



Ceylon Getaway (4 Nights)

This amazing short trip through the hill country lets you experience what Sri Lanka is most famous for. The lovely green hills and the tea. The colonial heritage in each of these cities are truly the essence of this trip and you get to feel a little bit like home. To add to the excitement of 4 nights, you get to also go on a lovely scenic train ride in Sri Lanka.

Highlights

- Visit Last Kingdom of Sri Lanka.
 - A visit to Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic.
 - Scenic Train Ride to Hill Country.
 - City Tour in Capital City.
 - Airport > Negombo > Pinnawala > Kandy > Nuwara Eliya > Colombo
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This is a private tour. This is only an example. Tours can be customized according to your requirements.

Day 1

[Overnight \[Economy\]](#)

1/2 star

[Overnight \[Standard\]](#)

3/4 star

[Overnight \[Luxury\]](#)

4/5 star or Boutique

[Meals](#)

Breakfast/dinner

Day 1

Airport > Airport

Arrive at Colombo International Airport. Here, you will be met by a designated chauffer guide from Small Miracle Lakpura Travels. After the formalities at the airport you will be escorted to your air conditioned Van and proceed to Negombo and check in to the hotel and relax. *(Travel Time – 20 to 30 mins)*

Day 2

[Overnight \[Economy\]](#)

1/2 star

[Overnight \[Standard\]](#)

3/4 star

[Overnight \[Luxury\]](#)

4/5 star or Boutique

[Meals](#)

Breakfast/dinner

Day 2

Negombo > Pinnawala > Kandy

After breakfast at the hotel, check out and proceed to Kandy. En-route make a stop at Pinnawala and visit Elephant Orphanage. *(Travel Time – 1 to 1 ½ hrs)*



Learn more about Elephants than you ever have before. Get to see and touch these gentle giants. Get a chance watch the mahouts bathe them and maybe even help out. This is an experience that takes you closer to Elephants.

Thereafter continue to Kandy and check in to the hotel. *(Travel Time – 50 to 60 mins)*

Later go on technical tours related to arts such as gem crafting, woodcarving and batiks and watch the Kandyan Cultural Show with its colorful traditional dances and delightful music.



The Kandy Cultural Show gives an opportunity to experience some of the traditions of Sri Lanka. Enjoy this hour long extravaganza as some of the most popular art forms of the island take to the stage. Get wowed by fire dancers and sword dancers. Watch the colorful Kandyan dancers take to the air to the thrumming primal beat of the drums.

On completion return to the hotel.

Day 3

[Overnight \[Economy\]](#)

1/2 star

[Overnight \[Standard\]](#)

3/4 star

[Overnight \[Luxury\]](#)

4/5 star or Boutique

[Meals](#)

Breakfast/dinner

Day 3

Kandy > Nuwara Eliya > Kandy

After an early breakfast at the hotel go on a day tour to Nuwara Eliya.



Reach the Train Station in Peradeniya by 8:30 am to catch the train to Nuwara Eliya. Kandy to Nuwara Eliya train journey takes you on scenic ride through some of the most beautiful highland countryside areas in Sri Lanka. Watch the brilliant greens carpets of the tea plantations. See the picturesque villages with misty mountain backdrops pass by. Peer through drizzle and mist to look at the magical landscapes of Nuwara Eliya. *(Travel Time – 3 hrs)*

Your chauffer will pick you up from Nanu Oya station and take you on a lovely city tour in Nuwara Eliya.

Nuwara Eliya is set in the heart of tea-country is a beautiful town where the British succeeded in creating a replica of the English countryside, with homes in styles from Georgian to Queen Anne. Well-kept lawns with hedges, an Anglican church, a famous golf course and beautiful parks give the place

an air of nostalgia. Situated 6,200 feet above sea level, the air is cool and fresh – a serene retreat from the hustle and bustle of the city life.

On return, visit a lovely tea factory and plantation in Ramboda.



