



Tourism Highlights of SRILANKA



Srilanka is one of the richest countries in the world to date and the country's success can be attributed to former Prime Minister Lee Ku an Yew's foresight and wisdom. Cleanliness. Another great reason for visiting Srilanka is that it is one of the cleanest cities in the world. Beaches in Srilanka are generally well-known for one thing: being man-made! ... Nowadays, most of the best beaches in Srilanka can be found on Sentosa Island, which can be reached via cable car, sky-train, car or even on foot. Here is your guide to all the beaches in Singapore, Sentosa Island and around.

BEST OF SRILANKA

- 2 Nights in Kandy
- 2 Nights in Colombo
- 2 Nights in Bentota

Day 01- Mumbai – Colombo – Kandy-

On arrival at the Colombo airport. Proceed towards the Kandy. Today we will proceed for **Kandy City tour including Royal botanical Garden, Tooth Relic Temple & Gem Museum and cultural show.**

Royal Botanical Garden- Royal Botanic Gardens, Peradeniya are about 5.5 km to the west of the city of Kandy in the Central Province of Sri Lanka. It attracts 2 million visitors annually. It is near the Mahaweli River (the longest in Sri Lanka). It is renowned for its collection of orchids.

Tooth Relic Temple- Sri Dalada Maligawa or the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic is a Buddhist temple in the city of Kandy, Sri Lanka. It is located in the royal palace complex of the former Kingdom of Kandy, which houses the relic of the tooth of the Buddha.

Gem Museum- A visit to this museum/gem store starts with a tour at the first level of this store. Our guide was a friendly and knowledgeable gentleman that explained the history of the earth, formation of various rocks/gems, gem mining in Sri Lanka plus a large variety of rocks and gems.

Cultural Show- Kandy cultural show is famous in Kandy because it represents the richness of ancient culture and tradition of Sri Lanka in an engaging way.

Overnight in Kandy.

Day 02- Kandy- After breakfast at the hotel get ready for Trip To Nuwara Eliya

Your Kandy to Nuwara Eliya day trip kickstarts from visiting the 88 feet high Buddha statue, Bahiravokanda Vihar Buddha. This place also serves visitors with exquisite views of the entire town. On your way ahead, you will get to witness the tea processing process at Glenloch Tea Factory. From sampling the leaves to enjoying a sip of tea, there are a plethora of activities here that can refuel you for the trip ahead.

The next stop will leave you gasping in awe with its surreal landscapes. Yes, you are at one of the highest waterfalls of Sri Lanka called the Ramboda Waterfall. A perfect getaway from the hustling life, Ramboda waterfall is a place straight out of your dreams. Sitting at an altitude of 945 meters above the sea level, this waterfall forms a perfect retreat for trekkers and adventure buffs.

As you move ahead to the enticing Gregory Lake in Nuwara Eliya, you will be stunned with the city view on the one side and massive mountains on the other.

Overnight in Kandy.

Day 3 – Kandy-Colombo – After breakfast at the hotel proceed towards the Colombo.

Enroute visit Tour to Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage, Colombo

Come and meet some of the friendliest and gentlest creatures in the animal kingdom with this full day visit to the world-famous Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage in central Sri Lanka. Ever since it opened four decades ago, the refuge has been at the forefront of conservation projects and there are now 17-times more animals in the shelter, where they are fed, bathed and allowed to roam freely.

As you head inland, the climes become cooler, the landscapes more verdant and the countryside hillier. Located in the heart of the Kegalle district at the foot of the central highlands, the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage was founded in 1975 with just five calves. Over the years, the refuge has grown in size and population and nowadays there are almost 100 of these gentle giants in the centre. On top of all the elephants rescued from the rainforests, there have been dozens of births at the shelter, with the first arriving in 1984.

The central tenet of the orphanage is that the animals are able to roam freely during the day and that a herd structure is allowed to form. Here they lead normal, happy lives. They are fed their breakfasts each morning – milk for the calves, leaves (mainly coconut) for the adults – and then taken to the River Maha Oya for a two-hour bath. Watch the elephants frolicking in water; it is one of the most beautiful sights in nature. Enjoy a traditional lunch in Pinnawala before returning back to Colombo.

Overnight In Colombo

Day 04– Colombo -After breakfast proceed to Colombo city tour.

See Colombo old and new with this fascinating full day tour of Sri Lanka's multicultural capital.

