

Tour in Sri Lanka

“17 Nights / 18 Days”

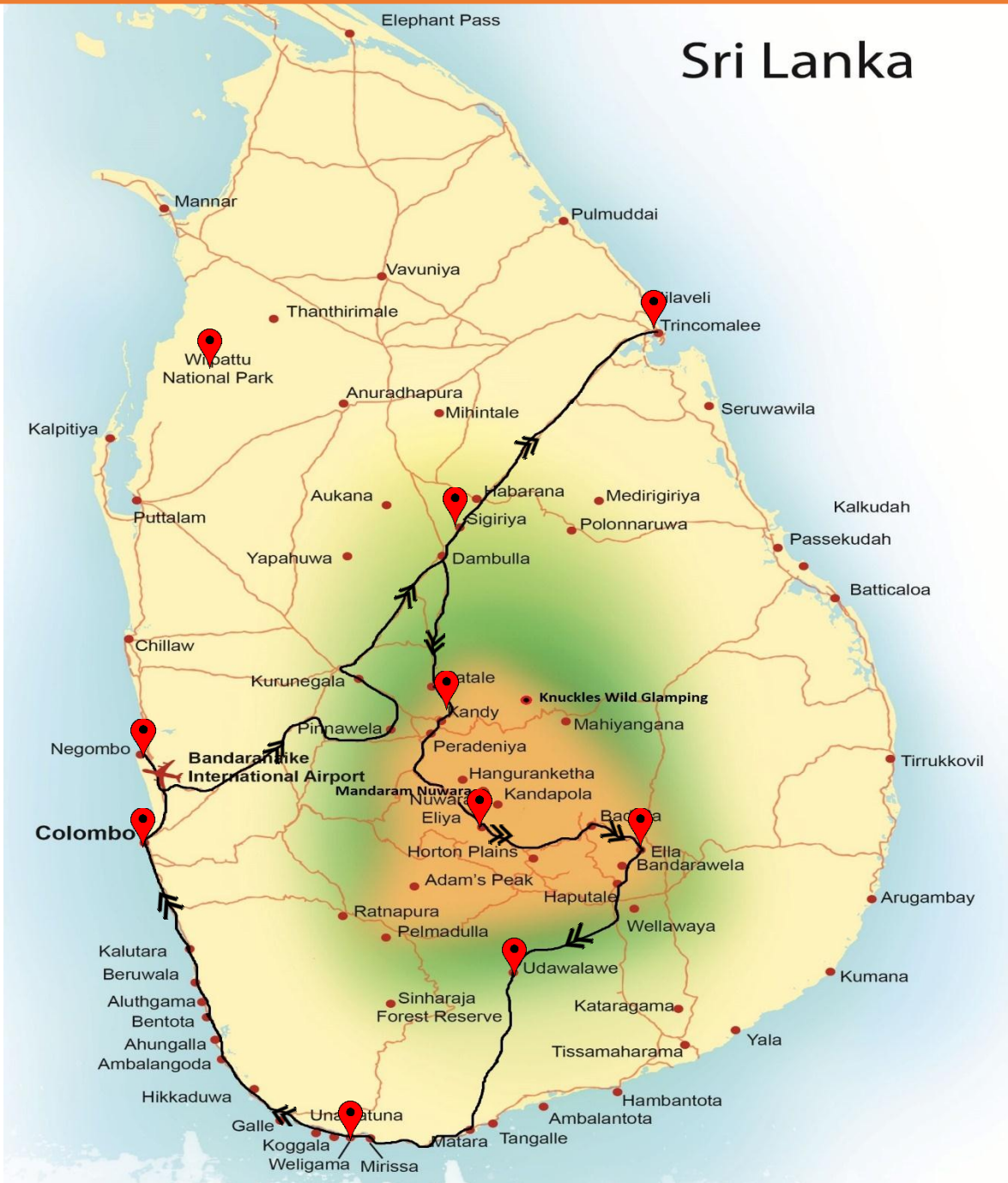


Where am I going in Sri Lanka?

