

## Classic Sri Lanka 8 Days

~~\$2,499.00~~ **\$2,199.00**

Colombo, Pinnawala, Habarana, Sigiriya, Dambulla, Matale, Kandy, Nuwara Eliya, Yala, Galle, Bentota

### Tour Highlights:

- Get up close and personal with elephants at **Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage**
- Climb the astonishing **Sigiriya Rock Fortress** and see the remnants of an ancient city
- Discover Sri Lanka's most famous export at a **tea factory & plantation**
- Retreat to the timeless **seaside, harbour, and town of Galle**
- Enjoy a scenic **train ride from Kandy to Nuwara Eliya**
- Visit a **sea turtle farm and hatchery**

Sri Lanka, like a small teardrop in the ocean, is where terraced Ceylon tea plantations are enveloped by misty highlands, herds of elephants criss-cross the lush wilderness, and balmy palm-fringed beaches are blessed by tranquil cerulean waters of the Indian Ocean.

Enjoy a tour of Sri Lanka's premium natural and historical attractions, encountering wildlife, ancient and colonial architecture, and the gracious people of this beautiful land. Provides a varied itinerary covering guided sightseeing of Sri Lanka's main tourist attractions, wildlife encounters, sampling tea at a plantation, and is suitable for travellers of all ages.

In stock

Category: India, Sri Lanka & Nepal Tag: Sri Lanka

### Departures

2019			Price Per Person	Single Supplement
14 Apr*	05 Sep	31 Oct	<b>From <del>\$2,499</del></b> <b>\$2,199</b> (Land only from \$1,699) twin share	\$750
02 May	03 Oct*			
16 May	17 Oct			
* = Peak Season Surcharge: \$300				

### Package Inclusions:

- Malaysia Airlines economy class international airfares, taxes and fuel surcharges departing Sydney, Melbourne, or Perth (or if unavailable, Thai Airways or Sri Lankan Airlines)
- 7 nights 4 to 5 star (local rating) hotel accommodation
- Meals as indicated on the itinerary
- Coach transportation & transfers
- Local English-speaking tour guide

### Package Exclusions:

- Tipping prepaid in Australia: \$120
- Optional activities
- ETA for Sri Lanka (mandatory)
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended)
- Personal expenditure and anything else not stated

### Price Guide:

- **Seasonal Surcharges:** \* = Peak Season: \$300
- **Early Arrival/Stay Behind Surcharge:** Colombo from \$250 (subject to availability and applicable fare difference)
- **Pre/Post-Tour Accommodation (incl. breakfast and additional one way transfer):** \$275 per room per night (subject to availability)
- **Interstate Surcharge:** Brisbane/Adelaide from \$300 (flights may be via Sydney or Melbourne)
- **Airline Upgrade (economy class long haul int'l sectors):** Singapore Airlines from \$500
- **Child Price:** Same as adult
- **Triple Share:** Available

### Additional Notes:

All prices are per person subject to availability plus applicable fare difference. Flights are not available until 1 month before departure and may involve up to 2 transits per leg.

All prices, itineraries, airlines, hotels and cruise ships are subject to availability and change without prior notice. Nexus Holidays reserves the right to provide substitutes of similar standard and adjust the itinerary as we see fit to ensure the smooth running of the tour. Itinerary and sites to be visited are subject to change due to local and seasonal conditions, minimum and maximum

numbers, time and other unforeseen constraints beyond our control. Passengers must remain with the tour group at all times and must not deviate from the set itinerary. The total length of the tour in days includes time spent in flight and is subject to change depending on the flight schedule. Please refer to the day by day itinerary for the time spent on land. Please check all information before booking. By booking, you accept all **Booking Conditions**.

## Optional Tour Extensions

This tour may be combined with our 10-day Classic India tour package, with India following Sri Lanka. Please click [here](#) for details.

