

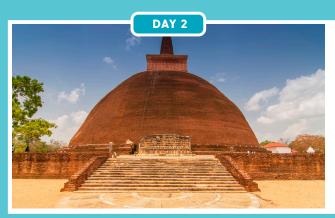


## ARRIVE IN COLOMBO, TRAVEL TO NEGOMBO

#### **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



## **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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# 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



# 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.

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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



# **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



# **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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