



## SRI LANKA

# HIDDEN TREASURES OF SRI LANKA (TOUR CODE: 13742)

### STARTS AND ENDS

in Colombo

### TRAVEL PERIODS

01 Jan 24 - 30 Jun 24

### EXPERIENCE

Beach  
Cultural

### TRAVEL STYLE

Private Escorted Tours

Experience the diverse tapestry of Sri Lanka's culture, history, nature, and cuisine in this unforgettable adventure

## Highlights

- Visit the colorful and authentic market of Negombo
- Climb the famous **Sigiriya Rock Fortress**.
- Visit **Polonnaruwa Ancient City**, a treasure trove of ancient Sri Lankan history and culture
- A guided walk of History & Architecture around the **Galle Dutch Fort**
- Tour of the **Temple of Tooth Relic** in Kandy.
- Enjoy a Full Tour of **Yatagala Rock Temple**, a quaint Buddhist temple built around and within giant boulder-like rock formations

Embark on a captivating 10-day holiday in Sri Lanka, starting with Negombo's cultural charm. Ascend Sigiriya Rock, explore ancient Polonnaruwa and Anuradhapura, and unwind at Heritance Kandalama. Discover Kandy's gardens and trek the Knuckles Range, complemented by cultural experiences. Travel to Galle for a fort tour and delve into Yatagala Rock Temple's history. Immerse in a cinnamon plantation and enjoy scenic vistas. The journey concludes with relaxation at Jetwing Lighthouse before a departure transfer. Experience the diverse tapestry of Sri Lanka's culture, history, nature, and cuisine in this unforgettable adventure.



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

## INCLUSIONS

- 1 night in Negombo
- 3 nights in Sigiriya
- 2 nights in Kandy
- 2 nights in Galle
- Private transfers with English-speaking Chauffeur guide
- Breakfast and Dinners as per itinerary
- Visit a Sri Lankan Garden and enjoy a Garden Lunch
- Trek to Knuckles Mountain Range with Lunch
- A guided walk of History & Architecture around the Galle Fort
- Enjoy a Full Tour of Yatagala Rock Temple
- Visit a Cinnamon Estate and get to listen to the story of Cinnamon followed by a lunch
- Entrance fees for Sigiriya Rock Fortress, Anuradhapura, Temple of Tooth, Cultural Dance Show and Polonnaruwa
- Special welcome on arrival with flower garlands
- A special Spa Ceylon Wellness Pack
- Water bottles will be provided during the 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).

Explore the charm of **Negombo** with an afternoon visit to its fishing village and historical Dutch buildings. Negombo, a renowned fishing village on Sri Lanka's west coast, boasts picturesque landscapes, vibrant fish markets, and cultural richness. The village is nestled along a large lagoon interconnected with canals, offering a unique setting. Fishing is the main livelihood, providing a glimpse into traditional activities like colorful boats and net casting. Immerse yourself in Negombo's cultural heritage, featuring old Dutch buildings.

Spend the rest of the day at your own leisure.

Overnight stay in Negombo at **Heritage Negombo** in a Superior Room.

Dinner





Day **2**

## Negombo Sigiriya

Enjoy breakfast at the resort.

You'll head to **Sigiriya** (approximately 3 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 Sigiriya at **Heritage Kandalama** in a Deluxe Room.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **3**

