



## SRI LANKA

# FLAVOURS OF SRI LANKA (TOUR CODE: 11544)

### STARTS AND ENDS

in Colombo

### TRAVEL PERIODS

until 30 Apr 2025

### EXPERIENCE

Food & Wine  
Cultural

### TRAVEL STYLE

Private Escorted Tours

An extensive array of flavors awaits you, known for its rich melting pot of cuisines influenced by cultural and historical factors.

## Highlights

- Visit the colorful and authentic market of **Negombo**
- Enjoy Snorkelling and coral watching in **Kayankarney**, a hidden gem on the East Coast of Sri Lanka, known for its crystal clear waters and vibrant marine life
- Climb the famous **Sigiriya Rock Fortress**
- Tour of the **Temple of Tooth** Relic in Kandy
- **Galle** cookery demonstration

One great way of exploring culture is through food! Sri Lanka used to be the centre of the spice trade during ancient times and known for an abundance of flavours combined into their traditional meals that would truly satiate ones taste buds. This 9-day private escorted package includes a visit to the bustling fish market of Negombo, then witness a variety of wildlife at Minneriya National Park by an exciting jeep safari.

Discover Kandy's authentic healthy cuisine by following the food trail. A visit to the Temple of the Tooth Relic is not to be missed plus the cultural performance in the evening. Learn some traditional cooking methods at Kirinda Walauwa. Discover how an authentic Biryani is made at the Galle cookery demonstration. On your last night, walk the streets of Colombo and have a taste of a local Arrack and some sweet treats.



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

## INCLUSIONS

- Return Economy Class Flights with Sri Lankan Airlines ex Sydney/Melbourne
- 1 night in Negombo at Heritance Negombo in a Deluxe Room - 4\*
- 2 nights in Dambulla at Aliya Resort in a Deluxe Room - 4\*
- 2 nights in Passikudah at Maalu Maalu Resort and Spa in a Deluxe Room - 4\*
- 2 nights in Kandy at Earls Regency in a Deluxe Room - 5\*
- 2 nights in Hatton at The Argyle in a Bruce Room - 4\*
- 3 nights in Galle at Radisson Blu in a Deluxe Sea View - 5\*
- 1 night in Colombo at Galle Face Hotel in a Heritage Sea View - 4\*
- Private transfers with English-speaking Chauffeur guide
- Breakfast and Dinners at the hotel as per the itinerary
- Negombo Local Market Visit
- Explore the fishing Village and evening enjoy a BBQ Cooking session
- Sigiriya Rock Fortress tour
- Village Tour with Farmers Lunch and boat ride experience
- Kandy Temple of Tooth Relic Tour
- Enjoy Snorkelling and coral watching in Kayankarney (with Lunch)
- Kandy Food Trail Tour
- Sundown Seafood dinner in lamp lit mud hut in Galle
- Cookery Demonstration at Galle
- Cookery Demonstration at The Argyle
- Jaffna Themed Dinner in Colombo et Food Tour

## ITINERARY

### Day 1 Airport Negombo

Arrival in Sri Lanka / Meet & Greet at the airport where you will meet your private guide.

You will then proceed to Negombo in your private car (approximately 30 minutes travel time) and check in at the resort. Later in the afternoon Explore the fishing Village and evening enjoy a BBQ Cooking session (Approx 2 hrs) (Type of spices and cooking methods differ from one location to the other).

Spend the rest of the evening at leisure.

Overnight stay in Negombo at **Heritance Negombo** in a Deluxe Room.



Day **2** Negombo Sigiriya

Enjoy breakfast at the resort.

You'll head to **Sigiriya** (approximately 4 hours travel time). You'll then proceed to the beautiful **Sigiriya Rock Fortress**. It consists of 1200 steps. The first part of the visit is a leisurely walk through the pleasure gardens. Then one starts to climb. There are two areas where one can take a break on the way up. The entire duration of the experience takes approximately 1.5 to 2.5 hours depending on the speed at which you want to climb. Check in at the resort and enjoy the afternoon at your own leisure.

Overnight stay in Dambulla at **Aliya Resort** in a Deluxe Room.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **3** Sigiriya Hiriwadunna Sigiriya

Enjoy breakfast before a fascinating 3-hour **Sri Lankan village** experience in Hiriwadunna. The journey includes a boat

ride, tractor tour through paddy fields, and visits to plantations showcasing traditional farming. Along the way, savor refreshing stops for fruit slices and herbal drinks. End the tour with a cooking demonstration and a hearty meal served on lotus leaves.

