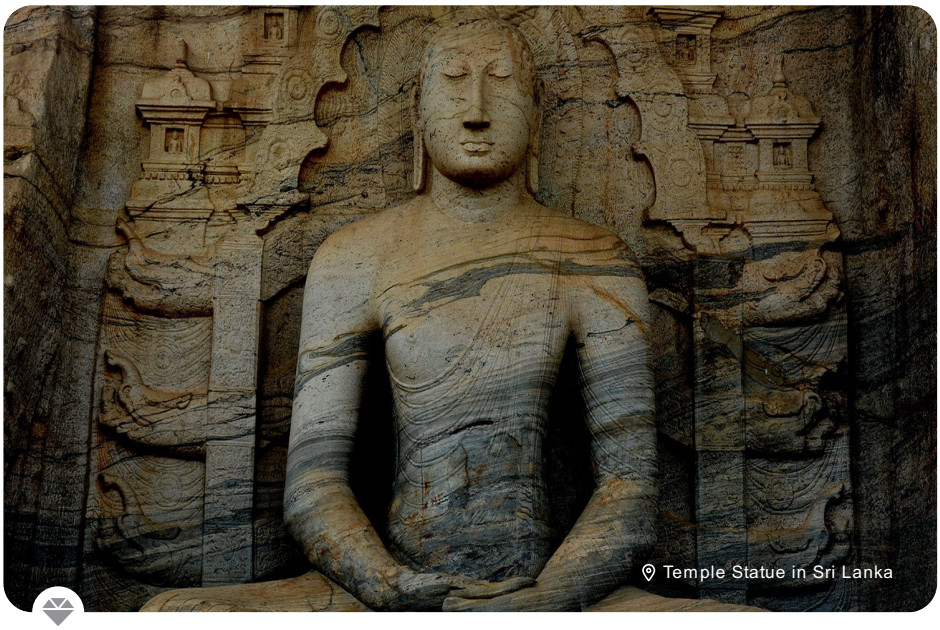
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SRI LANKA

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STARTS AND ENDS	TRAVEL PERIODS	EXPERIENCE	TRAVEL STYLE
in Australia	until April 2027	Cultural City Stays	Private Escorted Tours

Discover Sri Lanka through its most celebrated architecture, from ancient kingdoms to colonial fortresses and iconic modern design. This journey blends history, heritage and landscapes, guided by the vision of Sri Lanka's architectural greats

Highlights

- **Geoffrey Bawa Heritage** – Explore the Lunuganga Estate, the former home of Sri Lanka's most celebrated architect, showcasing tropical modernism
- **Colonial & Coastal Architecture** – Walk the cobbled streets and Dutch-era buildings of Galle Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- **Cultural Triangle Masterpieces** – Visit Polonnaruwa Ancient City and Sigiriya Rock Fortress, highlighting ancient urban planning and engineering
- **Kandyan & Temple Architecture** – Time in Kandy focused on traditional Sri Lankan design and sacred spaces
- **Beachside Modern Heritage** – Stay in Ahungalla and Colombo, blending contemporary Sri Lankan architecture with colonial influences

Entire Bonus

This holiday package is carefully designed by our team to give you complete Peace of Mind, with access to trusted local partners and expert support at your destination.

Discover the fascinating key attractions of Sri Lanka on this 14-day private escorted package. Be captivated with stunning views as you relive the ancient times of the unspoilt places you'll uncover.

Explore the charming city of Polonnaruwa where you'll capture temples and ancient ruins. Then, embark on a jeep safari at Minneriya National Park which covers 8,890 hectares and consists of a vast number of wildlife. Your fourth day would involve climbing of the Sigiriya Rock Fortress set amidst stunning scenery, then you'll marvel around the magnificent city of Anuradhapura and witness large stupas.

Be in awe of the ancient statues and paintings at the Dambulla Cave Temples and visit the famous Temple of the Tooth Relic on your fifth day, plus enjoy a cultural performance in the evening. Enjoy a leisurely walk around the Peradeniya Royal Botanical Garden. Join a unique way of exploring Nuwara Eliya by train where you'll get a sight of dramatic landscape of highlands and majestic peaks. Visit Horton plains and admire the stunning views. Spend two nights in Yala and explore the safari where you'll also witness a variety of wildlife. Lastly, a tour in Sri Lanka is not complete without visiting the famous Galle Fort.