## Sigiriya Polonnaruwa Sigiriya

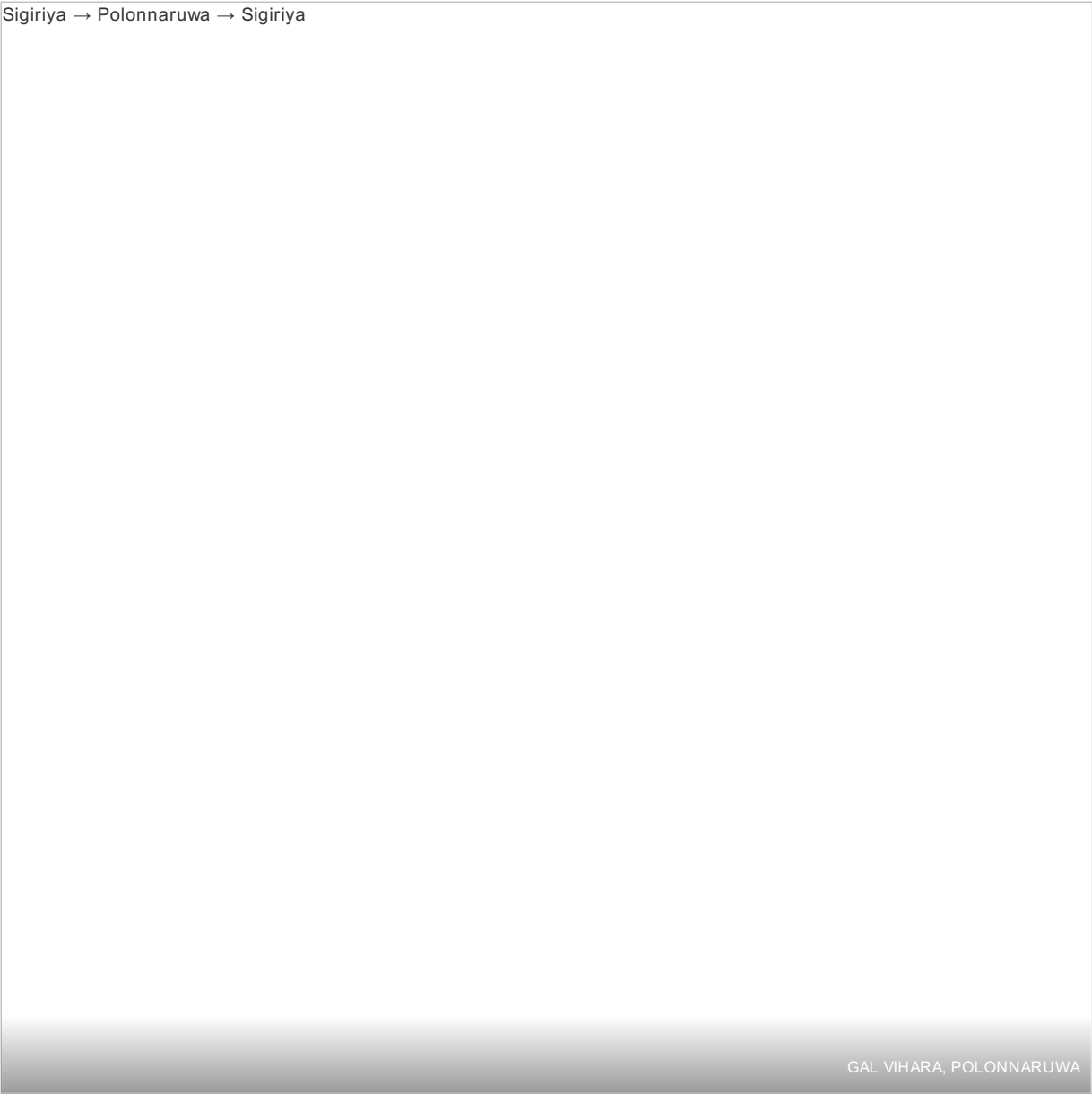
Indulge in breakfast at the hotel before embarking on a journey to **Polonnaruwa**, approximately 1.5 hours away. Explore the

**Polonnaruwa Ancient City**, a rich repository of Sri Lanka's historical and cultural heritage, offering insights into ancient architectural and artistic achievements through well-preserved ruins and temples.

Notable sites include the **Gal Vihara**, housing impressive granite sculptures of **Lord Buddha**, including standing, seated, reclining, and smaller statues all carved from a single rock. Delve into the **Vatadage**, a circular relic house adorned with intricately carved stone pillars, and the **Royal Palace complex**, showcasing the administrative and architectural practices of the period. The city's renowned reservoirs, like the **Parakrama Samudra**, highlight ancient engineering skills vital for agriculture and irrigation during that era. After the exploration, enjoy an **Angampora Show** (location based on availability: Galle, Sigiriya, or Kandy), then return to the hotel for leisure time.

Overnight stay in Sigiriya at **Heritance Kandalama** in a Deluxe Room.

Dinner



Day

4

Sigiriya Anuradhapura Sigiriya

Commence your day with breakfast at the hotel before heading to **Anuradhapura**. Explore the **Anuradhapura Ancient City** for about 3 hours, an archaeological treasure trove. Among its significant sites stands the **Ruwanwelisaya Stupa**, built by King Dutugemunu and revered as a holy site in Buddhism. This architectural marvel features a large white dome encircled by a terrace and rail, adorned with intricate carvings. It holds immense significance as a symbol of Buddhism in Sri Lanka and houses a revered relic—believed to be one of Lord Buddha's collarbones—enshrined within, making it a spiritually profound destination for Buddhists worldwide.

After the visit, return to the hotel for leisure.



Overnight stay in Sigiriya at **Heritance Kandalama** in a Deluxe Room.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **5**

## Sigiriya Kandy

Start your day with breakfast at the hotel before traveling to **Kandy** via Matale, about a 1.5-hour journey. Experience a unique **Sri Lankan Garden** excursion, spending approximately 3 hours exploring this picturesque 15.5-acre farm atop a mountain, offering stunning views of the Aluvihare Mountains.

Your host, a local planter, will guide you through the farm, showcasing Sri Lankan produce from pepper and papaya to cocoa, coconut, mango, and mahogany. Learn about the crops and local cooking methods while enjoying farm-sourced fresh juice. Afterward, savor a traditional rice and curry lunch prepared from the farm's produce.