Return to the resort for leisure in the evening.

Overnight stay in Dambulla at **Aliya Resort** in a Deluxe Room.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



#### Day 4 Sigiriya Passikudah

Start your day with breakfast at the resort. Following that, make your way to Passikudah, a charming coastal area about a 2-hour and 30-minute drive away.

Upon arrival, check in at the hotel and spend the evening on leisure .

Overnight stay in Passikudah at **Maalu Maalu Resort** in a Deluxe Room.

Breakfast, Dinner

#### Day 5 Passikudah

Start the day with breakfast at the hotel before embarking on a **Snorkelling and Coral Watching** adventure in **Kayankarney**, renowned for its clear waters and marine life. The experienced guides will lead you through vibrant coral reefs, where you'll encounter diverse marine creatures, from colourful fish to majestic sea turtles. After the snorkelling experience, enjoy a delectable traditional Sri Lankan lunch featuring fresh seafood with picturesque ocean views. Alongside snorkelling, the guides will showcase a coral watching tour, highlighting the diversity of coral species and their role in the marine ecosystem. This tranquil ocean escapade is suitable for all ages and experience levels, ensuring a safe and memorable experience.

Return to the hotel for leisure in the evening.

Overnight stay in Passikudah at **Maalu Maalu Resort** in a Deluxe Room.

Breakfast, Dinner

#### Day 6 Passikudah Kandv

Enjoy breakfast at the resort.

Then travel for 4 hours heading to Kandy - a **UNESCO World Heritage site**. First, you'll visit **Sri Dalada Maligawa** or also known as the **Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic**. It is located in the royal palace complex which houses the relic of the tooth of Buddha. The visit typically lasts 1 hour. First you walk towards the temple through the gardens. Your guide will buy you the entrance tickets. We recommend buying a lotus flower right at the entrance – 100 LKR per set. Your guide will walk you through the various chambers explaining the history and significance of the temple.

Check in at the resort in Kandy and spend the rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight stay in Kandy at **Earls Regency** in a Deluxe Room.

\*Surcharges apply during Kandy Esala Perahera (The Festival of the Tooth)

Breakfast, Dinner

Day 7

## Kandy

Start your day with breakfast before embarking on **Kandy's Food Trail Tour**, exploring its diverse culinary heritage. Experience Sinhalese and Tamil cuisines at local eateries, indulge in vibrant street food flavors (availability dependent), and savor healthy soy-based treats. Conclude with a choice between a wholesome salad at a modern café or a refreshing pint at a colonial hotel.

Return to the hotel for leisure in the evening.

Overnight stay in Kandy at **Earls Regency** in a Deluxe Room.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day 8

## Kandy Hatton

Enjoy breakfast at the resort.

Today, you will travel for approximately 2.5 hours and head to Hatton. Check in and spend the rest of the day at your own leisure.

Overnight stay in Hatton at **The Argyle** in a Bruce Room.

Breakfast, Dinner

Day **9** Hatton

Start your day with breakfast at the hotel, followed by a **Cooking Demonstration** showcasing traditional Sri Lankan dishes like Chicken and Beef Black Curry, Dhal Curry, Coconut Sambol, and Pumpkin Curry. Learn about varied spices and cooking methods used in these dishes.

Afterward, relax and enjoy leisure time for the rest of the day at your hotel.

Overnight stay in Hatton at **The Argyle** in a Bruce Room.

Breakfast, Dinner

Day **10** Hatton Galle

Enjoy breakfast at the resort.

Then head to Galle. Check in at the resort and spend the day at leisure.

Overnight stay in Galle at **Radisson Blu** in a Deluxe Sea View.

Breakfast



Day **11** Galle

Begin your day with breakfast at the hotel before joining the **Food for Soul Tour**—a Cooking Demonstration in Galle. Explore the vibrant countryside, visit the local market, and learn from a knowledgeable Sri Lankan chef. Discover cooking techniques, make coconut milk, and try your hand at preparing local dishes. Enjoy the fruits of your labor and experience authentic dining.

Return to the resort and relax for the remainder of the day.

Overnight stay in Galle at **Radisson Blu** in a Deluxe Sea View.

Breakfast, Lunch



## Day 12 Galle

After breakfast at the hotel, spend the day relaxing. In the evening, experience a **Sundown Seafood Dinner** in a lamp-lit mud hut, a short drive from Galle. Arriving by tuk-tuk, you'll be greeted with a cold towel and a welcome drink. Witness the preparation of Sri Lankan delights, including versatile roti and iconic hoppers, while engaging with your hosts. Indulge in a feast of freshly barbecued seafood accompanied by rhythmic live music in the rustic ambiance of the mud hut. Enjoy a variety of hoppers with prawns, cuttlefish, and other seafood tailored to your taste.

