Go Sri Lanka **9 days**

Private Tour. Exotic Sri Lanka. Ancient cities steeped in history, elephants, tea plantations, lush countryside, bustling bazaars and wildlife, Sri Lanka has all this and more. Enjoy a wonderful 9 day tour, taking in the highlights of this enchanting island.

TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: Colombo / Ends in: Colombo
- Departs: any day of the year
- No local payment required
- Breakfast:8, Lunch: 0, Dinner: 1
- Hotel Rating: 3 - 4 star
- Tour Guide: Yes at specialist sights

ONLINE RESOURCES:

- For a detailed GO GUIDE - click here
- To book this trip - click here
- To enquire about this trip - click here

TOUR MAP:

QUICK WEB LINKS

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Day 1:

Welcome to Sri Lanka and the start of your holiday! You'll be met at Colombo Airport and transferred to hotel. Tonight enjoy a tasty welcome dinner at your hotel. Overnight - Colombo

Day 2:

Today, your guide will take you on a driving tour of colourful Colombo, Sri Lanka's frenetic capital. Just off the north end of Galle Road, the main north-south artery of the city is the area known as the Fort, once a colonial stronghold but now the site of many government buildings and interesting shops. Just south of the Fort is Galle Face Green, a seaside expanse where informal cricket games are played out amongst city folk enjoying a pleasant stroll. At the south end of the green is the Galle Face Hotel, a beautiful colonial-era hotel. Just east of the Fort is the Pettah, the traditional bazaar district – a colourful retail experience. Just beyond the centre is the affluent Cinnamon Gardens district of the city. You will drive through these districts on your tour of the city and visit Gangarama Temple and Independence Square. Overnight - Colombo

Day 3:

Colombo - Giritale (via Dambulla). Drive to Giritale today, stopping en route to visit the impressive Dambulla Rock Temple. Dambulla is a UNESCO World Heritage site and the most impressive of Sri Lanka's cave temples. The complex of five caves with 2000 sq. metres of painted walls and ceiling, is the largest area of paintings found in the world. These caves contain over 150 images of the Buddha of which the largest is the colossal figure of the Buddha carved out of rock spanning 14 meters.

This afternoon, after checking into your hotel in Giritale, visit UNESCO Listed Polonnaruwa – an incredible 11th century city. Explore the ruins of the Royal Palace, temples and Gal Vihara which boasts three enormous and revered Buddha figures. Overnight - Giritale

Day 4:

Giritale - Sigiriya - Kandy. This morning drive to Sigiriya and explore the UNESCO World Heritage Listed, 5th century Sigiriya rock fortress, built by King Kashyapa (477-495 AD). The 'Lion Rock' is a citadel of unusual beauty rising 200 meters from the scrub jungle. The rock was the innermost stronghold of the 70 hectare fortified town. A moat, rampart, and extensive gardens including the renowned water gardens ring the base of the rock. Discover the world-renowned frescoes of the 'Heavenly Maidens' of Sigiriya, which are in a sheltered pocket of the rock approached by a spiral stairway. After exploring the sights of Sigiriya, stop to visit a Spice Garden in Matale, en route to Kandy. Overnight - Kandy

Day 5:

Enjoy a wonderful excursion to the elephant orphanage in Pinnawela today. This orphanage is the home for about 60 elephants, out of which some are baby elephants found abandoned or orphaned in the wild. Afterwards visit Peradeniya Botanical Gardens. Back in the scenic lakeside town of Kandy, embark upon a sightseeing tour, visiting the bazaar, the arts & crafts centre and a gem museum. In the evening, visit the Temple of the Tooth Relic and then enjoy a cultural show featuring traditional Sri Lankan dancing. Overnight - Kandy

Day 6:

Kandy - Nuwara Eliya. En route to Nuwara Eliya – a scenic hillside town with a distinctly English flavour, visit a tea plantation and enjoy a tasty cup of pure Ceylon tea in the factory. In Nuwara Eliya, Sri Lanka's most popular hill resort, enjoy a sightseeing tour this evening, including a visit to Hakgala Gardens. Overnight - Nuwara Eliya

Day 7:

Nuwara Eliya - Embilipitiya. This morning, check into your hotel in Embilipitiya before going wild on a jeep safari in Sri Lanka's most popular national park! Udawalawe National Park is home to large herds of elephants and deer species such as Spotted Deer, Sambhur, Barking deer and Langur, wild boar, water buffalo and jackal. Overnight - Embilipitiya

Day 8:

Embilipitiya - Ratnapura - Colombo. En route back to Colombo today, stop off in Ratnapura - Sri Lanka's gem capital, where you can learn about these all about the islands precious stones, visit gem mines, a museum and a lapidary. Overnight - Colombo

Day 9:

Tour ends after breakfast today. Included onward transfer to airport.

WHAT YOU SEE AND WHAT YOU GET:

Below is a list of key highlights and what is included on this tour. Further, where appropriate, we have listed the items that are not included in the tour price.

Trip Highlights

- Colombo - The Fort, Gamgarama Temple
- Polonnaruwa - 11th century city
- Sigiriya - 5th century fortress ruins
- Dambulla - Rock Temple
- Matale - spice gardens
- Kandy - Temple of the Tooth, Royal Botanical Garden
- Pinnawela - Elephant Orphanage
- Nuwara Eliya - tea plantation, Hakgala Gardens
- Udawalawe National Park
- Ratnapura - gem capital

What's Included

- 8 breakfasts included
- Welcome Dinner
- Includes 8 nights 3 - 4 star hotels
- Airport arrival and departure transfer for day 1 and day 9
- Touring and excursions as per itinerary
- Escorted by a professional English speaking chauffeur guide
- Entrance fees to all included sights

What's Not Included

- International flights and visa
- Tipping - an entirely personal gesture
- Entrance Fees: included

PRICES AND DATES: from USD $1,979

Prices shown are 'per person', based on a travelling party of at least 2 adults. The single supplement price needs to be added to the twin/double price if single rooms are required. If travelling solo, an additional '1-person' supplement will apply Prices are indicative and will vary depending on your chosen hotels, room availability as well as time of travel. Please bear this in mind if comparing prices as we always aim to deliver exceptional value. Please note that discounts will apply if there are more 4 our more people in your travelling party, since fixed costs like transportation and guiding are shared across the group. This tour is arranged and operated exclusively for you on a departure date of your choosing. You travel by yourself (with a chauffeur driven car) without joining a group.

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.