Day 01

AIRPORT COLOMBO – NEGOMBO

Meals (D)



PM

Arrive at the Airport.
Meet & Assistance on arrival by a representative of Connaissance de Ceylan.
Transfer to Negombo (Approx. 30mins drive from Airport to Negombo)

To recover after a long flight, you can check in at the hotel and have a long rest for the rest of the day.

Stay at leisure.

Dinner & Overnight stay at the hotel.

**Hotel
Category
Room type**

Goldi Sands Hotel - <http://www.goldisands.com/>
4*
Deluxe

Day 02

NEGOMBO

Meals (B &D)

AM / PM

Stay relax at the hotel in Negombo
(National guide & the vehicle not be available)
Dinner & Overnight stay at the hotel.

**Hotel
Category
Room type**

Goldi Sands Hotel - <http://www.goldisands.com/>
4*
Deluxe

Day 03

NEGOMBO – PINNAWALA – DAMBULLA - SIGIRIYA

Meals (B &D)

AM

After the breakfast check out from the hotel and proceed to Sigiriya.

On your way visit Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage.
(Approx. 02hrs drive from Negombo to the Pinnawala)

The Orphanage was established to feed, nurse and house young elephants abandoned by their mothers, displaced from their natural environment by development projects. Most of the orphans cannot be introduced back into the wild, as other elephant family groups will not accept them. They enjoy a good life with their human parents, and many find good foster homes in zoos around the world. It is more interesting to visit an Orphanage bathing time.

(elephant bathing time 10 am to 12 m / 12 am to 02 pm)

Afterwards complete the drive to Dambulla.
(Approx. 02hrs drive from Pinnawala to Dambualla)

Visit Dambulla Rock Cave Temple

The Dambulla cave temple, also known as the Golden Temple of Dambulla was founded in the 1st century by King Valagamba. Ancient sculptures and paintings of the Buddha and various Hindu deities and are located in five central caves. The original sculptures and paintings have gained additions throughout the centuries and stand monument to evolving artistic styles of the ancient Ceylonese.

After the temple visit proceed to the hotel at Sigiriya.
(Approx. 30mins drive from Dambulla to Sigiriya)

In the evening arrive to Sigiriya and check into the hotel.

PM Free time at the hotel.

Dinner & over night stay.

Hotel Aliya Resort & Spa <https://www.themerorts.com/aliyaresort/>
Category 4*
Room type Deluxe

Day 04

SIGIRIYA – SIGIRIYA ROCK – HABARANA – SIGIRIYA

Meals (B &D)

AM Today early morning proceed to visit one of the world heritage site of Sigiriya Lion's Rock.
(Approx. 10 mins' drive from Hotel to Sigiriya Lion's Rock)

We highly recommend visiting early ,in order to avoid the sun heat on top of the rock.

The Sigiriya rock fortress is a remarkable feat of engineering and a fascinating example of artistic craftsmanship. Hewn out of the living rock, the Sigiriya fortress was the stronghold of King Kashyapa; a formidable royal palace and city. Sigiriya, or the 'Lion Rock' is most famous for its frescoes; a series of "heavenly maidens" painted on the rock surface itself. From halfway, up the rock, you can witness the elaborately landscaped water gardens containing the royal baths and fountains; some of which still work today during the rainy seasons. Sigiriya is a still standing monument to Kashyapa, and the vision of a truly egotistical monarch.

(Approx. 3 hours' to visit Sigiriya Lion's Rock)

- Duration – 2-3 hours depending on pace of climbing
- Difficulty – moderate to hard
- Attire- It can get hot, so bring sunglasses, a hat and sunscreen.

Points to note- O

To beat the heat and crowds, climb the rock in the morning (around 7am)

Expect heavy crowds of locals on weekends, public holidays and school vacation

After descend from the rock proceed to visit a local village tour in Habarana, where

of You will experience a boat ride in the village stream, cart ride and a special induction

how to make some Sri Lankan authentic lunch in a local house, you will also be able to enjoy the lunch after demonstration (rice & curry).

