

Earthbound Expeditions

Enchanting Sri-lanka Tour

10 days, from US$1,197 per person

Duration	Group size	Country
10 days	**No limit**	**Sri Lanka**

Enchanting Sri-lanka Tour Overview

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Traditional Sri Lankan food is spicy, so take care with curries. A wide range of vegetables, fruit, meat and seafood is available, and continental, Chinese, Indian and Japanese menus are available in Colombo and other tourist areas. The typical dish is a basic curry made with coconut milk, sliced onion, green chillies, spices such as cloves, nutmeg, cinnamon and saffron, and aromatic leaves.

Sri Lanka is one of the most scenic countries in the world and well worth visiting. It is known for its dense tropical jungle, tea gardens, elephant orphanage, beaches and a full calendar of colourful festivals.

Main attractions of the Sri Lanka tour

- The ancient town of Anuradhapura.
- Batticaloa and its singing fish.
- The rock temple at Dambulla.
- The historic port city of Galle.
- Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage.
- The sacred mountain of Adam's Peak.
- Hikkaduwa beach.
- The cultural city of Kandy.
- The wide sandy beaches on the west coast near Negombo, among many others.

Itinerary

Day 1

Arrive in Colombo

On arrival, you are met by our representative at the airport. • Check in to the hotel in Colombo.

Altitude: 5 m On foot: None, arrival day Night: Hotel, Colombo Meals: None

Day 2

Drive to Dambulla via Pinnawela

Travel to Dambulla with one of our experienced chauffeur guides and check in to the hotel. • On the way to Dambulla, visit Pinnawela.

Altitude: 170 m On foot: None, 4–5 hr drive Night: Hotel, Dambulla Meals: Breakfast

Day 3

Sigiriya Rock Fortress

Climb the Sigiriya Rock Fortress, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The climb takes 2 to 3 hours. • Continue to Habarana. • Return to the hotel in Dambulla.

Altitude: 170 m On foot: 2–3 hrs Night: Hotel, Dambulla Meals: Breakfast

Day 4

Drive from Dambulla to Kandy

Check out of the hotel in Dambulla. • Continue to Kandy. • On the way, visit the Dambulla Cave Temple and the spice garden in Matale. • Check in to the hotel in Kandy.

Altitude: 500 m On foot: Easy walking, 2–3 hrs Night: Hotel, Kandy Meals: Breakfast

Day 5

Kandy city tour

Continue to Kandy for a city tour.

Altitude: 500 m On foot: Easy walking, 2–3 hrs Night: Hotel, Kandy Meals: Breakfast

Day 6

Drive from Kandy to Nuwara Eliya

A chauffeur meets you in the hotel lobby and briefs you on the attractions of Nuwara Eliya. • Visit a tea factory. • Stop at Ramboda Falls. • Visit the Hanuman Temple. • Check in to a hotel in Nuwara Eliya.

Altitude: 1,868 m On foot: None, 3–4 hr drive Night: Hotel, Nuwara Eliya Meals: Breakfast

Day 7

Nuwara Eliya city tour

Continue to Nuwara Eliya for a city tour.

Altitude: 1,868 m On foot: Easy walking, 2–3 hrs Night: Hotel, Nuwara Eliya Meals: Breakfast

Day 8

Drive from Nuwara Eliya to Bentota

Continue to your resort in Bentota, a well-known beach destination on the south-west coast of Sri Lanka.

Altitude: 5 m On foot: None, 5–6 hr drive Night: Resort, Bentota Meals: Breakfast

Day 9

Bentota, Madu River and Galle Fort

Visit the Kosgoda Turtle Hatchery to see turtle conservation work. • Continue to the Madu River, a protected wildlife sanctuary. • Visit Galle Fort, an old Dutch fort and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. • Return to the hotel in Bentota.

Altitude: 5 m On foot: Easy walking, 2–3 hrs Night: Resort, Bentota Meals: Breakfast

Day 10

Drive from Bentota to Colombo

Depart for Colombo.

Altitude: 5 m On foot: None, departure day Night: No overnight Meals: Breakfast

What's included

- Meeting and assistance on arrival and departure.
- Accommodation on a bed and breakfast basis at the hotels listed, or hotels of a similar standard.
- Transport:
- 1 to 2 people: air-conditioned car with an English-speaking chauffeur.
- 3 to 6 people: air-conditioned minivan with an English-speaking chauffeur.
- 7 to 10 people: air-conditioned minibus with an English-speaking local guide.
- 11 to 15 people: air-conditioned medium coach with an English-speaking local guide.
- 16 to 20 people: air-conditioned coach with an English-speaking local guide.
- Entrance fees at all sites listed in the itinerary.
- Porter charges at the airport and at all hotels.
- Jeep hire at Yala National Park, where applicable.

Not included

- Lunches and dinners
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks at all hotels.
- Gratuities
- Personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls and tips.
- Christmas and New Year supplements at hotels.

Photos, videos and reviews of this trip: earthbound.rajansimkhada.com/enchanting-sri-lanka-tour-10-days