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# **Sri Lanka & Maldives**

## **First Class Escorted Tour**

# **14 days from \$3799**

Per person twin share, including flights from Australia



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This tour is the perfect discovery of Sri Lanka - visit Colombo, Kandy, Galle and more. Uncover the Golden Buddha at the Rock Cave Temple of Dambulla; explore Sri Lanka's famous tea plantations on the hillside of Nuwara Eliya; discover Kandy, the spiritual heart of Sri Lanka; and travel to Sigiriya, home of the ancient rock fortress. Then, fall into relaxation mode as you spend a leisurely three nights at the four-star Adaaran Club Rannalhi in the Maldives. Enjoy an all-inclusive drinks package, and three meals daily. Lose yourself in a good book, between swimming with an abundance of marine-life and exploring everything the island has to offer.

## *HIGHLIGHTS*

- Discover the highlights of exotic Sri Lanka on tour
- Enjoy a day at leisure in Negombo
- Travel to Sigiriya, home of the ancient rock fortress
- Enjoy a day at leisure in the Habarana/Sigiriya area
- Discover magnificent Dambulla Rock Cave Temple
- Explore the hillside tea plantations of Nuwara Eliya
- Delve into Sri Lanka's rich tea heritage at a Ceylon tea factory
- Spend the night in spiritual Kandy, home of the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic
- Enjoy free time and a guided tour in the Dutch colonial city of Galle
- Visit Galle Fort, also known as the 'Dutch Fort'
- Enjoy 4 nights relaxing in an idyllic, all-inclusive resort in the Maldives

## **DEPARTS THURSDAYS:**

2020 - 02, 16, 30 May, 13 June, 25 July, 08, 22 August, 05 September

## **PACKAGE INCLUSIONS:**

- Return economy airfares from Melbourne to Colombo and Male.
- Extra \$250 from Brisbane, Sydney, Adelaide, Canberra, Hobart and extra \$350 from Perth.

## **TOUR INCLUSIONS (SRI LANKA)**

### *ACCOMMODATION*

- 8 nights quality hotel accommodation on tour in Sri Lanka

### *DINING*

- Breakfast throughout the tour in Sri Lanka

### *TOUR ESSENTIALS*

- English-speaking Chauffer Guide or Tour guide (Day 2-9)

### *TRANSPORT*

- Transportation by private A/C vehicles

## *TRANSFERS*

- Return airport transfers with meet and assist in Sri Lanka

## **TOUR INCLUSIONS (MALDIVES)**

### *ACCOMMODATION*

- 4 nights in a Standard Room at Adaaran Club Rannalhi Maldives
- Or
- 4 nights in a Classic Room at Fihalohi Island Maldives

### *DINING*

- Enjoy 19 meals including 3 meals a day in the Maldives
- All-inclusive alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks package in the Maldives **FULL BOARD.**
- Snacks and refreshments served throughout the day in the Maldives

## *TRANSFERS*

- Return airport speedboat transfers in the Maldives

# **TOUR ITINERARY**

### *Day 1 Australia - Negombo (Colombo), Sri Lanka*

Depart from \*Sydney, Melbourne, \*Brisbane or \*Adelaide for Negombo (Colombo), Sri Lanka flying with Sri Lankan Airlines plus any codeshare partners. Upon arrival you will be met by a tour representative and transferred to the hotel.

Please note: customers departing from \*Sydney, \*Brisbane or \*Adelaide will fly via Melbourne.

**Overnight: Arie Lagoon resort (4\*), Negombo or similar**

**Meals included: In-Flight**



### *Day 2 Negombo Free Day*

Today is yours to enjoy at leisure as you adjust to your new time zone and surroundings. In the afternoon join a city tour of Negombo.

#### ***Negombo City Tour ( free )***

Meet your guide in the afternoon, who will introduce you to some of Negombo's curious sites. See the Dutch churches and enjoy a boat ride along the canals. In the late 17th century the Dutch built a network of canals, over 100km in length, that was used to transport cinnamon and other spices from inland plantations to the coast. After the city tour, return to the hotel and enjoy the evening at leisure.

**Overnight: Arie Lagoon resort(4\*), Negombo or similar**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

### *Day 3 Negombo - Habarana (approx. 140km day)*

Following breakfast, enjoy time at leisure. In the afternoon depart for Habarana. Upon arrival check into the hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure, or alternatively join an optional tour to visit the iconic Sigiriya Rock Fortress (not included).

#### ***Optional Activity: Sigiriya Rock Fortress – USD 30 per person***

In the afternoon visit Sigiriya Rock Fortress. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Sigiriya is the fifth century rock citadel of King Kasyapa. Step through the gigantic 'Lion Paws', set overlooking the symmetrical royal gardens, to comprehend the splendour that once dominated this rock fortress. Surrounded by ramparts and moats, the Lion Rock is coated by frescoes that relate to Gupta style paintings found in the Ajanta caves of India. Wander into the museum downstairs for an insight into how the citadel floated above citizens, and learn about the advanced ponds and

irrigation that pumped water right onto its summit through an ingenious hydraulic system.

**Overnight: Cinnamon Lodge(5\*), Habarana or similar**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### *Day 4 Habarana Free Day*

Today enjoy the day at leisure, or join one or both of the following optional tours:

#### **Optional Activity: Morning Polonnaruwa City Tour by Tuk Tuk – USD 30 per person**

Rising with the decline of Anuradhapura, the city of Polonnaruwa - medieval capital and crown jewel of King Parakramabahu I - remains superior proof of ancient culture and heritage blended with religious beliefs. Walk among the scattered walls of this World Heritage Site, dotted with stupas, resting Buddha statues, irrigation canals and fantastically carved Hindu sculptures – while observing the relic house - Watadage - which boasts impressive stone carvings. Look closely and you will notice a subtle Hindu influence to the architecture and statues found in Polonnaruwa.

