Sri Lanka Sunseeker's Paradise

A mix of culture,wildlife, beach relaxation, and serene moments on the island.

Sri Lanka is indeed a captivating destination with a diverse range of attractions packed into its relatively small area. Its wildlife parks offer thrilling safari experiences, where visitors can spot elephants, leopards, and a variety of bird species. The lush rainforests and tea plantations in the central highlands provide scenic landscapes and cool, misty climates. Additionally, the island boasts stunning beaches along its coastline, perfect for relaxation and water sports. With its rich cultural heritage, historic sites, and warm hospitality, Sri Lanka is a gem for travelers seeking a memorable holiday.

TOUR ROUTE

Jaffna
Rameshwaram
Trincomalee
Anuradhapura
Habarana
Pasikuda Beach
Batticaloa
Sri Lanka
Kurunegala
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Kandy
Ampara
Nuwara Eliya
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Yala National Park
Bundala National Park
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DETAILED ROUND TOUR PROPOSAL

DAY 01| ARRIVAL | KATUNAYAKE

Upon arrival at Colombo International Airport, your local tour guide will meet and greet you, assist with your luggage, and escort you to your vehicle for a comfortable transfer to Katunayake. Approx. 15minutes drive.

Proceed and check in to the hotel.

Overnight in Katunayake

DAY 02| NEGOMBO | GALLE

After breakfast proceed to Galle. Approx. 2 hours' drive.

During the journey, the guide will be happy to make a stop at your request for a warm cup of coffee or a light snack along the way.

Check in to the hotel and relax.

Evening walk in Dutch fort full of fancy shops, restaurants, cafes and boutiques.

Galle Fort is a historic fortress located in Galle, Sri Lanka. Built by the Portuguese in the 16th century and later fortified by the Dutch in the 17th century, it is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The fort features cobblestone streets, colonial-era buildings, charming cafes, and art galleries, offering a glimpse into Sri Lanka's colonial past. It is surrounded by the Indian Ocean and offers stunning views, making it a popular destination for both history enthusiasts and tourists seeking scenic beauty.

Dinner & overnight in Galle

DAY 03| GALLE | YALA

Enjoy a leisurely morning with a relaxed breakfast at the hotel, or immerse yourself in the local culture by visiting the vibrant fish market to witness Sri Lanka's fishing traditions. You can also explore the famous Galle vegetable and fruit markets, where fresh produce and local flavors abound.

- The Dutch Market in Galle is a vibrant cultural gem that offers an insightful glimpse into Sri Lanka's rich heritage. Located within the historic Galle Fort, this market beautifully combines tradition and history, featuring an array of local produce, handcrafted artisanal goods, and authentic Sri Lankan flavors. Whether you're a history buff or a traveler in search of genuine cultural experiences, the Dutch Market in Galle promises an unforgettable and immersive journey. This dates back to the 17th century during the Dutch colonial period when the Dutch East India Company established Galle as a key trading port. The market has served as a trade hub since then, reflecting the city's long-standing ties to global commerce. The surrounding architecture still showcases Dutch influences, with sturdy, high-roofed buildings reminiscent of a time when merchants from distant lands traded goods here.

- Fresh, delicious fish in Sri Lanka is entirely dependent on the daily catch, and one of the best ways to experience the island's authentic local life is by visiting the vibrant fish markets. Trawlers dock at the harbour, unloading their catch, which is immediately taken to the market for sale. On the eastern edge of Galle, a bustling local fish market along the docks offers a front-row view of this dynamic process. Every morning, the market receives the freshest **maalu** (fish in Sinhala) straight from the Indian Ocean. Watch in awe as locals crowd the stalls, haggling over the day's catch as glistening fish are unloaded right in front of you. This lively, early-morning scene provides a fascinating insight into the heart of Sri Lanka's daily rhythms, offering a true taste of local life and commerce.

Proceed to Yala at your own pace. Approx. 2 hours' drive. Enjoy your afternoon (02-230pm) safari at the Yala NP.

Yala National Park, located in the southeast of Sri Lanka, is one of the country's most famous wildlife reserves. Known for its diverse ecosystems, including forests, wetlands, and grasslands, it is home to a rich variety of wildlife, including elephants, leopards, crocodiles, and numerous bird species. Yala is particularly renowned for its high leopard density, making it one of the best places in the world to spot these elusive big cats. The park offers thrilling safari experiences, with stunning landscapes and abundant wildlife to discover.

