

SRI LANKA TOUR ITINERARY

LYN TAYLOR - 18 DAY GROUP TOUR 25 FEB 2020



Day 1 Airport – Colombo (Approx 40 km / 30 min)

25 Feb *Ayubowan* – may you be blessed with long life! With this lovely traditional welcome greeting the Travel Lanka Tour guide meets you on arrival in Sri Lanka at the International Airport which is located between the seaside town of Negombo and the capital Colombo. Our guide will then drive you to your accommodation in Colombo for a rest after your flights from Australia.

Overnight stay: Pegasus Reef Hotel or Similar

Meals:

Day 2 Colombo – Anuradhapura (Approx 180 km / 05 ½ Hours)

26 Feb Breakfast at hotel. Morning visit fishing village in Negombo. It is fascinating to see the processes and way of life that happens there on a daily basis. Leave for Anuradhapura enroute visit Yapahuwa Temple. Dinner and overnight stay at hotel.

Overnight stay: Avasta Resort & Spa or similar

Meals: B,D

Day 3 Anuradhapura

27 Feb After breakfast we will start our cycle tour of the ancient kingdom Anuradhapura, Sri Lanka's first capital dating back to 500 B.C. Being a listed UNESCO World Heritage site, we will visit amazing places such as Abayagiriya, The Ruwanveliseya Dagoba, Sri Maha Bodhi, Kuttam Pokuna and Isurumuniya. Dinner and overnight stay at hotel.

Overnight stay: Avasta Resort & Spa or similar

Meals: B,D

Day 4 Anuradhapura – Trincomalee - Nilaveli (Approx 110 km / 02 ½ Hours)

28 Feb

After early breakfast leave for Trincomalee, enroute visit Mihintale - the 'Cradle of Buddhism' in Sri Lanka identified as a great monastic city. Lunch at Trincomalee city. Sightseeing tour of Trincomalee with a visit to Fort Frederick, built in 1624 the fort remains formidable to this day. Drive into the fort and visit the famous Koneswaram temple, built atop 'Swamy Rock', a rocky promontory cape overlooking Trincomalee.

Check in at hotel.

Evening relax at beach

Overnight stay: Pigeon Island Resort or similar

Meals: B,D

Day 5 Nilaveli

1 Mar After breakfast a short boat ride off the beach to Pigeon Island, great for swimming and snorkeling. Return to hotel and relax at the beach.

Overnight stay: Pigeon Island Resort or similar

Meals: B,D

Day 6 Nilaveli – Dambulla - Sigiriya (Approx 120 km / 3 ½ Hours)

2 Mar After Breakfast leave for Dambulla. On the way visit the largest Hindu Temple in Sri Lanka. Visit the Dambulla Cave temples the largest and best-preserved cave temple complex in Sri Lanka, with murals and statues of the Buddha the largest number found in one place.

Overnight stay: Kassapa Lions Rock Hotel or similar

Meals: B,D

Day 7 Sigiriya

3 Mar Early morning, visit Sigiriya before the breakfast. Climb the Sigiriya Rock Fortress palace, a UNESCO World Heritage listed site. We climb to the summit to the site of the King's palace which commands a magnificent view of the royal water gardens, on par with the best of the ancient world.

Breakfast at hotel (09.30am), cooking class (11.30am) with the hotel chef, will teach you how to prepare authentic Sri Lankan dishes.

We head out to experience local village life where we will take a trip on an ox cart passing farmers making their way to the rice fields with mamotee on their shoulders. After this we cross the lake to visit a typical chena cultivation.

Overnight stay: Kassapa Lions Rock Hotel or similar

Meals: B,D

Day 8 Sigiriya – Kandy (Approx 100 km / 2 Hours)

4 Mar After breakfast leave for Kandy enroute stop at a spice garden near Matale and continue our journey to Kandy. A picture book location, embraced by lush green hills, a lake at the centre and the golden roofed Dalada Maligawa (temple of the sacred Tooth Relic of the Buddha) hallowed by the Buddhist world. Visit Dalada

Maligawa and Gem Museum.

Overnight stay: Hill Top Hotel or Similar

Meals: B,D

Day 9 Kandy – Nuwara Eliya (Approx 80 km / 4 Hours by Train)

5 Mar After breakfast, we visit Kandy city and visit the Royal Botanical Gardens. Mid morning board our train for a scenic journey to Nuwara Eliya. Nuwara Eliya 'Little England', a surprising cool climate in the heart of Sri Lanka's tea country producing a significant share of the world's best tea. Afternoon free to walk around Nuwara Eliya.

Overnight stay: Glenfall Reach Hotel or Similar

Meals: B,D

Day 10 Nuwara Eliya

6 Mar Early morning (5.30) leave for Horton Plains for trekking tour with packed breakfast. Back to hotel in the afternoon. Visit a Tea Estate and learn all about tea, a most magnificent drink. Learn how it is grown, plucked and refined plus the fine art of tea making and enjoy the cup of tea.

Overnight stay: Glenfall Reach Hotel or Similar

Meals: B,D

Day 11 Nuwara Eliya – Belihuloya (Approx 100 km / 2 ½ Hours)

7 Mar Morning visit to Victoria Park, established in 1897 for the Jubilee of Queen Victoria, followed by a Hindu temple. We leave for Belihuloya to visit Bambarakanda waterfall, the tallest waterfall in Sri Lanka. Belihuloya is a popular trekking destination, a transitional area between the high (hill) country and coastal lowlands. We embark on a 4 hour trekking and hiking trail through the jungles & paddy fields to Kinchigune. **Optional:** canoeing in Samanalawewa (Reservoir) and river bathing in the natural rock pool. Accommodation at night camping site with BBQ

Overnight stay: Kinchigune Campsite or similar

Meals: B,L,D

Day 12 Belihuloya – Ratnapura - Yala (Approx 250 km / 4 ½ Hours)

8 March Early morning nature walk (optional). Breakfast at hotel. Leave for Ratnapura - City of Gems. Visit a gem mine and if time permits a visit to the Gem Museum to see Sri Lanka's world famous blue sapphires and other precious gemstones. Continue journey to Yala.