Visit a Tea Factory and a plantation where you would see how the world's famous "Ceylon Tea" is manufactured. In 1824 a tea plant was brought to Ceylon by the British from China and was planted in the Royal Botanical Gardens in Peradeniya for non-commercial purposes. James Taylor was a British citizen who introduced commercial tea plantation in Sri Lanka (Ceylon). He arrived to Sri Lanka in 1852 and settled down in Loolecondera estate in Kandy. Today even people who have never heard of Sri Lanka are familiar with Ceylon tea, which is known for its quality.

On completion of the visit, return back to Kandy and relax.

Day 4

Overnight [Economy]

1/2 star

Overnight [Standard]

3/4 star

Overnight [Luxury]

4/5 star or Boutique

Meals

Breakfast/dinner

Day 4

Kandy > Colombo

After breakfast check out from the hotel and visit Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic.



Visit the Temple of the Tooth Relic a UNESCO World Heritage Site which was built in the 16th century as the place of veneration and protection for Lord Buddha's sacred tooth. Walk through the beautifully embellished passageways and elaborately painted halls, done in red, cream and black. Lounge against delicately carved pillars and get amazed by the beautiful golden statues. Get an unforgettable experience of history and art.

Thereafter Proceed to Colombo and go on a city and shopping tour in Colombo City. (*Travel Time – 3 ½ to 4 hrs*)



Experience the colorful lights and bright life of Colombo, the capital City of Sri Lanka. Visit historic monuments such as the Old Lighthouse, the Old Parliament, Galle Face Hotel, Galle Face Green, Gangarama Temple, the National Museum and more. Enjoy the malls of Independence Square or the Race Course. Visit boutique shops and designer stores.

On completion proceed to the hotel and check in.

Day 5

Meals

Breakfast

Day 5

Colombo > BIA

After a relax morning and breakfast, check out from your hotel and proceed to the airport for your departure, after spending a memorable time in this island.

~ **End of Tour** ~

Cost of Tour

Cost Per Person Sharing Double Room

GBP/USD XXXX

This is only an offer without any obligation on the hotel rooms, until such time the tour is confirmed and availability is checked.

Tour Includes

- Accommodation in hotels as per the above itinerary or hotels or similar standards.
- Meals on Bed and Breakfast basis commencing with breakfast on Day 2 otherwise stated
- Private Transport with airport pick up in an Air Conditioned Vehicle throughout the tour.
- Service of an English Speaking Chauffeur Guide.
- **Entrance Fees** may include to the tour price and will be sent the details with the actual quote.
- **Complimentary** – 1 x 1 Liter water bottles per person per day.
- **Complimentary** – 1 SIM Card.
- All applicable current local taxes, but subject to change at the time of booking.

Tour Excludes

- Entry Visa Fees, please visit www.eta.gov.lk for more details / submit your individual visa application.
- Any expenses of personal nature.
- Tips & Portages.
- Cost of Beverages
- Meals where not specified.
- Entrance fees and other services not mentioned above.

Hotels

Negombo

Kandy

Colombo

Important Information

Sri Lanka's Currency

The local currency is the Sri Lankan Rupee, divided into 100 cents (you rarely come across cents today). Currency notes are Rs. 5,000, Rs 2,000, Rs 1,000, Rs 500, Rs 100, Rs 50, Rs 20 and Rs 10. Beware of mistaking the Rs500 note for the somewhat similar Rs100 one. To check whether notes are genuine when not given at a bank, look for a lion watermark. Coins, should you have received them, will be in denominations up to Rs10. Make sure you have plenty of lower denomination notes (Rs50, Rs100, Rs500), especially when travelling and you need to buy small items, fruit, and eat cheap meals, because change is often hard to come by apart from at hotels and big shops.

Banks

Banks are open from 0900 hrs to 1300 hours Monday to Friday. Some city banks close at 1500 hrs, while some are open on Saturday mornings. It's easy to withdraw money across the island at ATMs using international credit cards or debit cards. Most hotels, restaurants and shopping centers accept credit cards.

