



# Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka is one of God's own places, matching great natural beauty with beautiful manmade creations. Though often simply considered India's tropical sister, Sri Lanka has a fascinating culture and history all of its own. Formerly known as Ceylon, Sri Lanka's relatively small size belies its enormously varied landscape; from dense jungles - home to shy leopards and wild elephants - to empty golden beaches; from monasteries and temples peopled by saffron-clad monks to cool, misty mountains contoured with tea plantations and dotted with the bright saris of pickers. Marco Polo was so impressed with Sri Lanka that he declared it the most beautiful island of its size in the world, and most visitors tend to agree.

Owing to its long history filled with fascinating stories and events, Sri Lanka endows a number of historical and cultural attractions, many of which were designated to be the World Heritage Sites by UNESCO. Travelling around this beautiful island will lead you to experience the past of Sri Lanka in different flavours. Start in Colombo, the capital of Ceylon, a bustling and chaotic city which is quite different from the pace of the rest of the island. Under the colonization, you will experience the splendour of many fortresses built during the Western Rules. The island's 'cultural triangle', comprising the ancient cities and ruins of Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa and Kandy, is studded with beautiful monuments like the cave temple at Dambulla, the rock fortress at Sigiriya, the magnificent seated Buddha at Gal Vihara and the sacred Temple of the Tooth Relic.

## When to go

Sri Lanka has a tropical climate. Upland areas are cooler and more temperate, and coastal areas are cooled by sea breezes. There are two monsoons, which occur May to July and December to January.

## Flying time

From London to Colombo approximately 11-12 hours with Emirates via Dubai

## Time difference

GMT +5 ½.

## Passport & Visa

Visa Required?

British  USA  Other EU

For US and EU applicants, a visa for a stay of 30 days is available on arrival for a small variable fee. Passports must be valid for a minimum of 6 months on entry and proof of sufficient funds and onward/return flights must be provided.

## Health requirements

Diphtheria Sometimes\* Hepatitis A  Malaria Sometimes  
Tetanus  Typhoid  Yellow Fever

*Recommendations do change from time to time and it is important to discuss your personal requirements with your doctor.*



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For the nature lover, Sri Lanka is pure heaven with National Reserves teeming with wildlife. The Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage has become one of Sri Lanka's most popular tourist attractions and was set up by the government in 1975. Pinnawela's population has now grown to around 80, making it the largest collection of captive elephants in the world. The vast National Parks, like Yala and Uda Walawe, are host to a variety of exotic animals, plants and bird life.

The tear drop shaped island offers miles and miles of endless golden sand beaches trimmed with palm trees and the sparkling blue Indian Ocean waters. The warm tropical year-round climate is just perfect for whenever you want to enjoy the beach. The southern coastal belt has many pockets of totally gorgeous flat and wide sandy beaches and the lagoons found in this area make safe all year-round swimming. Bentota has possibly the best beach in the entire south coast and offers many intimate boutique style resorts that make the perfect relaxed end to any tour of this unforgettable jewel in the Indian Ocean.

**Sri Lanka Classic Tour  
13 Days/12 Nights**

Colombo/Habarana/Polonnaruwa/Kandy/Nueara/Yala/Benota

**Tour Itinerary**

- Day 01: Departure from London
- Day 02: Arrival in Colombo  
Afternoon Colombo city tour
- Day 03: Visit the Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage  
Transfer to Habarana
- Day 04: Visit Polonnaruwa UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Day 05: Transfer to Kandy
- Day 06: Morning Kandy tour
- Day 07: Transfer to Nuwara Eliya Hill Station
- Day 08: Transfer to Yala National Park
- Day 09: Jeep Safari
- Day 10: Transfer to Bentota
- Day 11: At leisure in Bentota
- Day 12: Transfer to Colombo Airport for departure
- Day 13: Arrival into London