INCLUSIONS

- Return Economy Class Flights with Sri Lankan Airlines ex Sydney/Melbourne
- 1 night in Negombo at Uga Riva in a Deluxe Room - ★★★★
- 3 nights in Kandalama at Heritance Kandalama in Superior Room - ★★★★★
- 2 nights in Kandy at Taru Villas Kandy in a Deluxe Room - ★★★★
- 2 nights in Galle at Jetwing Lighthouse in a Luxury Room - ★★★★★
- 3 nights in Ahungalla at Heritance Ahungalla in a Superior Room - ★★★★★
- 2 nights in Colombo at De Saram House by Geoffrey Bawa in a Deluxe Queen - ★★★★
- Private transfers with English-speaking Chauffeur guide
- Breakfast and Dinners as per itinerary
- Polonnaruwa Tour
- Sigiriya Rock Fortress Tour
- Minneriya National Park with Jeep Safari
- Experience a village Tour with village Lunch and boat Ride Experience
- Embekka Dewalya Tour
- Gadaladeniya Vihara Tour
- Lanka Thilaka Temple Tour
- Kandy Temple of Tooth Relic Tour
- Kandyan Cultural Dance Show
- Sea Turtle Conservation and Research Center
- Madu River Safari Tour
- Lunuganga Garden Estate Tour
- A tour to the Geoffrey Bawa House in Colombo
- Gangarama Temple Tour
- Special welcome on arrival with flower garlands
- Special Spa Ceylon Wellness Gift 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 **Uga Riva** in a Deluxe Room.



NEGOMBO BEACH

Day 2 Negombo Polonnaruwa Kandalama

Indulge in breakfast at the hotel before embarking on a journey to **Polonnaruwa.** 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, proceed to Kandalama, check in at the hotel, and spend your leisure time at your own pace.

Overnight stay in Kandalama at **Heritance Kandalama** in a Superior Room.

Breakfast



POLONNARUWA

Day 3 Kandalama Sigiriya Minneriya Kandalama

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 is 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 3 hours depending on the speed at which you want to climb.

Embark on an adventurous afternoon with a visit to **Minneriya National Park**, featuring a thrilling jeep safari lasting approximately 3 hours. This park is a paradise for birdwatchers, boasting over 170 bird species. As you explore, you can spot various waterfowl, raptors, and other avian wonders. Minneriya is renowned for its significant population of Asian elephants. During the dry season, herds of elephants gather near the Minneriya Tank to drink and graze on the fresh grass emerging as the water recedes. Witness these majestic creatures in their natural habitat before returning to the hotel for a leisurely evening.

Overnight stay in Kandalama at **Heritance Kandalama** in a Superior Room.

Breakfast



SIGIRIYA ROCK FORTRESS

Day 4 Kandalama Hiriwadunna Kandalama

Enjoy breakfast at the resort.

Enjoy a village Tour with village lunch & boat ride experience which takes approximately 3 hours.

The half-day excursion to Hiriwadunna takes you to a traditional village in Habarana, located in Sri Lanka's Cultural Triangle, offering a unique opportunity to engage with villagers and experience their daily life. Your journey takes you along the scenic Hiriwadunna Lake, where you can enjoy the peaceful surroundings accompanied by welcome refreshments. A short walk leads further into the village, passing tree houses built by farmers to protect their crops, expansive paddy fields, Chena cultivations, and the occasional scarecrow. At a village home, you will be warmly welcomed by the locals and treated to a simple Sri Lankan village lunch, prepared in the traditional way using earthenware pots and firewood. This intimate encounter provides a genuine insight into the humble yet vibrant lifestyle of rural Sri Lanka.

Return to the resort and spend the evening at leisure.

After the visit, return to the hotel for leisure.

Overnight stay in Kandalama at **Heritance Kandalama** in a Superior Room.

Breakfast, Lunch



Day 5 Kandalama Kandy

Enjoy breakfast at the resort.

