



## LUXURY HONEYMOON IN SRI LANKA

**Duration:** 11 Days/10 Nights

A dreamy honeymoon experiencing the pleasure of luxury on land, air and water! Touch of culture adds to the magic of romance.

### Programme Overview

Hatton, Kandy and Galle

### Highlights

- Private tour of the Tea Plantation & Factory
- Sightseeing with private guides
- Hot air ballooning with a romantic champagne breakfast
- Boat Cruise
- Turtle Farm visit
- Visit to the Royal Botanical Gardens
- Visit Mask Factory in Ambalangoda
- Water sports
- Specially planned lunch and dinners

### A&K Advantage

- Specially planned dinner with Kandy Dance Performance at Kandy
- Personalised shopping experience with a private shopper
- Moonlit dinner on a rock above the sea at Galle

- Private arrival and departure airport transfers
- The services of an A&K Representative

*\* On arrival in each country, you are welcomed by your A&K Representative who conducts a briefing on your time in the country. An A&K Representative is always at hand to provide unparalleled 24/7 support, be it local travel tips or reconfirming arrangement details, to providing recommendations for restaurants and shopping. Should you ever need help or advice, dial your A&K Representative's mobile phone for prompt and courteous service at any time.*

# Detailed Itinerary

## Day 1

### **ARRIVE COLOMBO–HATTON–At leisure**

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On arrival you will be welcomed by an A&K representative and transferred by a private vehicle to your resort. At the resort you will be assisted with check-in. En-route to the resort you could appreciate the beauty of the picturesque landscape.

Ceylon Tea Trails, Sri Lanka's first Relais & Chateaux resort reflects the colonial era, connected by walking trails through stunningly beautiful Ceylon tea gardens.

Day is at your leisure to take a walk or an adventure trek to experience the varied landscapes, exotic flora, abundant birdlife and the sweet rhythm of life in a tea garden. Sip a hot cup of local brew and enjoy the serene and tranquil surroundings.

**Overnight:** Ceylon Tea Trails

**Meal Plan:** D

## Day 2

### **HATTON–Tour of tea plantation**

After breakfast you will have the opportunity for a “Tea Experience” where you will visit the tea plantation and the processing unit.

A Resident Tea Planter will introduce you to the age-old tea making process. Follow the trail of the planters of old Ceylon, and explore the slopes they identified for tea plantation. Watch the tea pluckers pick two leaves and a bud with deft hands. You will also be given a chance at plucking some tea. You will be provided with a basket to collect your leaves&you'll find soon that it takes a bit of practice to make sure the leaves end up in your basket.

Proceed to the Mini Tea Factory and understand the process, from the initial drying (withering) of the leaves, through rolling, fermenting and sifting, which ends up to produce the different types of tea. Tour ends with a tasting of different grades of this great brew.

You will leave Tea Trails with a newly found appreciation of this wonder herb “Camellia Sinensis”

After an exhaustive day, return to the hotel and relax for the rest of the day.

You may choose to indulge in a special private couples tea based spa treatment.

**Overnight:** Ceylon Tea Trails

**Meal Plan:** B, L, D

## Day 3

### **HATTON–At leisure and local walk**

Enjoy a leisurely romantic breakfast in bed.

Pamper yourselves with a special aromatic bath to begin your day. Choose from Cinnamon Spice, Green Tea, Black Pepper & Orange, Jasmine or a Bergamot & Geranium Bath.

Day at leisure

After lunch, you may take a stroll in the tea garden. Absorb vistas of mountain lakes, manicured tea gardens, forests and doll's house villages. A private guide will accompany you and assist you in exploring the tea estate and introduce you to the local culture.

On return, relax and enjoy your dinner in the privacy of your bungalow.

Your hotel room would have been decorated with candles and roses petals for a romantic ambience.

**Overnight:** Ceylon Tea Trails

**Meal Plan:** B, L, D

#### **Day 4**

##### **HATTON–KANDY–Sightseeing and specially planned dinner with Kandy dance performance**

After breakfast depart for Kandy in your private vehicle.

Kandy is one of the most beautiful places in Sri Lanka with its serene waterfalls, mountains and temples. The city is home to one of Sri Lanka's seven UNESCO World Heritage Sites; the richly painted cave temple complex is the island's largest and best preserved. Though there are more than 80 documented caves in the area, the most significant are spread over 5 caves, which comprise of statues and paintings related to Lord Buddha and his life.

After lunch, depart for a short excursion of the temples of the city in a private vehicle. Sri Lanka's residents follow four religions; Buddhism, Hinduism, Christianity and Islam, though Buddhism is the most widely practiced faith. Kandy has a large collection of places of worship, the most famous being the Temple of the Tooth Relic.

