That's about it for now.

Once you've booked you'll get access to our online Check In Area and the Intro Travel App, which will give you all the information you'll need on Sri Lanka and Sri Lanka Experience, so you can just relax and enjoy the experience.

If you have any more questions just contact us. We're happy to help!

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