Then you'll head to **Dambulla** (approximately 30 minutes travel time). En route, you'll be able to visit the **Dambulla Cave Temples**, the largest and best-preserved rock cave temple complex in Sri Lanka, towering 160 meters over the surrounding plains with more than 80 documented caves in the area.

Then travel for 2.5 hours to Kandy, a **UNESCO World Heritage site**. Check in at the hotel and afterward, you'll visit Sri Dalada Maligawa, 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 2 hours. First, you walk toward the temple through the gardens. Your guide will buy your 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.

Enjoy a **cultural dance performance** later in the day. Today, Kandy is the center of Buddhism, arts, crafts, dancing, music, and culture. Visitors can see these dance and music performances at the daily cultural performance, which starts in the

evening and runs for more than an hour. With more than seven different dance performances, captivating drumming, and the skills of traditional musicians on display, this show will give you great insight into traditional Sri Lankan culture.

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

Overnight stay in Kandy at **Taru Villas Kandy** in a Deluxe Room.

Breakfast



KANDY TEMPLE OF THE TOOTH RELIC

Day 6 Kandy

Explore the cultural treasures of **Embekka Dewalaya, Gadaladeniya Vihara, and Lanka Thilaka Temple**, collectively known as the **tri temples**, situated approximately 8 km south of Kandy. Dating back to the Gampola Period (1341 – 1410 AD), these temples showcase the architectural mastery of Sri Lanka. Gadaladeniya Temple, located in Pilimathalawa, blends historical significance with unique South Indian architectural influences. Embekka Devalaya, near Kandy, is renowned for intricate woodcarvings depicting dancers, musicians, and more. Together, these temples offer a captivating journey through the island's rich cultural heritage.

Overnight stay in Kandy at **Taru Villas Kandy** in a Deluxe Room.

Breakfast

Day 7 Kandy Galle

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

Galle, a UNESCO World Heritage city, offers an enchanting blend of exotic charm and colonial elegance. At its heart lies the majestic **Galle Fort**, originally constructed by the Portuguese and later strengthened by the Dutch, standing today as a testament to the harmonious fusion of European architecture and South Asian heritage from the 16th to 19th centuries. Stroll along the fortress walls at a leisurely pace, with your private guide highlighting treasures such as the **Maritime Museum**, the **Old Dutch Reformed Church**, the Sun and Moon bastions, and the iconic lighthouse. Discover boutique shops and artisanal galleries tucked along cobblestone streets, before concluding your day atop the ramparts with a refreshing cup of Ceylon tea—or a fine spirit—while watching the sun set over the Indian Ocean, an experience steeped in serenity and timeless sophistication.

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

Breakfast



GALLE

Day 8 Galle

Enjoy breakfast at the resort.

Relax at the resort and spend the day at leisure.

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

Breakfast


GALLE

Day 9 Galle Ahungalla

Embark on a journey from breakfast at the hotel to the coastal town of **Ahungalla**, approximately 1.5 hours away. Explore the **Sea Turtle Conservation and Research Center**, contributing to the preservation of these magnificent creatures. Continue the day with a memorable **Madu River Safari**, discovering the natural wonders of the region. Check into the architecturally significant Heritance Ahungalla, designed by Geoffrey Bawa, and unwind with an evening of leisure at the hotel.

Overnight stay in Ahungalla at **Heritance Ahungalla** in a Superior Room.

Breakfast


TURTLE HATCHERY

Day 10 Ahungalla Lunuganga Ahungalla

Commence your day with a delightful breakfast at the hotel, followed by a short journey to **Lunuganga**, approximately 30 minutes away. Explore the enchanting **Lunuganga Garden Estate**, a testament to the visionary work of renowned architect Geoffrey Bawa. The estate, initially a neglected rubber plantation, has been transformed into a captivating landscape with meticulous attention to detail. After the excursion, return to the hotel and relish the evening at leisure.

Overnight stay in Ahungalla at **Heritance Ahungalla** in a Superior Room.

Breakfast

Day 11 Ahungalla

Enjoy breakfast at the resort.

Relax at the resort and spend the day at leisure.

Overnight stay in Ahungalla at **Heritance Ahungalla** in a Superior Room.