After the visits return to hotel for

PM Stay relaxed at your afternoon at the hotel.
Free time at the hotel, dinner & overnight stay

Hotel Aliya Resort & Spa <https://www.themerresorts.com/aliyaresort/>
Category 4*
Room type Deluxe

Day 05 **SIGIRIYA – POLONNARUWA - TRINCOMALEE** **Meals (B & D)**

AM After breakfast, check out from the hotel and proceed to Trincomalee.
(Approx. 2 hours' 30 mins' drive from Hotel to Sigiriya)

En-route visit Polonnaruwa.
(Approx. 1 hour 30 mins' drive from Hotel to Polonnaruwa)

Polonnaruwa was established as the capital city after the fall of Anuradhapura and is known as the mediaeval capital of Sri Lanka. Polonnaruwa contains the ruins of some of the masterpieces of Buddhist sculpture and remarkable feats of engineering that were well ahead of their time. Most outstanding amongst these is the Gal Vihara temple with its famous rock carvings of the Buddha and Parakrama Samudra, a vast man-made reservoir covering an area of over 23 kilometers.

After the visits return to hotel for

PM After the visit proceed to Trincomalee.
(Approx. 2 hours' 30 mins' drive from Polonnaruwa to Trincomalee)

Dinner & overnight stay

Hotel Trinco Blu <https://www.cinnamonhotels.com/trincoblucinnamon>
Category 4*
Room type Superior

Day 06 **TRINCOMALEE – PIGEON ISLAND – TRINCOMALEE** **Meals (B & D)**

AM Today early morning after the breakfast proceed to Nilaveli visit the Pigeon Island.
(transfer will be done by boats)
(Approx. 50 mins' drive from Hotel to Nilaveli – one way)

Floating in the great blue 1km offshore, Pigeon Island, with its powdery white sands and glittering coral gardens, tantalises with possibilities. A nesting area for rock pigeons, the island is beautiful enough, with rock pools and paths running through thickets, but it's the underwater landscape that's the real star. The reef here is shallow, making snorkelling almost as satisfying as diving, and it's home to dozens of corals, hundreds of reef fish (including blacktip reef sharks) and turtles. (**you can do the snorkelling if interests – equipment charges pay to be direct**)

After the visit return back to the hotel.
Rest of the day stay relax at the hotel.

PM Dinner & over night stay at the hotel.

Hotel **Trinco Blu** <https://www.cinnamonhotels.com/trincoblucinnamon>
Category 4*
Room type Superior

Day 07

TRINCOMALEE

Meals (B & D)

AM Today early morning with packed breakfast proceed to Trinco jetty to go for the boat ride to watch the dolphin/ whales (you have to be at the jetty by 06.00 am) . This tour will take up to 02 or 03 hours' time but depends on visibility of whales . If you are lucky there are also chance of spot friendly dolphins dance on the ocean waves.

After the visit return back to the hotel.

Spend the afternoon free at the hotel.

Evening proceed to visit a small city tour in Trincomalee including sacred Hindu temple Kneswara temple.

PM After the visits return back to the hotel.
Dinner & over night stay at the hotel.

Hotel **Trinco Blu** <https://www.cinnamonhotels.com/trincoblucinnamon>
Category 4*
Room type Superior

Day 08-

TRINCOMALEE – MATALE - KANDY

Meals (B & D)

AM Today after breakfast check out from the hotel and proceed to Kandy via Matale.

Afternoon reach to Matale and you can visit a spice plantation in Matale.

(Approx. 03hrs 30 mins' drive from Trincomalee to Matale)

For centuries, spices have been one of Sri Lanka's celebrated exports. Spices are mostly grown in home gardens (as a home industry) and used not only to flavor food but also in medicine and cosmetics. Visit a Spice Garden and sample such scents and flavors as cinnamon, ginger, pepper, vanilla, cardamom etc.

Afterwards complete the drive to Kandy

Later in the afternoon arrive to Kandy and check -into hotel.

PM Free time at the hotel.
Dinner & over night stay at the Kandy.

Hotel Category **Ozo Kandy** <https://www.ozohotels.com/kandy-srilanka>
Room type **4***
Sleep

Day 09 **KANDY** **Meals (B & D)**

AM After breakfast proceed to visit a city tour in Kandy,the city tour will be included Sacred Temple of Tooth Relic / Kandy view point / Wood craft center and Gem factory in the Kandy .
Sri Lanka's second city is Kandy, a beautiful historical city in the citadel of the country. It is not only known for it's great kings who ruled the city for almost 225 years independently until the British took over in 1815, but it is also the place where the Sacred Tooth of Lord Buddha is laid in a magnificent temple. The incomparable Perahera celebration, a procession of more than 100 elephants, is held every August here.