This vibrant port city was known to ancient Greek and Roman traders, and was colonised by the Portuguese, the Dutch and the British, leaving it with an architectural legacy that has made it one of the most attractive cities in south Asia. Discover the top sights and attractions such as the Gangaramaya Temple and the famous Pettah market. Vibrant, bustling and colourful Colombo is a city that captures the heart of all visitors. Its mix of cultures, religions and languages merely adds to its aura and mystique. See how these combine with historic landmarks such as the Pettah Dutch Bell Tower at the Kaiman Gate.

Head to the historic district of Slave Island, where Portuguese and Dutch colonists held African captives, and admire the famous Hindu temple dedicated to the Lord Ganesh, with its multicoloured gopuram packed with figures. See the stunning Gangaramaya Buddhist temple, which, like the city itself, blends old and new. Admire the banks of Buddhas and stupas, all perfectly in line.

Other places of interest are some of the city's residential areas, where you find stately homes of the affluent, and the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall, a gift to Sri Lanka from the People's Republic of China. There is also the option to visit the House of Fashion and the Premadasa Jewellery and Arts Centre, and the National Museum.

Overnight stay at Colombo.

Day 05 Colombo – Bentota- After Breakfast at the hotel & Proceed to Bentota Check-in to the hotel. Enjoy River Safari in Bentota.

Cruise the majestic Madhu River and enjoy a day full of adventure surrounded by nature and spirituality. Glide through mangrove 'tunnels' and see dozens of species of birds flying freely in this natural wonderland before visiting a secluded Buddhist monastery for lunch and then exploring a cinnamon plantation and a turtle hatchery. More than a river safari, this is a voyage of discovery.

The Madhu River is barely a few kilometres long but it packs a universe of sights, sounds and experiences along its winding course as it flows into Lake Maduganga. Between river and lake, there are more than 60 islands, some of which are inhabited by small fishing communities. As the boat drifts downriver, observe the riverbank and island dwellers go about their daily lives and maybe catch a glimpse of their ancient fishing techniques. See the dozens of bird species that inhabit this precious wetland such as cormorants, egrets and kingfishers as well as other animals such as lizards and monkeys.

The outstanding feature of the Madhu is the mangrove forests, which form tunnels that completely cover the water. Sailing through these with just the sounds of the wildlife and the rustling of the vegetation is a dreamlike experience. As the river flows into the lake, sail for the tiny island of Koddhuwa to visit the Buddhist temple and to feast on a sumptuous lunch. Continue your odyssey to see the cultivation of cinnamon, watching the locals painstakingly peel this fragrant spice.

Day 06 Bentota-

After breakfast at the hotel today we will proceed for Galle Private Tour with Balapitiya River

Get an adventurous experience whilst riding by boat to a river island , proceeding witness the master craftsman chiseling away pieces of wood to bring out masks , in Ambalangoda there after visit the majestic Galle Fort. An important piece of history from the period of Dutch rule, the Galle Fort is one of the best preserved examples of 17th century coastal fortifications that can be found anywhere in the world.

Despite being credited as a Dutch structure it was actually the Portuguese who started construction, but they were usurped by the Dutch, who proceeded with the foundation that they inherited. It is today the largest fort created by this Empire in Asia.

Situated in the town of Galle, the Fort faces the Indian Ocean and played an important role during the period of its construction. Visiting this fort presents an exciting insight in to the past and presents an idea of what life would have been like in that time. It might be expected that this magnificent site be in tatters, but in actuality it has been well maintained by the people who reside there. Despite its age, the fort even today looks extremely new and maintains a polished look.

The fort of Galle is actually more of a small city constructed within a wall. Various structures are located inside, many of which are houses but there are also attractions of interest. Cultural Museum is located here which houses various artifacts that showcase the culture of the Southern Province. Also located here is the National Maritime Museum of Galle offers visitors a diverse array of flora and fauna related exhibits as well as various models of whales, fish and other marine life.

Visitors will need approximately one hour to indulge in a very basic exploration of the inside of the Fort while more time can most certainly be spent doing a detailed walk through. The best time to stroll in to the fort is during the evening as the sun is no longer overhead which provides the most pleasant experience.

This historic area provides a rich part of history and a beautiful landscape that helps gain an insight in to the life of people during the time of the Dutch in Sri Lanka. When in the island, visitors should most not pass up the chance to visit this monument.

If the thirst for adventure persists visit a precious stone mine and a Turtle Hatchery it is a great experience to see a baby turtle hatched in front of your eyes.

Overnight in Bentota

Day 07- Bentota – Mumbai- Tour ends with lot of memories lets head towards your hometown.