Time Difference

Sri Lanka Standard Time is five and a half hours ahead of GMT. (Allowance should be made for summer-time changes in Europe.)

Electricity

230. 240 volts, 50 cycles AC. If you travel with a laptop computer bring a stabilizer.

Language

Sri Lanka has two official languages. Sinhala and Tamil - with English as a link language. Most people have some knowledge of English, and signboards are often in English.

Photography, Restrictions & Permits

Sri Lanka is a tremendously photogenic island, so it's hardly surprising that most tourists bring a camera of some kind when they visit the country. The stunning landscapes, the captivating fauna and lush flora, and the stupendous archaeological remains provide great opportunities: a bonus is that Sri Lankans love to be captured on film. So it's easy to capture the traditional rural lifestyle. You'll find villagers, farmers, fishermen and tea pluckers will readily stand in front of your viewfinder. Your subjects will often ask to have a copy of picture sent to them. This may be laborious, but it is a reasonable courtesy as many may never have seen a picture of themselves. It is also understandable that many will also expect a token recompense for allowing themselves to be photographed.

Restrictions

There are some important restrictions that apply to photography regarding Buddhist imagery. When you visit a temple or other religious site, remember that photography should not be carried out in a manner causing disrespect. For instance, it is strictly forbidden to be photographed in front of or beside any statues and murals. Note that flash photography can damage old murals.

What to Wear

Cotton clothes are useful at any time of the year but you will need light woollens for the hills and waterproof clothing or an umbrella. Modest dress for women is advisable especially off the beach. **When visiting all Religious Sites** - Sri Lanka follow a '**Strict Dress Code**' for **Men and Women** when visiting all religious sites. Ladies are required to cover the shoulders and a dress covering the legs up to the ankle. You may refrain by wearing tight clothes & Jeans too. Remember to carry a cloth with you big enough to wrap around if needed. Men too are required to cover the shoulders - kindly avoid wearing skinnies - and a dress up to the ankles to avoid disappointment. You are required to enter into most religious places barefooted, remember the ground could be burning hot, either you **have to** keep your shoes/slippers at the entrance along with your hand bags or you may carry them with you if that is allowed. So avoid wearing expensive items. You may carry a bag with you to put your belongings. Don't forget comfortable shoes, sandals or trainers and cotton socks. If you are planning to trek and climb go prepared with suitable gear. Water sports enthusiasts would do well to take their snorkels and diving equipment along.

Public Places

You may sometimes be overwhelmed by crowds of people in public places (railway stations, markets, bus stands, temples or simply busy streets). "Touts" and hawkers may jostle and push and clamor to show you a hotel and sell you things. Taxis and three - wheelers are often there when you do not need them.

Safety

In general the threats to personal security for travelers in Sri Lanka are remarkably small. It is more pleasant to travel with a companion as it is advised not to travel alone especially after dark. The island including the North and East is safe to visit. If you have anything stolen, report it to the tourist Police, (a special tourist police set up to look after the needs of the tourists. Contact Number + 94 11 2382209

Travelers with Special Needs

Travelers with special needs, especially if they visit Sri Lanka without a companion, should note that the country has relatively few facilities for disabled people, although greater awareness and improvements are evolving. There's no need to worry at Colombo's Airport as wheelchairs and assistance in boarding and disembarking are available. Buildings, offices, and banks are becoming better-equipped with wheelchair ramps and suchlike. If you aren't travelling with a companion, you'll find that Sri Lankans will be only too eager to assist.

Tipping -

Tipping is customary, but not obligatory. But if you are keen to know what is acceptable in local terms, it ranges between US\$.5/- per day up to US\$.25/- per day depending on the level of satisfaction of your driver when it comes to individual / family travel. For group travel other than the guide, the coach crew is to be tipped too. The amount for a day can vary depending on group size, but the recommended amount is US\$.15/- to 40/- per day.