After all the visits you will have time to stroll around Kandy town.

Afterwards drive to Peradeniya and to visit the Peradeniya Royal Botanic Garden.
(Approx. 20 mins' drive from Kandy to Peradeniya)

PM In the evening drive to witness the Kandyan cultural dance show in Kandy.
Return back to hotel for the dinner & over night stay at the Kandy.

Hotel Category **Ozo Kandy** <https://www.ozohotels.com/kandy-srilanka>
Room type **4***
Sleep

Day 10- **KANDY – NUWARA ELIYA** **Meals (B & D)**

AM Today after breakfast check out from the hotel and drive to Nuwara Eliya via Ramboda.

Visit Ramboda Falls along the way (optional visit tea plantation & a tea factory visit).
(Approx 02hr ' drive from Kandy to Ramboda)

PM Later in the afternoon arrive to Nuwara Eliya and check into the hotel.
(Approx 01hr 15mins' drive from Ramboda to Nuwara Eliya)

In the evening proceed to visit Nuwara Eliya town along with the visit to Gregory Lake.

Visit the 'little England' created by the British tea planters in the 19th century. The city at an altitude of 2000 meters is the summer capital attracting visitors throughout the year. The 18 hole golf course is considered to be the most picturesque in whole of Asia. The Victorian style buildings, the old race course and Lake Gregory are reminiscent of the British rule.

Return to hotel for the dinner and over night stay at Nuwara eliya.

Hotel
Category
Room type

Araliya Green Hills <https://www.araliyagreenhills.com/>
4*
Delux

Day 11

NUWARA ELIYA – HORTON PLAINS – NUWARA ELIYA

Meals (B & D)

AM Today early morning with packed breakfast proceed to visit Horton Plains National Park. (The transfer will be done by separate vehicles due to the narrow road condition)

Recommend time to leave the hotel at 05 am in order to avoid the sun heat and long Crowds at the entrance.

(Approx 01hr ' drive from Nuwara Eliya to Horton Plains)

Horton Plains is Sri Lanka's highest and most isolated plateau discovered by Sir Thomas Farr in 19 hundreds. And named as Horton Plaines as a respect to the then British Governor of Sri Lanka Sir Horton and it is the only place where you could see the bear monkey. This is one of world's best nature tracks. And certain plant species, birds and insects you see them only at Horton Plaines. Nature lovers will enjoy this wide, patna-grass-covered plain, the haunt of several wild yet harmless animals and the home of many species of birds. Bridle paths through the plain will take you to the precipice, popularly referred to as "Worlds End "; a sheer drop of 1050 meters. Lie on your stomach and peep over the ridge, the view when it is clear of mist, it is simply magnificent.

After the trekking at Horton Plains return back to the hotel at Nuwara Eliya

PM Stay relax at the hotel.
Dinner and over night stay.

Hotel
Category

Araliya Green Hills <https://www.araliyagreenhills.com/>
4*

Room type **Deluxe**

Day 12

NUWARA ELIYA –NANU OYA– ELLA

Meals (B & D)

AM After breakfast check out from the hotel and drive to Nanu Oya station to take the train to Ella.

(Approx. 20mins drive from Nuwarar Eliya to Nanu Oya)

(Departure Nanu Oya station 12.30 Arrive to Ella station 15.14 pm – 01st / 02nd Class tickets are subject to availability – cannot be guaranteed)

The train ride to Naanuoya will allow you the best view of the hill country from a perfect vantage. As the train winds its way round the sloping hills you will witness the many wonders of this unique locale; the valleys, meadows, mountains and greenery with the occasional flash of a distant waterfall.

Meet our vehicle at Ella station and then transfer to the hotel at Ella.

PM Evening you can visit do following visits.

Option 01 : Visit 9-arched railway bridge and make jungle walk.

Afterwards you will go through some remote villages and tea plantations.

