

Sri Lanka

HISTORY REVISTED TOUR



Embark on a whirlwind of adventure as you trace the storied history of Sri Lanka. Explore ancient capital cities, dive into treasured cave temples and learn the secrets of Sigiriya Rock Fortress, often named the Eighth Wonder of the World.

DAY 1



ARRIVE IN COLOMBO, TRAVEL TO NEGOMBO

45 MINUTES DRIVE

Welcome to Sri Lanka! Upon arrival at Colombo International Airport, connect with your dedicated My Holiday guide and drive just 45 minutes to your hotel in Negombo. Once a small fishing town, Negombo is now a modern tourist hotspot, located on the west coast of Sri Lanka. Head to Sea Street, where you'll find many seafood restaurants, serving delicious local dishes.

Accommodation: Suriya Resort

DAY 2



NEGOMBO TO ANURADHAPURA (B, D)

5 HOURS DRIVE

Today, travel five hours to Anuradhapura, the ancient capital of Sri Lanka. Here, you'll find the Anuradhapura Ruins, one of the most evocative sights in South Asia. This sprawling complex boasts a rich collection of archaeological and architectural wonders, including enormous dagoba brick stupas, ancient pools and crumbling temples, all built throughout Anuradhapura's rule over Sri Lanka.

Accommodation: Lake Forest Hotel

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DAY 3

ANURADHAPURA TO RITIGALA TO DAMBULLA (B, D)

2.5 HOURS DRIVE

En route to Dambulla, stop by Ritigala to explore the ruins of an ancient Buddhist monastery. These centuries-old ruins are said to contain proof that Sri Lankan monks once practised various forms of nature-based medicine. Hear of the legends that claim Ritigala as the only place on earth where certain powerful medicinal herbs are found, believed to have the power of granting long life and curing all human pain.

Accommodation: Amaya Lake

DAY 4

DAMBULLA TO POLONNARUWA TO SIGIRIYA TO DAMBULLA (B, D)

5 HOURS DRIVE

Get ready for a full day of exploration. First, head to Polonnaruwa, the second capital of ancient Sri Lanka. Here, check out the impressive and intricately designed Gal Vihara Temple Complex, which boasts three colossal granite statues of Buddha. Afterwards, visit Parakrama Samudra, a 2,500-hectare reservoir constructed under King Parakramabahu's reign in the 12th century. Later, travel to Sigiriya Rock Fortress, often referred to as the Eighth Wonder of the World.

Accommodation: Amaya Lake

DAY 5

DAMBULLA TO KANDY (B, D)

4 HOURS DRIVE

As you travel towards Kandy, stop by the ancient and mysterious Nalanda Gedige. Located in the geographical centre of Sri Lanka, little is known about the origins of this stone temple. Upon arrival in Kandy, check out various intriguing temple complexes, including Gadaladeniya Temple, Embekka Temple and Lankatilaka Temple.

Accommodation: Amaya Hills

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DAY 6

KANDY (B, D)

2.5 HOURS DRIVE

This morning, visit the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic. Dating back to the 16th century, this UNESCO World Heritage Site consists of numerous buildings, each decorated with paintings and carvings depicting Buddha. As the name suggests, this temple complex houses the relic of the tooth of Buddha, which is carefully guarded by security night and day. Sri Lanka is famous for its Ceylon Tea, and today you'll also visit the country's first-ever tea plantation, the James Taylor Tea Estate.

Accommodation: Amaya Hills

DAY 7

KANDY TO COLOMBO

4 HOURS DRIVE

Drive four hours to Colombo, the largest city in Sri Lanka. From the initial Arab traders to the Portuguese, Dutch and British colonists who later occupied the city, Colombo is defined by its history and boasts a melting pot of international influences. Explore the city on a locally-guided tour, checking out attractions like Colombo Independence Square, Colombo National Museum and the Galle Face Green. Enjoy a final night in Sri Lanka at the Fairway Hotel.

Accommodation: Fairway Hotel

DAY 8

DEPART COLOMBO (B)

45 MINUTES DRIVE (TO AIRPORT)

Enjoy a final Sri Lankan breakfast before heading to Colombo International Airport to catch your flight to the Maldives.

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