Breakfast

Day 12 Ahungalla Colombo

Embark on your day with a hearty breakfast at the hotel before heading to Colombo. Immerse yourself in a tour of the **Geoffrey Bawa House** in Colombo, lasting approximately 2 hours. The house showcases the architectural brilliance of Geoffrey Bawa, a pioneer in Sri Lankan architecture. Later, check in at Uga Residence, a colonial city hotel, and unwind in the evening at your leisure, experiencing the charm of Colombo's colonial ambiance and modern vibrancy.

Overnight stay in Colombo at **De Saram House by Geoffrey Bawa** in a Deluxe Queen.

Breakfast



GEOFFREY BAWA HOUSE

Day 13 Colombo

Enjoy breakfast at the resort.

Embark on a **Colombo City and Shopping Tour**, exploring landmarks like the iconic **Gangaramaya Temple**, a significant Buddhist site known for its diverse architectural influences. The temple is not just a place of worship but also a cultural and educational center, featuring intricate carvings and a sacred Bodhi tree. After the tour, return to the hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure. Explore the rich cultural and architectural heritage of Colombo while indulging in some shopping.

Overnight stay in Colombo at **De Saram House by Geoffrey Bawa** in a Deluxe Queen.

Breakfast



GANGARAMAYA TEMPLE

Day 14 Colombo Airport

Enjoy breakfast at the resort.

You will then be transferred at the airport for departure.

Breakfast

ACCOMMODATION

Uga Riva

Negombo

This 180-year-old manor seamlessly combines historic charm with modern luxuries, promising a unique and lavish experience. Indulge in inventive fusion cuisine and authentic Sri Lankan delicacies crafted from top-notch local ingredients. Its nearness to Colombo's Bandaranaike International Airport makes it a convenient and opulent first or last destination for your Sri Lankan trip. Set amidst a serene five-acre coconut palm estate, Riva offers a secluded and peaceful environment, perfect for unwinding and relaxation.



Heritance Kandalama

Sigiriya

Perched with a commanding view of the eighth wonder of the world, the rock fortress of Sigiriya, Heritance 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.



Taru Villas Kandy

Kandy

Taru Villas Kandy is a charming boutique retreat set within a beautifully restored ancestral manor originally built by Sir J. Cuda Ratwatte. Blending historic character with contemporary comforts, the property is surrounded by lush gardens and offers a peaceful escape in Sri Lanka's cultural capital. With its intimate atmosphere and rich heritage, it provides an ideal base for exploring Kandy's sacred temples, cultural traditions and scenic surroundings while enjoying a relaxed and refined stay. *Image Credit: Taru Villas Kandy*



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.



Heritance Ahungalla

Ahungalla

Located on the South Coast of Sri Lanka, Heritance Ahungalla is a five-star resort that presents expansive and tastefully furnished rooms, suites, and villas, all featuring breathtaking views of the ocean and the Indian Ocean. Providing an unparalleled coastal experience in Sri Lanka, the hotel exudes a warm and inviting atmosphere with its generously spacious interiors adorned in shades of sepia and pearly white. The interior color palette harmoniously complements the magnificent balcony views, where the vast blue expanse stretches out into the distance. Your exceptional escape awaits, inviting you to indulge in the luxurious offerings of this splendid resort.



De Saram House by Geoffrey Bawa

Originally designed by renowned Sri Lankan architect Geoffrey Bawa, De Saram House is an intimate heritage retreat in Colombo that showcases his distinctive approach to tropical architecture. Surrounded by tranquil gardens, the property blends timeless design with modern comforts, offering a peaceful and character-filled base within easy reach of the city's cultural attractions, shopping precincts and dining scene. *Image Credit: De Saram House by Geoffrey Bawa*



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE	LOCAL CURRENCY
Sinhala and Tamil	Sri Lanka Rupee (Rs)

FROM price reflects the lowest available price within the advertised travel period (e.g. April to October). Pricing varies depending on travel dates, availability and demand, and may not be available on all departures. Higher pricing applies during peak and shoulder periods. Final pricing is confirmed at the time of enquiry or booking. Please refer to **Pricing & Price Conditions** for full details, including inclusions, exclusions and other conditions.