Dinner & overnight in Yala

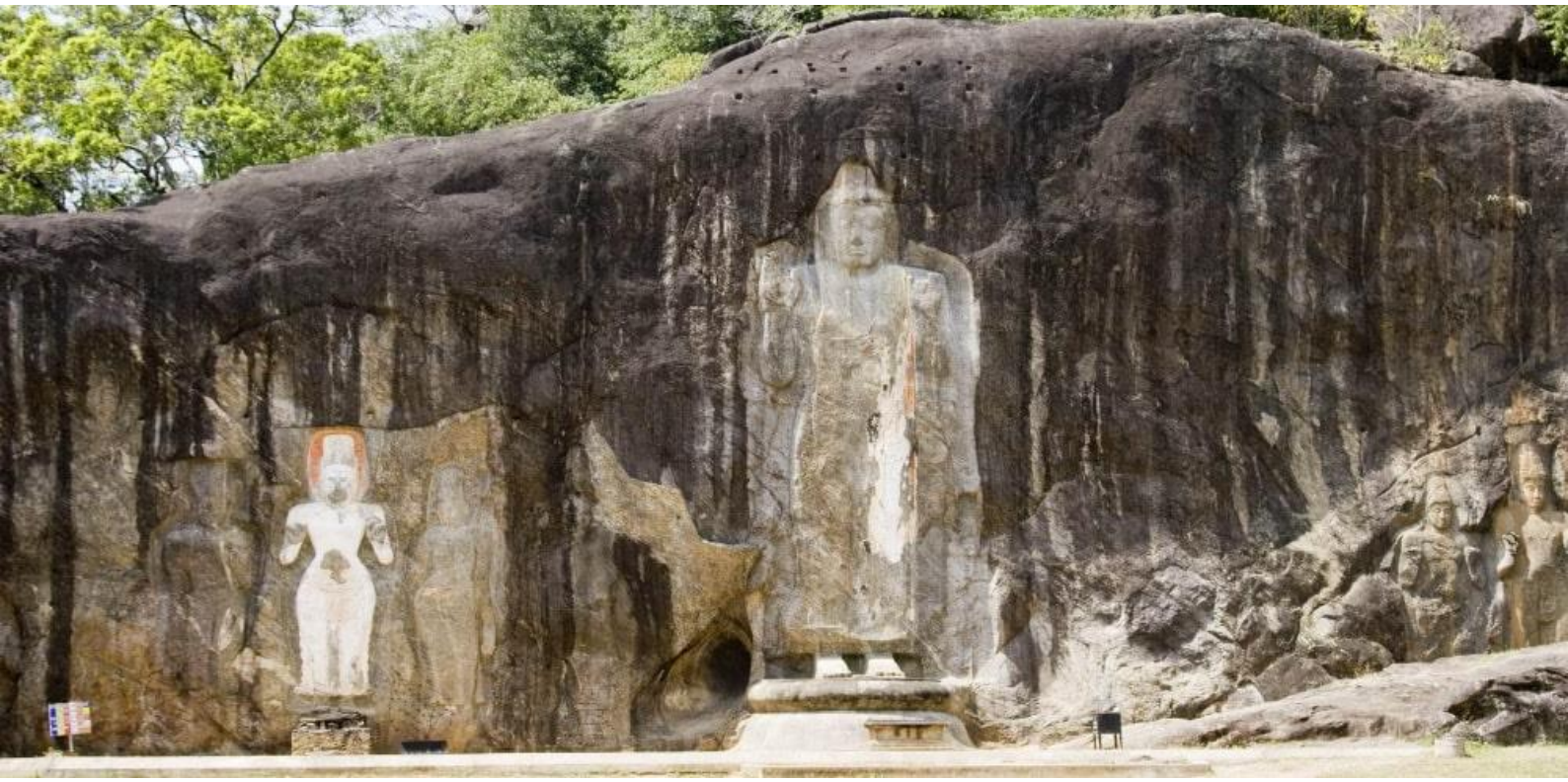
DAY 04| YALA | ELLA

Wake up at a relaxed pace and soak in the peaceful surroundings – you're nestled in the heart of the jungle. Enjoy a cup of coffee as you listen to the hum of nearby birds, and if you're lucky, you may catch a glimpse of wild boars or deer passing by.

Afterward, proceed to visit Buduruwagala Approx. 2 hours' drive

Buduruwagala is an ancient Buddhist rock temple located in the southern part of Sri Lanka, near the town of Wellawaya. The site is famous for its impressive rock carvings, particularly the 51-foot (15.5 meters) tall statue of Avalokiteshvara, the Bodhisattva of Compassion. This statue, carved into the rock face, is one of the largest of its kind in Sri Lanka.The complex dates back to the 10th century, during the reign of King Mahasena, and features several other smaller statues and carvings, including figures of Buddha, bodhisattvas, and a variety of religious icons. Buduruwagala is not only a spiritual site but also an architectural and artistic marvel, showcasing intricate stonework and ancient Sri Lankan artistry.Located amidst lush greenery, the site offers a serene atmosphere, making it a great spot for both history enthusiasts and nature lovers. It is less crowded compared to other tourist destinations, allowing for a more peaceful and reflective visit.