One of the most revered Temples by the Buddhists is the Sacred Temple of the Tooth Relic as it abodes the Sacred Tooth of Lord Buddha. The Relic of the Tooth is retained in a two-story inner shrine fortified by two large elephant tusks. Visitors are not often allowed to enter this inner shrine; however you could offer flowers at the outer shrine area. The Paththirippuwa or the 'Octagon' which is a highlight was initially built as the part of the Royal Palace premises by the last King of Sri Lanka Sri Wickrama Rajasinghe (1797 - 1814) to address fellow countrymen.

Wander to explore the Devala shrine. Apart from these temples, there are various other Buddhist temples of interest including Gadaladeniya, Lankatilaka and Embekke.

Enjoy a specially planned candlelit dinner with Kandy Dance performance.

**Overnight:** Kandy House

**Meal Plan:** B, D

#### **Day 5**

##### **KANDY–Hot air ballooning, romantic breakfast and shopping experience**

Start your day early with a trip in a hot air balloon providing ultimate views over Kandalama Lake and the surrounding landscape. Drift gently across the sandstone and jungle below. There is no noisy engine so you can peacefully enjoy the stunning vistas as the world below wakes to another day. Watch your pilot gradually lower the balloon to inches above the evergreen trees as you pick leaves or touch the tree tops, spot a bird or an animal waking to the daybreak.

On landing you will be served a romantic champagne breakfast.

Time at leisure

After lunch, indulge in some retail therapy with a personal shopper. Explore shops displaying precious and semi-precious stones, skillfully crafted jewellery, handicrafts, colourful batiks and silks.

After the hustle of the day, relax over a sumptuous dinner.

**Overnight:** Kandy House

**Meal Plan:** B

#### **Day 6**

##### **KANDY–Visit the Royal Botanical Garden**

After breakfast do a tour of Kandy's Royal Botanical Gardens. A pleasure garden of a Kandyan Queen at one time, this land is now a beautiful park with abundant tropical foliage. The sprawling Peradeniya Botanical Gardens are the largest and finest in Sri Lanka and a must visit with your loved one.

Afternoon at leisure.

**Overnight:** Kandy House

**Meal Plan:** B

#### **Day 7**

##### **KANDY–GALLE–At leisure**

After breakfast you will be transferred by a private vehicle to the beach side villas.

En-route, you could appreciate the scenic beauty .

Enjoy a lazy lunch in the privacy of your villa.

You could relax and indulge in a romantic, intimate spa treatment enhancing your bond of love. Immerse yourselves in exotic aphrodisiac fragrances, warm honey, sensual massages, herbal body cocoons and aromatic flower baths.

Romantic moonlit dinner will be organised in absolute privacy on a rock above the sea.

**Overnight:** Saman Villas

**Meal Plan:** B, L, D

#### **Day 8**

##### **GALLE–Boat cruise and turtle farm visit**

After breakfast, you will be onboard a private boat for a boat cruise. The private boat journey begins near the ancient Athuruwella temple, a few minutes' walk from the hotel and the journey ends at Katukoliha temple. The scenic boat journey is through the Old Dutch Canals passing through paddy fields and mangroves. You may have the opportunity of seeing a variety of birds and tropical vegetation beyond the river banks.

After lunch, you will watch turtles in their natural habitat. If you are lucky, you may even have an opportunity to see turtles laying eggs in the evening hours. The Turtle Conservation Project is the only place where turtles are free and are not held in closed enclosures. Therefore we strongly recommend you visit this location instead of other hatcheries. You will be introduced to the five species of turtles found in Sri Lanka and the survival threats that turtles face.

**Overnight:** Saman Villas

**Meal Plan:** B, L, D

#### **Day 9**

##### **GALLE–Visit Mask Factory inAmbalangoda & picnic lunch**

After breakfast you will visit a mask factory in Ambalangoda. The Ambalangodatown is located in the south coastal region of Sri Lanka and is home of devil dancing, traditional masks & puppets from the past. The traditional masks are carved from light Balsa like Kaduru wood. These trees grow in the marshy lands adjoining paddy fields. The wood is smoke dried for a week to cure before being used for carving out the masks. The hand carved & painted masks in traditional dance dramas are vibrant & colorful. You will craft a miniature mask and can take it back as a souvenir.

On your way back, you will stop at an identified spot for a picnic lunch.

Evening is at leisure. You may choose to explore the small quiet village.

Experience an intimate candlelit dinner on a secluded golden sandy beach.

**Overnight:** Saman Villas

**Meal Plan:** B, L, D

#### **Day 10**

##### **GALLE–Water sports**

Enjoy your aroma bath with rose petals, candles and a romantic breakfast in bed.

You will be transferred to Bentota for an exciting time. Ride the Jet Ski, or speed boat or jump onto a banana boat and get high on life. A wide range of other water sports activities are also available such as water skiing, mono skiing, wake boarding, wind surfing and canoeing.

Evening is at leisure.

On return to the hotel room you will be welcomed with candles and roses petals for a romantic ambience.

**Overnight:** Saman Villas

**Meal Plan:** B, L, D

#### **Day 11**

**DEPART GALLE**

After breakfast you will be transferred in a private vehicle to the Airport for your onward connection.

**Meal Plan:** B