## Optional Activities

### Optional Activity Day 2: Habarana Village Tour \$35

*Experience a special village tour of Habarana. Hop on a bullock cart ride through verdant paddy fields and appreciate the simple lifestyle of the local farmlands and its people. Then, board a canoe for a short trip to a farmer's house for a feel of authentic Sri Lankan countryside hospitality. Discover the life of a farmer in Sri Lanka and the variety of crops being harvested. Lunch is served at the farmhouse. Head back on a thrilling tuk tuk ride.*

**Note:** Includes Transfers, guide, bullock cart ride, canoe ride, farmer's house visit and lunch. Tuk tuk return transfer.

### Optional Activity Day 6: Yala National Park Safari \$150

Includes Transfers, guide, park entry, safari by jeep.

**NOTE:** *Optional activities require a minimum of two people.*

## Hotel Accommodation

Location	Hotel	Local Rating
Colombo	The Marino Colombo or similar	★★★★★
Habarana	Amaya Lake or similar	★★★★
Kandy	Amaya Hills Kandy or similar	★★★★
Nuwara Eliya	Araliya Green Hills or similar	★★★★
Yala	Jetwing Yala or similar	★★★★
Bentota	Avani Bentota Resort & Spa or similar	★★★★★

## Day 1: Australia ✈ Colombo

Fly to Colombo via a connecting city. On arrival, you will be met at the airport by a tour representative and transferred to your hotel.

*Please note: Depending on the city of departure, some flights may depart the night before (i.e. on Day 0). Flights will be via connecting cities and may involve more than one transit.*

## Day 2: Colombo 🚌 Pinnawala 🚌 Habarana (B, L\*, D)

This morning, visit Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage. The orphanage was established in 1975 to house abandoned and injured elephants. Today, the number of elephants in the orphanage has increased to more than 40, including baby elephants brought in from various parts of the country and those born as a result of the captive breeding program.

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## Day 3: Habarana 🚌 Sigiriya 🚌 Dambulla 🚌 Habarana (B, D)

Journey on to the ancient city of Sigiriya this morning and climb Sigiriya Rock Fortress passing by a sheltered gallery of elaborate painted frescoes as well as a pair of massive lion's paws. Drive onwards to the UNESCO World Heritage Dambulla Cave Temple, which was once the spiritual heart of Buddhism in Sri Lanka. This massive complex houses five sacred cave temples decorated with intricate Buddhist mural paintings and hundreds of invaluable statues.

## Day 4: Habarana 🚌 Matale 🚌 Kandy (B, D)

En route to Kandy, spend time in a spice plantation in Matale and discover the variety of plants being cultivated, from cinnamon to cardamom, and nutmeg to pepper vines. Drive to Kandy and visit The Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic, which is said to house one of the Buddha's teeth. Enjoy a lively cultural dance performance tonight.

## Day 5: Kandy 🚆 Nuwara Eliya (B, D)

This morning, enjoy a train ride from Kandy to Nuwara Eliya – the 'City of Light'. On arrival, visit a Tea Factory & Plantation. The tea here is famous for its distinct flavour and aroma. Nuwara Eliya is known as the 'Little England of Sri Lanka' as it was first established in 19th century, by the British. This charming city is set against a backdrop of misty mountains and valleys, cascading waterfalls and acres of fragrant tea plantation.

## Day 6: Nuwara Eliya 🚌 Yala (B, D)

Arrive in Yala and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

Optional Activity: Afternoon safari at Yala National Park. Yala National Park was established in 1938 originally as a sportsman's shooting reserve and is home to the world's largest population of leopards. Travel by Jeep to get up close to elephants, wild boars, buffaloes, crocodiles, peacocks, jackals, sloth bears and more. You can also spot many colourful resident and migratory birds that are scattered throughout the national park.

## Day 7: Yala 🚌 Galle 🚌 Bentota (B, D)

Bid farewell to the wilderness this morning and retreat to the timeless seaside town and harbour of Galle. On arrival, explore Galle Dutch Fort, which was once the port of call for ships that sailed in from Europe. Visit a turtle hatchery and watch sea turtles being released back into the sea. Depart Galle this afternoon for Bentota, a quiet and soothing coastal town bordered by sun-baked sandy beaches and beautiful coconut palm trees affording dreamy views of the Indian Ocean.

## Day 8: Bentota 🚌 Depart Colombo (B)

Return to Colombo this morning. Transfer to the airport for your onward flight or journey home via connecting cities.