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

Overnight stay in Kandy at **Grand Kandyan** in a Deluxe Room.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



## Kandy

Start your day with breakfast at the hotel, followed by a thrilling trek to the **Knuckles Mountain Range**, a 7-hour adventure in the serene Hill Country. The range, named for its knuckle-like peaks, offers a tranquil exploration of this beautiful landscape.

Hike through the Knuckles with a knowledgeable trekker, delving into a biodiverse region cherished by scientists and home to 40 secluded villages and endemic wildlife. The area's rugged, misty terrain provides an enchanting backdrop for this off-the-beaten-path experience. Opt for a half-day (8km) or full-day (18km) trek during the best months of March–April and June–August.

After the trek, explore the **Kandy Temple of the Tooth Relic** and indulge in cultural dance performances lasting approximately 2 hours in the evening. Return to the hotel afterward to unwind and enjoy leisure time for the remainder of the day. Please note, while your local guide possesses extensive knowledge about the Knuckles Mountain Range, their English proficiency might be limited—your patience is appreciated during interactions.

Overnight stay in Kandy at **Grand Kandyan** in a Deluxe Room.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



KANDY TEMPLE OF THE TOOTH RELIC

## Kandy Galle

Start your day with breakfast at the hotel before traveling to **Galle**, approximately a 5-hour journey.

Upon arrival, enjoy a guided walking tour exploring the rich history and architecture of the **Galle Dutch Fort**, lasting around 2 hours. Afterward, check in at the hotel and indulge in leisure activities for the remainder of the day.

Overnight stay in Galle at **Jetwing Lighthouse** in a Luxury Room.

Breakfast, Dinner





## Day 8

### Galle

Enjoy breakfast at the resort.

Embark on a comprehensive tour of the **Yatagala Rock Temple**, lasting approximately 3 hours. Located near Unawatuna, this Buddhist temple is nestled within massive boulder-like rock formations and is believed to date back to Sri Lanka's initial kingdom era. Often frequented by locals, the temple offers serene vistas of lush paddy fields and quaint villages. Explore the tranquil surroundings and historical significance of the Yatagala temple, once endorsed by royalty. Inside the Image House, discover a nine-meter-long reclining Buddha image, while the ceiling boasts intricate paintings depicting significant events from Buddha's life and floral motifs representing the Kandyan era.

Return to the resort and spend the rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight stay in Galle at **Jetwing Lighthouse** in a Luxury Room.

Breakfast, Dinner

## Day 9

### Galle

Enjoy breakfast at the resort.

Explore a picturesque 25-acre cinnamon plantation with an English owner as your guide. Learn about cinnamon production, from growing to artisanal oil-making, and enjoy a scenic tour ending with refreshments at the plantation house, offering stunning views of Weligama Bay and lush jungle. Upon request, savor a private, home-cooked lunch featuring estate-grown ingredients. Return to the hotel afterward for a relaxing evening.

Overnight stay in Galle at **Jetwing Lighthouse** in a Luxury Room.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **9**

## Galle Airport

Enjoy breakfast at the resort.

You will then be transferred at the airport for departure.

Breakfast

# ACCOMMODATION

## Heritance 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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## Heritage Kandalama

### Sigiriya

Perched with a commanding view of the eighth wonder of the world, the rock fortress of Sigiriya, Heritage Kandalama is strategically situated at the core of Sri Lanka's cultural triangle. It is in proximity to five UNESCO World Heritage Sites, making it an ideal location for exploring the rich cultural and historical treasures of the region.



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## Grand Kandyan

### Kandy

Located in the center of Kandy, the Grand Kandyan is an ideal haven for those eager to immerse themselves in the warm hospitality and diverse cultures of Kandy. This perfect five-star hotel seamlessly combines palatial grandeur and luxurious comforts in every aspect, catering to the requirements of the modern traveler. Positioned in the heart of the historical city of Kandy, it offers a 360-degree view of breathtaking mountain ranges and is just minutes away from the UNESCO World Heritage site, "The Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic," as well as the premier shopping area.



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## Jetwing Lighthouse

### Galle

Nestled on a hillock just beyond the historical city of Galle, Jetwing Lighthouse stands as one of the most iconic hotels in the area. Overlooking

the expansive Indian Ocean, this distinctive property is conveniently positioned along the coastal trunk road, providing seamless access from various destinations, including Colombo via the Southern Expressway. Jetwing Lighthouse boasts a range of contemporary amenities and services that align with its legacy of luxury and heritage.



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

<b>OFFICIAL LANGUAGE</b> Sinhala and Tamil	<b>LOCAL CURRENCY</b> Sri Lanka Rupee (Rs)
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### Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- 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