

Backpacking Tour



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Day 1: Airport - Colombo

Welcome to Sri Lanka! You will be met by our own Birdwing Holiday representative who will be holding a board with your name and waiting for you in the arrival hall after you pass the baggage claims and customs. Gentle way to get your bearings when arriving in Sri Lanka.

Day 02: - Negombo - Sigiriya

After enjoying a hearty breakfast, you'll leave behind the coastal town of Negombo and head into the heart of Sri Lanka's stunning countryside. On the way to Dambulla, take a break to visit the hidden gem of Elephant Rock, where you can soak in the breathtaking views from this lesser-known lookout point.

Once you've checked in at your hotel, the adventure continues with an evening visit to the Dambulla Cave Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Known as the Golden Temple of Dambulla, this ancient cave complex is adorned with vibrant murals and statues. Archaeological remains found here date back to the 1st century BCE, making it one of the oldest and most remarkable cultural treasures in Sri Lanka.

Day 03: - Sigiriya Rock

Sigiriya Rock, often referred to as Lion Rock, is one of Sri Lanka's most iconic landmarks. Perched atop this towering 200-meter-high rock was once a magnificent palace and fortress, offering both protection and luxury in ancient times. Today, visitors climb the winding stairs to the summit, taking in breathtaking views while uncovering the rich history of this UNESCO World Heritage Site.

For an equally stunning experience, head over to Pidurangala Rock, located just beside Sigiriya. A short, 25-minute hike to its summit reveals spectacular views, particularly at sunset, making it the perfect spot for capturing unforgettable photos.



Day 04: - Sigiriya village tour

We've a one-of-a-kind experience for you in the charming village of Sigiriya. Wander through the serene rural landscapes, where you'll explore traditional rice paddies, vegetable farms, and the cultivation of native crops like yams. You'll also get a glimpse of local poultry farming and daily agricultural life. After your village walk, indulge in a

hearty meal featuring authentic Sri Lankan curry, paired with rice and freshly made roti. By the end of your visit, you'll have felt the warmth of true Sri Lankan hospitality, leaving with lasting memories of the genuine smiles and welcoming spirit of the locals.



Day 05: - Sigiriya -Kandy

After breakfast, set off for Kandy, where you'll have the chance to catch the sunrise over the serene Kandy Lake. The rest of the day is yours to unwind and enjoy at your own pace. Kandy, a bustling city full of life, offers a vibrant mix of bars, clubs, and a wide variety of restaurants waiting to be explored.

Accommodation: Overnight stay at the hotel

Transport: Public transport

Meals: Breakfast and dinner provided



Day 06: - Kandy -Ella

Start your day with one of the most breathtaking experiences Sri Lanka has to offer – the famous train journey to Ella. As the train winds its way through lush green hills, misty mountains, and picturesque villages, you'll get to witness some of the island's most stunning landscapes. This scenic ride is a must for every traveler, offering postcard-perfect views that will leave you mesmerized.

Afternoon: Trekking Adventure to Little Adam's Peak

After arriving in Ella and settling in, the afternoon is perfect for a hike! Embark on a trek to Little Adam's Peak, one of the most scenic hiking trails in the region. As you wander

through the rolling tea plantations, you'll feel surrounded by Sri Lanka's natural beauty. The hike is moderate, and once you reach the summit, you'll be rewarded with an incredible 360-degree panorama of verdant valleys, distant hills, and cloud-kissed mountains – a view that looks like it's been plucked straight from a postcard.

Tea Experience with a Local Guide

Following your hike, your local guide will take you on a fascinating journey into the world of tea. From the tiny seedlings to the cup you sip, you'll learn all about the intricate process of tea production. As you walk through the plantations, you'll discover the hard work and tradition behind Sri Lanka's famous tea industry.



Evening: Exploring Ella

Take some time to explore the charming mountain town of Ella at your own pace. Known for its laid-back vibe, cozy cafés, and scenic surroundings, Ella is the perfect place to unwind after a day of trekking and learning.

Accommodation: Overnight stay at a cozy hotel in Ella.

Transport: Public transport.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner provided

Day 07: - Ella

Get ready for a flavorful journey with a Sri Lankan cooking class that promises to be an unforgettable experience! We'll head to a local family's home, nestled in the breathtaking mountains surrounding Ella, where you'll learn the art of Sri Lankan cuisine firsthand. The kitchen is set against a backdrop of stunning views, perfect for soaking in the beauty of the landscape while preparing an authentic feast.

After enjoying the delicious lunch you helped create, we'll take a short walk to the famous 9-Arch Bridge, one of the most iconic viewpoints in Sri Lanka. By now, you'll surely agree that this country offers spectacular scenery at every turn.

Accommodation: Overnight at the hotel

Transport: Public transport

Meals: Breakfast & dinner



Day 08: - Ella -Udawalawa

Diyaluma Falls, standing at an impressive 220 meters (720 feet), is Sri Lanka's second-highest waterfall and a breathtaking stop on the way from Ella to Udawalawe National Park. The trek to the top offers panoramic views and leads to natural pools that are perfect for a refreshing dip. For the adventurous, there's also the chance to cliff jump into some of these scattered pools. After enjoying the beauty of Diyaluma, it's time to head to Udawalawe National Park for an unforgettable night amidst nature.

Accommodation: Overnight at a hotel or camp

Transport: Public transportation

Meals: Breakfast & dinner included



Day 09: - Udawalawe-Hiriketiya

Rise early for an exciting start to your morning as you embark on a thrilling safari through Udawalawe National Park in specially designed jeeps. This experience will likely be one of the highlights of your Sri Lankan adventure. A knowledgeable park guide will accompany each jeep, sharing fascinating details about the park's wildlife, history, and offering expert insight into the behaviors and habitats of the majestic elephant herds that roam freely here. Along the way, keep your eyes peeled for not only elephants but also crocodiles, toque macaques, water buffalo, Sambar deer, a variety of bird species, and much more.