After admiring the awe-inspiring statues and the incredible structures and architecture, continue your journey to Ella, the charming and cozy town nestled in the hills. Approx. 1 hours' drive.



On the way, the guide will stop the car at the majestic Ravana Falls, giving you the opportunity to capture some photos and soak in the serene beauty of the waterfall.

Check in to your hotel and take in the mesmerizing views of the Ella mountains. Located just 5 minutes from Ella town, your hotel offers easy access to explore the vibrant atmosphere of the town, with its array of restaurants, cafes, pubs, lodges, and boutiques. Enjoy a leisurely stroll and soak up the good vibes of Ella.

Dinner & overnight in Ella

DAY 05| ELLA

In the morning, enjoy a light trek to Little Adam's Peak (your guide will accompany you if desired). The hike takes about 1 to 1.5 hours and offers stunning views of the surrounding mountains, valleys, and tea plantations. It's a perfect spot for panoramic views of Ella Rock and the lush landscape.

Afterward, take a short Tuk-Tuk ride to the iconic Nine Arches Bridge. Capture some photos and enjoy the breathtaking views. If you're lucky, you might even see a train crossing the bridge – your guide will check the schedule to ensure the best timing for your visit.

Visit the Monastery in the Clouds in Ella and learn about the teachings of Buddha from a monk. Mahamevnawa Buddhist Monastery stands as a haven of peace discover the serenity of The Mahamevnawa Buddhist Monastery in Bandarawela, near Ella. Immerse yourself in Buddhist teachings, meditation, and breathtaking views. Open daily

from 8 am to 9 pm. Home to over 30 Theravada Buddhist monks, this monastery offers not only spectacular views from its mountain perch but also profound spiritual teachings that welcome curious souls from all walks of life.

Proceed back to the hotel and enjoy your evening overlooking breath taking views.

Dinner & overnight in Ella

DAY 06 | ELLA | NUWARA ELIYA - NANU OYA | KANDY

Catch your train from Ella to Nanu Oya (09 am or 12pm) and embark on an unforgettable journey through Sri Lanka's picturesque landscapes. Hop aboard the charming, rattling train and settle in for a scenic ride that winds through lush tea plantations, mist-covered mountains, and tranquil valleys. As the train chugs along, you'll be treated to panoramic views of the stunning highlands, with the cool breeze and vibrant greenery enhancing the experience. This iconic train journey is a highlight for any traveler, offering a unique and leisurely way to take in the beauty of Sri Lanka's central hills. Approx. 3 hours' journey

The guide will pick you up from Nanu Oya railway station and drive to Kandy via Nuwara Eliya. Enjoy a brief city tour in Nuwara Eliya or stop for lunch at famous Grand Hotel. Approx. 2 hours' drive

Nuwara Eliya, often referred to as "Little England," is a charming hill station in Sri Lanka, nestled in the heart of the central highlands. Known for its cool climate, lush tea plantations, and colonial-era architecture, it offers a refreshing escape from the tropical heat. The town features picturesque landscapes, beautiful gardens, and serene lakes, making it a perfect destination for nature lovers and those seeking tranquility.

Enroute visit a tea plantation and a factory to learn the process of manufacturing Ceylon tea – You will bedoing this in a less touristic place for you to get the best experience.

Ceylon Tea is a world-renowned tea from Sri Lanka, known for its bold flavors and high quality. Grown in the island's diverse climates, it comes in three main varieties: **lowland**, **midland**, and **highland** teas, each offering distinct tastes. Ceylon Tea is celebrated for its bright, refreshing taste and is often enjoyed as black, green, or white tea. It plays a vital role in Sri Lanka's culture and economy and is widely exported globally.

Check in to the hotel and relax.

Dinner & overnight in Kandy

DAY 07 | KANDY | MATALE | SIGIRIYA

Morning city tour and temple visit in Kandy.

The Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic (Sri Dalada Maligawa) in Kandy, Sri Lanka, is a revered Buddhist temple housing the relic of the Buddha's tooth. Located within the royal palace complex of the former Kingdom of Kandy, the relic has historically symbolized the governance of the country. Kandy, the last capital of Sri Lankan kings, is a UNESCO World Heritage site, primarily due to this temple. Daily rituals are conducted by monks from the Malwatte and Asgiriya chapters, with a special ceremony on Wednesdays, where the relic is bathed in scented water and fragrant flowers, believed to have healing powers.

Morning proceed to Habarana via Matale. Stop in a spice garden in Matale to learn about Sri Lankan spices. Approx. 1.5 hours' drive

Matale, located in Sri Lanka's central province, is famous for its vibrant spice cultivation. The region produces high-quality spices like cinnamon, cloves, cardamom, pepper, turmeric, nutmeg, and vanilla. Known for its rich soil and favorable climate, Matale's spice gardens offer a unique opportunity to explore the cultivation and use of these aromatic and flavorful ingredients, essential to Sri Lankan cuisine.