Return to the resort and unwind for the late evening at your leisure.

Overnight stay in Galle at **Radisson Blu** in a Deluxe Sea View.

Breakfast, Dinner



## Day 13 Galle Colombo

After breakfast at the resort, head to Colombo for a 2-hour journey. Check into a serene boutique hotel, once a traditional

Jaffna family home. In the evening, experience a **Jaffna Themed Dinner** in the hotel's tranquil gardens.

Greeted with a local-style cocktail, immerse yourself in northern-inspired tales and flavors. Enjoy pulse-based starters, Mulligatawny broth, and an array of meat, fish, and vegetable curries, including the famous Jaffna Crab Curry. Conclude with modern renditions of traditional desserts.

Your host, a Colombo native passionate about cultural sharing, curates authentic experiences and contributes to mental health programs. Relax and unwind at the hotel after this unique culinary experience.

Overnight stay in Colombo at **Galle Face Hotel** in a Heritage Sea View.

Breakfast, Dinner



## Day 14 Colombo Airport

Enjoy breakfast at the resort.

You will then be transferred at the airport for departure.

Breakfast

## ACCOMMODATION

### Heritage Negombo

#### Negombo

Discover the allure of the island's West Coast at Negombo beach hotels, where you'll find stylish beachfront accommodations and indulgent spa treatments that rejuvenate and restore.





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## Aliya Resort

### **Sigiriya**

Nestled in verdant surroundings where elephants freely wander, Aliya Resort & Spa offers a serene retreat, providing modern accommodations influenced by Sri Lanka's cultural legacy. Our goal is to deliver an authentically Sri Lankan experience, complete with distinctive activities, delectable cuisine, and a stunning infinity pool that offers uninterrupted vistas of Sigiriya.



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## Earls Regency

### **Kandy**

Indulge in a royal lifestyle at Earl's Regency – a premier five-star retreat among the luxurious hotels of Sri Lanka, centrally located in the cultural capital of Kandy. Surrounded by the rich history and traditions of past kings, Earl's Regency stands out as a leading hospitality provider among Kandy's hotels and esteemed luxury accommodations. Serving as your luxurious home base, we invite you to venture out and explore the wonders that await. So, dear guest of distinction, prepare your belongings; your carriage awaits to transport you to a different era, a different place, a different time.



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## The Argyle

The Argyle, a luxurious retreat nestled amid the lush tea plantations of Sri Lanka's hill country, provides a sanctuary for relaxation, rejuvenation, and complete peace of mind. Enveloped by the emerald green blankets of tea, this expansive property spans over 1.2 acres and graces a hilltop in the renowned city of Hatton, offering breathtaking views of the distant iconic Adam's Peak.

As the pioneering property of its kind in the region, The Argyle boasts a unique advantage. It serves as an unparalleled escape from the demands of daily life. Surrounded by vast tea estates, it stands alone within a ten-minute radius, providing a luxurious holiday experience unmatched by any other hotels in the vicinity in terms of hospitality standards.



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## Radisson Blu

### Galle

Experience the allure of a seaside retreat at Radisson Blu Resort, Galle. Immerse yourself in the refreshing outdoor pool, where the social hub seamlessly links the hotel to both outlets and the ocean. Unwind in contemporary and chic rooms, each featuring a private balcony or terrace. Whether you're a couple seeking a romantic getaway or a family in search of a memorable vacation, this resort is the ideal destination for a lifetime of cherished moments.



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## Galle Face Hotel

### Colombo

The Galle Face Hotel, an iconic landmark in Sri Lanka, is centrally located in Colombo along the seafront, overlooking the renowned Galle Face Green. Boasting the distinction of being one of the oldest hotels east of the Suez, it proudly embraces its storied history and timeless traditions. This heritage serves as the foundation for creating compelling and immersive experiences that resonate with travelers of both bygone eras and the present generation.



# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Sinhala and Tamil

## LOCAL CURRENCY

Sri Lanka Rupee (Rs)

International flights included in this package are based on lead-in fares and are subject to limited availability. Our team will advise you of any airfare differences to the advertised package price, if necessary. Please note that actual fares may vary depending on factors such as travel dates, seat availability, and airline policies. Additional charges may apply for flight upgrades or changes.

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## Excluded

- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package