Following your unforgettable wildlife experience, we'll continue our journey to the southern coast, heading to Hiriketiya Beach. Known for its stunning coastline, coral reefs, and laid-back vibe, Hiriketiya is a favorite destination for beach lovers and surfers alike.

Accommodation: Overnight at the hotel

Transport: Public transport

Meals: Breakfast and dinner included



Day 10: - Hirikatiya

Nestled along Sri Lanka's southern coastline, Hiriketiya Beach is a captivating hidden gem waiting to be explored. This picturesque crescent-shaped bay boasts calm waters, making it the perfect spot for beginner surfers to ride their first waves, while more seasoned surfers can find thrilling challenges in the surf. But surfing isn't the only attraction here! Visitors can indulge in snorkeling, bask in the sun on the sandy shores, or savor fresh seafood at the charming beachside restaurants that line the coast.

Accommodation: Overnight stay at the hotel

Transport: Public Transport

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Day 11: - Hirikatiya - Weligama

Weligama Beach is the perfect spot for a surfing lesson, featuring gentle sandy bottoms, manageable swells, and stunning scenery. Just a quick trip up the coast, you'll spend your afternoon mastering the art of getting on that surfboard! With small group sizes, these lessons cater specifically to beginners, ensuring a comfortable and supportive learning environment. Once you've honed your skills in the waves, head over to the iconic Coconut Hill to witness a breathtaking sunset over Mirissa Beach. The sunsets in Sri Lanka are always a spectacular sight!

Accommodation: Overnight stay at the hotel

Transport: Public Transport

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner



Day 12: - Weligama - Unawatuna - Weligama

Start your day with an exhilarating morning cycle tour that unveils why Unawatuna is considered one of Sri Lanka's best-kept secrets for adventure seekers! Join our knowledgeable local guides as they lead you through winding paths amidst breathtaking tea plantations and along the dramatic coastline. Along the way, you'll have the opportunity to engage with the locals and learn about their vibrant way of life—there's truly no better way to immerse yourself in the culture. After the ride, unwind at your hotel's refreshing pool or secure a cozy beach cabana on Unawatuna Beach, where the soft sand and gentle waves beckon you to relax. Don't miss out on indulging in the local seafood; it's absolutely divine! As the sun begins to set, you have the option to witness another stunning sunset over Unawatuna. Alternatively, feel free to explore the area at

your own pace and enjoy the rest of your day however you please. After all, you're on holiday, make the most of it!

Accommodation: Overnight stay at the hotel

Transport: Public Transport & By Cycle

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner



Day 13: Weligama -Galle

Galle, a vibrant port town with a history that traces back to 125–150 AD, has long been a hub for trade, where local Sinhalese merchants exchanged goods with Ancient Greeks. Nestled in the Bay of Galle along Sri Lanka's southwest coast, Galle Fort was initially constructed by the Portuguese in 1588. The fort underwent significant fortification in the 17th century when the Dutch seized control of the area. Today, Sri Lanka has made considerable investments to preserve the authenticity of the original structures and

fortifications. Visitors can explore this historic site and admire the iconic lighthouse that stands as a testament to the area's rich maritime heritage.

Accommodation: Overnight stay at the hotel

Transport: Public Transport

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner



Day 14: Galle – Negombo

Start your day by soaking up the morning sun on the beach – it's your final day to unwind by the shore. Before you make your way to Negombo, take a moment to visit the Honganji Vihara Tsunami Monument and the Tsunami Photo Museum. Here, you'll gain insight into the profound impact of the 2004 tsunami, which continues to affect local communities across the country as they work toward recovery. Your entry ticket to the museum not only grants you access to poignant exhibits but also contributes to the efforts of local volunteers dedicated to rebuilding their community.

After this meaningful stop, it's off to Negombo for a farewell feast (included in your tour package) and a chance to share one last evening with your travel companions. Enjoy a memorable meal and reflect on the incredible experiences you've shared together!

Accommodation: Overnight stay at the hotel

Transport: Public Transport

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Day 15: Negombo-Airport

As your incredible 15-day journey through Sri Lanka comes to an end, gather for a final breakfast together, sharing laughs and memories before bidding farewell to new friends and saying your "until-next-times." Enjoy this last meal as a celebration of the adventures you've experienced. After breakfast, your airport transfer will be arranged, ensuring a smooth departure for your flight home or for those continuing their travels. You've explored breathtaking landscapes, rich culture, and warm hospitality during your time here. If all goes as planned, the beauty of this remarkable country and the people you've met will remain etched in your heart for a lifetime. Safe travel, and may your adventures continue!



Price excludes:

- Lunches
- Visas (required to apply before the arrival date)
- Insurance (Travel)
- Optional tours and activities
- Flights
- Airport taxes
- Early check-in & late check out
- Camera & Video permits at Cultural sights
- All expenses of personal nature
- Meals not stated in the itinerary
- Tipping for guide, driver, helper

Reservation, Cancellation Policy & Notes:

- All reservations subject to availability at the time of booking
- Quote is subject to availability of rooms, tax increases, price fluctuations and any peak season supplements.
- The cost is based on a cash basis. For any other method of settlement, whether it be cheques, drafts, credit cards or debit cards we will entail a service charge.
- For cancellations within 45 days before the date of arrival 100% of the holiday program will be charged
- The standard check in time in Sri Lanka is 14:00 hours and standard check out time is 11:00 hours.
- All drive times are approximate and are subject to change.