Option 02 : Pay a visit to Mini Adams peak which would be approx. : 1hr)

Return to hotel for the dinner and over night stay at Ella.

Hotel Secret Ella <http://www.thesecrethotels.com/ella/>
Category Boutique Hotel
Room type Deluxe

Day 13

ELLA –UDAWALAWA

Meals (B & D)

AM After breakfast check out from the hotel and drive to Udawalawa.
(Approx. 02hrs drive from Ella to Udawalawa)

Afternoon arrive to Udawalawa and proceed to visit Elephant Transit House Udawalawa.

Elephant Transit Home (ETH) takes care of orphaned elephant calves – until they are independent and able enough to be released back to the wild. Although, a majority of the general public enthusiastically supported this endeavour, at the inception many conservationists doubted its feasibility. Some openly opposed the initiative and tried to stop the conservation programme. However, Dr Nandana Atapattu, the former Head of the division of Wild Animal Health at the Department of Wildlife Conservation in Sri Lanka, worked bravely towards the establishment ETH, together with fellow officers at the Department of Wildlife Conservation. With minimum resources and manpower, ETH has successfully grown to be a successful entity in a short period. It has been recognised as one of best wild animal rehabilitation centres

in the world. Situated in the western border of the 33,000 hectares of Udawalawe National Park, ETH is adjacent to the “Udawalawe reservoir”. The elephant calves have no boundaries in the area and have freedom to roam wherever they want. Similarly wild elephants also visit the ETH premises. Seasonal fluctuating water level of the reservoir creates a diverse environment for both the baby elephants and wild elephants.

Feeding the calves with milk happens every three hours throughout the 365 days of the year. Public viewing of the feeding is permitted daily at 9 a.m., 12 noon, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.

PM Afterwards arrive to hotel and check in.
Stay relax at the hotel, dinner and over night stay.

Hotel Gradn Udawalawa Resort <https://udawalawesafari.com/>
Category 4*
Room type Deluxe

Day 14

UDAWALAWA - WELIGAMA

Meals (B & D)

AM Today early morning with packed breakfast proceed to visit Udawalawa National Park for a safari.
An evergreen forest that harbours Asia’s largest elephant populations, this is the ideal location to spot herds of these majestic pachyderms. The park is also home to other animals like the jungle cat, sloth bear, porcupine, pangolin, macaque, langur, jackal, leopard, sambar deer, spotted deer, barking deer, wild boar, mongoose, bandicoot, flying squirrel, water buffalo, crocodile and water monitor lizard. You can also spot a variety of birds including the endemic Sri Lankan spur fowl and jungle fowl.

After the safari return back to the hotel for check out. Afterwards proceed to the beach at Weligama.
(Approx. 02hrs 30min drive from Udawalawa to Weligama)

PM Afternoon arrive to hotel and check in.
Stay relax at the hotel.
Dinner and over night stay.

Hotel Marriott Resort & Spa <https://www.marriott.com/hotel-search.mi>
Category 5*
Room type Superior ocean view

AM/ PM Stay relax at the hotel.
Dinner and over night stay.
(Chauffeur and vehicle not be available)

Hotel **Marriott Resort & Spa** <https://www.marriott.com/hotel-search.mi>
Category 5*
Room type Superior ocean view

AM After breakfast check out from the hotel and proceed to Galle visit the heritage city along with famous Galle Dutch Fort.
(Approx. 45mins drive from Weligama to Galle)
Galle is the south coast's major city, whose oldest landmark is the massive 17th century Portuguese and Dutch Fort in which the central city is contained. The journey to Galle is along the palm-fringed beaches passing Hikkaduwa with its beautiful "coral gardens" and exotic tropical fish. Visit the Dutch Fort and the city of Galle. As you walk through the streets you can see strong Dutch influences in the architecture, along with some old British residences and various mosques with Arabic touches.

After wards continue your drive to Balapitiya, on way visit a turtle farm.

Later in the afternoon arrive to Balapitiya and experience an boat safari in Madu river.

(Approx. 01hrs drive from Galle to Balapitiya)

Afterwards complete the drive to Colombo.
(Approx. 02hrs drive from Balapitiya to Colombo)

PM In the afternoon arrive to hotel and check in.
Stay relax at the hotel.
Dinner and over night stay.