Proceed to your hotel in Habarana, Approx. 1.5 hours' drive. Check in and take the afternoon to relax, as you'll need to rise early tomorrow to climb Sigiriya rock.

Dinner & overnight in Sigiriya

DAY 08 | SIGIRIYA

After breakfast proceed to climb Sigiriya rock fortress. Approx. 1.5 hours' drive

Sigiriya Rock Fortress, a 5th-century citadel built by King Kasyapa, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site that showcases the brilliance of ancient Sri Lankan engineering, urban planning, and art. As you step through the massive 'Lion Paws' and overlook the symmetrical royal gardens below, you'll be captivated by the splendor that once dominated this rock fortress. Surrounded by ramparts and moats, the Lion Rock, resembling the mythical 'City of Gods,' is adorned with exquisite frescoes reminiscent of the Gupta-style paintings found in India's Ajanta Caves. Walk along the iconic 'Mirror Wall' on the western face of Sigiriya, a 100-meter stretch filled with ancient graffiti, showcasing the rich artistic heritage of the site.

Return to the hotel to refresh yourself and enjoy your breakfast at the hotel. Afterward, proceed to Hiriwadunna to start your village walk experience.

Hiriwadunna village, a picturesque rural area in Habarana. The jeep ride offers a fantastic opportunity to enjoy the natural breeze and capture scenic photos of the attractions along the route.

Bullock Cart Ride: Your journey begins with a charming bullock cart ride along picturesque village paths to Hiriwadunna. Pulled by two strong bulls, this leisurely ride provides a unique glimpse into rural life and the serene countryside. The ride concludes near Hiriwadunna Lake, where you'll disembark the cart to embark on the next adventure. If the clients are not comfortable doing bullock cart ride, we can arrange them tractors.

Catamaran Boat Ride: From the lake's edge, you'll board a traditional catamaran for a scenic boat ride on Hiriwadunna Lake. As you glide across the water, enjoy breathtaking views of the Sigiriya and Pidurangala rocks in the distance. If you're keen, join the boatman in rowing and be treated to his impressive skills, which may include crafting a hat for gentlemen and a beautiful necklace for ladies. The boat ride ends with a dock at a quaint village on the opposite shore, offering a perfect conclusion to this memorable experience.

Village House Activities & Lunch: Experience the traditional daily life of a rural village by visiting a local house. Explore the nearby paddy fields and a garden where indigenous vegetables are cultivated. Climb up into a treehouse adjacent to the fields, which farmers use at night to protect their crops from animals.

Enjoy a simple, traditional meal prepared by a village woman using fresh vegetables hand-picked from the garden. If time allows, watch as she demonstrates how to cook a traditional meal or make roti.After your meal, witness a

fascinating presentation on traditional skills, including crafting a roof from coconut leaves and using a kulla and mirisgala to separate rice seeds from husks and straw.

On completion, proceed back to the hotel and relax.

Dinner & Overnight in Sigiriya

DAY 09 | SIGIRIYA | POLONNARUWA | PASIKUDAH OR TRINCOMALEE

Morning proceed to Polonnaruwa. Approx. 1.5 hours' drive

Polonnaruwa, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is one of Sri Lanka's ancient capitals, showcasing remarkable ruins from the 11th to 13th centuries. As the second capital of Sri Lanka, after the fall of Anuradhapura, it was developed under the reign of King Parakramabahu I and others, leaving behind a stunning array of historical and architectural landmarks.The ancient city features impressive ruins, including the Royal Palace, Gal Vihara (a rock temple with remarkable Buddha statues), and the Parakrama Samudra, a vast reservoir that highlights the advanced engineering of the time. Polonnaruwa is also home to the Vatadage and Lanka Thilaka, intricate temples with remarkable stone carvings and statues. The city's well-preserved ruins offer visitors a glimpse into Sri Lanka's medieval history and cultural heritage.

Afterward, proceed to Trincomalee or Pasikudah. Approx. 1.5 hours' drive

Dinner & Overnight in Pasikudah

DAY 10 & 11 | SIGIRIYA | POLONNARUWA | PASIKUDAH

Full day leisure at the hotel by the beach

Dinner & Overnight in Pasikudah

DAY 12 | PASIKUDAH | KATUNAYAKE

After breakfast proceed to Katunayake. Approx. 7 hours' drive

Check in to the hotel and relax before your flight.

Dinner & Overnight in Katunayake

DAY 13 | KATUNAYAKE | AIRPORT

After breakfast transfer to the airport to board on your departure flight. Approx. 15 minutes' drive