#### **Optional Activity: Half Day Jeep safari in Minneriya National Park – USD 30 per person ( Min 6 pax)**

Experience an afternoon safari at Minneriya National Park. If you're up for a serious rumble in the jungle, then Minneriya is the place to go! Spread over 8800 hectares, it's a sanctuary for elephants and home to herds of deer and ample birdlife, but its spotlight remains between swaying trunks and flapping ears. Park your jeep on the bank of the reservoir and switch off its engine. Have the opportunity to see herds of elephants - one by one - roll onto the grass-covered banks, to feed on tender shoots. In fact, this is the largest elephant gathering in the world (over 300 at a time) – it's an absolute must-do for wildlife enthusiasts.

**Overnight: Cinnamon Lodge(5\*), Habarana or similar**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### *Day 5 Habarana - Dambulla - Kandy (approx. 90km day)*

After breakfast travel to Dambulla and stop at the Dambulla Rock Cave Temple, which has been treasured by many kings since the first century B.C. An icon of Sri Lanka, Dambulla Rock Cave Temple features five magnificently constructed cave temples flanking the golden temple of Dambulla. Observe the exquisite cave paintings along walls that shelter 150 statues of Lord Buddha. As you enter the retreat, be sure to cast your eyes up to the gigantic Buddha statue glittering in gold, which today

houses an important junction in the country's economic and cultural uplifting.

On completion of the tour leave for Kandy. Upon arrival, check into the hotel. Afterwards, embark on a guided city tour of Kandy. Kandy was the last royal capital of Sri Lankan kings – a centre of culture, history and heritage. Experience the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic of Lord Buddha. A stroll across this small lakeside town cradled among the misty hills will take in the Kandy city centre as well as a bazaar, an arts and crafts centre and a gem and lapidary museum. Next, fine tune your evening by stepping to the beat of traditional music and drumming, amplified by a cultural show enhancing the rich and vibrant culture of the Wonder of Asia, Sri Lanka. Afterwards, you will be transferred to the hotel.

**Overnight: Grand Kandyan (5\*), Kandy or similar**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### *Day 6 Kandy - Nuwara Eliya (approx. 91km day)*

After breakfast depart for Nuwara Eliya. In the afternoon commence a sight seeing tour of Nuwara Eliya. Sri Lanka, tea and tourism are words which cannot be separated. Take a tour to the cold & misty hills that take pride of an ultimate tea tour, covering lush green blankets of tea plantations. Or just step into a tea factory processing the prestigious brand of Ceylon Tea, to observe a rich tradition kept alive up to date. As you observe the hissing and swishing of machines, inhaling the heavenly scent arising from these facilities, make sure to end your day in style over a perfectly blended cup of pure Ceylon Tea.

**Overnight: Blackpool Hotel (4\*) – Nuwara Eliya or similar**

**Meals included: Breakfast**



### *Day 7 Nuwara Eliya – Galle - Ahungalla*

Following breakfast leave for the epic southern capital of Galle (approx. 6 hours), where classic Dutch architecture meets a laid-back tropical setting. Enjoy a tour of the famed Galle Dutch Fort. Stroll through the Dutch-influenced streets, listening to the creaks of wooden saloon doors, and observe how European architecture mingles with South Asian traditions.

Preserved for more than three centuries, the Galle Dutch Fortress still has its original ramparts and bastions. Beyond the old gate bearing the British coat of arms you will see the Zwart bastion, the lighthouse and the Point Utrecht Bastion. Venture into the Dutch Hospital Shopping Complex for a wide range of souvenirs. On completion of the tour be transferred to the hotel.

**Overnight: Heritage Ahungalla (5\*) – Ahungalla or similar**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

### *Day 8 Ahungalla Free Day*

After breakfast, enjoy the day at leisure to explore and enjoy the beach.

**Overnight: Heritage Ahungalla (5\*) – Ahungalla or similar**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

*Day 9 Ahungalla - Colombo, Sri Lanka - Male, Maldives*

Today after breakfast, check out of the hotel and transfer to the airport (approx. 2.5 hours) for your short flight to Male, Maldives. Upon arrival in Male, you will be met at the airport by a representative and transferred to the hotel by speedboat, where you will relax and unwind for the next four nights.

**Overnight: Adaaran Club Rannalhi, Maldives or Fihalohi Island , Maldives**

**Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner**

*Day 10 Adaaran Maldives Resort, Maldives*

Enjoy the next three days at leisure in this incredible resort. Relax in this tropical oasis, or perhaps try out one of the many activities available on the island (not included).

**Overnight: Adaaran Club Rannalhi, Maldives or Fihalohi Island**

**Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner**

*Day 11 Adaaran Maldives Resort, Maldives*

**Overnight: Adaaran Club Rannalhi, Maldives or Fihalohi Island**

**Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch;Dinner**

*Day 12 Adaaran Maldives Resort, Maldives*

**Overnight: Adaaran Club Rannalhi, Maldives or Fihalohi Island**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner**

*Day 13 Male, Maldives - Australia (via Colombo & Melbourne)*

Following breakfast, transfer to Male Airport in time for your return flight back to Australia.

**Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight**

*Day 14 Arrive in Australia*

Please note: Some flights may arrive +1 day later due to flight scheduling.

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- \$100 per person to process insurance claims when travel insurance has not been purchased from this

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Days' Notice	90 or more	75-90	65-75	65-1
	Loss of Deposit and 50% loss of fare	75%	85%	100%

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