Hotel **Kingsbury Hotel Colombo** - <https://www.thekingsburyhotel.com/>
Category 5*
Room type Superior

AM / PM Stay relax at the hotel Colombo
(Chauffeur & the vehicle not be available)

Dinner & Overnight stay at the hotel.

**Hotel
Category
Room type**

**Kingsbury Hotel Colombo - <https://www.thekingsburyhotel.com/>
5*
Superior**

Day 18

COLOMBO - AIRPORT

Meals (B & D)

AM After Breakfast check out from the hotel and proceed to the Airport for the departure.

(official check out time at 12H00)
(Approx. 40mins drive from Hotel to the Airport-)

Your amazing holiday in Sri Lanka has reached to the final day.
We wish you a safe flight back home.... Ayubowan!

----- **END OF SERVICES** -----

Proposed Accommodation (Subject to availability)

City	No of Nights	Hotel	Room Category	Meal Basis	Website
Negombo	2	Goldi Sands Hotel	Deluxe	H/B	http://www.goldisands.com/
Sigiriya	2	Aliya Resort & Spa	Deluxe & Deluxe attic	H/B	https://www.themerorts.com/aliyaresort/
Trincomalee	3	Trinco Blu	Superior	H/B	https://www.cinnamonhotels.com/trincoblucinna mon
Kandy	2	Ozo Kandy	Sleep	H/B	https://www.ozohotels.com/kandy-srilanka
Nuwara Eliya	2	Araliya Green Hills	Deluxe	H/B	https://www.araliyagreenhills.com/
Ella	01	Secret Ella	Deluxe	HB	http://www.thesecrethotels.com/ella/
Udawalawa	1	Grand Udawalawa	Deluxe	H/B	https://udawalawesafari.com/
Weligama	2	Marriott Resort & Spa	Superior Ocean View	H/B	https://www.marriott.com/hotel-search.mi
Colombo	02	Kingsbury Hotel	Superior	BB	https://www.thekingsburyhotel.com/

Price Includes following services:

- Meet and assistance on Arrival & Departure.

- Transportation by an A/C car (up to 2 pax) & A/C Micro Van (03-06 pax) with an **English-speaking Chauffeur**.
- Accommodation on Half Board basis Basis

Price does not include the following services:

- **Compulsory Tourist visa charges**
- Tips and Gratitude.
- Airfares.
- Lunches
- Entrance fees for the respective sites.
- Visits according to the program.
- Kandy Perehara tickets & supplement at Mount Batten bungalow
- Single room supplement
- Early check in / Late check out
- Airport embarkation tax (included in air ticket)
- Photo and Video Camera permits at the sites.
- Extra's such as laundry, telephone calls, faxes, e-mails.... etc
- Expenses of personal nature
- Alcoholic beverages, other drinks not specified in the price include
- **Price does not include services other than those specified**

Notes:

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- For Online visas please follow the link - <http://www.eta.gov.lk/slvisa/>
 - All drive times are approximate and are subject to change.
 - **All reservations subject to availability at time of booking.**
 - The standard check in time in Sri Lanka is 1400 hours and the Checkout time is 11am.
 - On Poya and other religious days alcohol will not be served at hotels and restaurants.
 - Please note that plucking of Tea leaves is not done on public holidays & Sundays. As such the Tea production process does not take place, however a tour of the factory will be arranged where the process is explained.
 - Train rides are subject to availability, hence might not be available if not booked in advance.
 - You can always change currency at the airport and a local SIM card can be purchased at the airport of Sri Lanka.
 - When visiting religious sites such as Kandy Temple, Dambulla Temple your attire should cover up to ankle length and sleeveless tops/shirts/t-shirts will not be allowed. It is also advised to bring a pair of socks as you will be asked to remove slippers/shoes when entering sacred temples.
 - **Cancellation Policy:**
 - *If cancelled 61 days prior to your arrival 75% refund made.*
 - *If cancelled 60 - 31 days prior to your arrival 75% cancellation charged*
 - *If cancelled less than 30 days prior to your arrival 100% cancellation charged.*