Overnight stay: Chandrika hotel or similar

Meals: B,D

Day 13 Yala

9 Mar Breakfast at hotel and safari at Yala National Park. Morning safari at 6am - 10am and afternoon safari at 3pm - 6pm. Yala has a beautiful terrain and boasts of a growing leopard population,

herds of elephants and spotted deer, sambhur, bear and innumerable varieties of birds among them, peacock and the endemic jungle fowl, the National Bird of Sri Lanka.

Overnight stay: Chandrika hotel or similar Meals: B,D

Day 14 Yala – Galle (Approx 200 km / 3 ½ Hours)

10 Mar After breakfast leave for Galle. Visit 17th century Dutch fortified city with a natural harbor exuding old-world charm especially, inside the old Dutch fort – a UNESCO heritage site. Galle city tour and shopping.

Overnight stay: Lady Hill Hotel or similar Meals: B

Day 15 Galle – Bentota (Approx 65 km / 1 ½ Hours)

11 Mar Morning visit a Turtle Hatchery, where turtle eggs are collected, hatched, baby turtles nurtured, numbered and released to the sea. Tsunami museum and proceed to Bentota enroute visit Geoffrey Bawa's house Lunuganga villa. Check in at hotel.
Water sport activities are available such as jet-ski rides, wind surfing, kayaking, para-sailing and water skiing.

Overnight stay: Club Bentota Hotel or similar Meals: B,D

Day 16 Bentota

12 Mar Breakfast at hotel and enjoy a boat ride through mangrove forests to a cinnamon plantation at Madu river. Back to hotel free afternoon to relax, swim, massage.

Overnight stay: Club Bentota Hotel or similar Meals: B,D

Day 17 Bentota – Colombo – Negombo (Approx 120 km / 2 ½ Hours)

13 Mar Breakfast at hotel leave for Colombo. Drive through the city taking you to the commercial capital of Colombo, very cosmopolitan and it's stamped with Dutch and British influence. Enjoy a quick tour of Colombo and with last minute shopping at Petah bazaars and boutique souvenir shops. Proceed to Negombo.

Overnight stay: Pegasus reef hotel or similar Meals: B,D

Day 18 Negombo – Departure (Approx 10 km / 15 Min)

14 Mar Later checkout at 930 pm before Transfer from Negombo to airport through the airport express way for departure flight home with wonderful memories

Meals: B

**TOUR PRICE TWIN SHARE \$4250 LESS 10% DISCOUNT
IF BOOKED BY THE 30TH DECEMBER**

OUR SELECTED HOTELS:

Name of Hotel	Location	Category	Website
Pigeon Island Resort	Nilaveli	Deluxe	http://www.pigeonislandresort.com/
Heritage Hotel	Anradaphurna Deluxe		http://www.heritagehotel.lk/
Kassapa Lions rock	Sigiriya	Standard	http://www.kassapalionsrock.com/
Randholee Resort	Kandy	standard	www.randholeeresorts.com
Glenfall Reach Hotel	Nuwara Eliya	Deluxe	http://www.glenfallreachhotel.com/
Kinchigune Camp	Belihuloya	Camp Tent	http://www.srilankaecotourism.com/
Chandrika Hotel	Kataragama	Deluxe	http://www.chandrikahotel.com/
Lady Hill Hotel	Galle	Deluxe	http://www.ladyhillsl.com/
Marina Bentota	Bentota	Deluxe	http://marinabentota.lsrhotels.com
Pegasus Reef Hotel	Wattala	Deluxe	http://www.pegasusreefhotel.com/

Hotel check in 13.00 hrs

Hotel Check out 12.00 hrs except on last day when you have late check out at 930pm

Includes in the price:

- Accommodation for 17 nights.
- 17 night accommodation sharing twin & single, half board basis as per itinerary.
- Lunch on day 03, 06, 10, 12
- Day 13 - Galle stay breakfast only
- Entrance tickets as per the itinerary
 - ❖ Anuradhapura
 - ❖ Yapahuwa
 - ❖ Cycle tour
 - ❖ Pigeon Island
 - ❖ Mihintale
 - ❖ Snorkeling
 - ❖ Cooking demonstration
 - ❖ Sigiriya
 - ❖ Village tour
 - ❖ Temple of tooth relic
 - ❖ Train Tour
 - ❖ Botanical Garden
 - ❖ Horton plains
 - ❖ Victoria Park
- Air-conditioned car/van with an English speaking chauffeur guide throughout the tour.
- Late checkout on last day till 6 pm
- Government tax and service charges
- Entrance fees, jeep hire costs, trekker chargers etc at sites and locations as per itinerary

Complimentary

- 2 bottles of 500 ml drinking water each day per person

Excludes in the price:

- International airfares.
- Lunch & beverages.
- Water sports activities cost
- Personal travel and medical insurance
- Beach activities not mentioned.
- Tips for guide / driver / assistant
- Visa fees.

- ❖ Yala Safari
- ❖ Boat Safari
- ❖ Jeffry Bawa Museum
- ❖ Turtle hatchery

- Expenses of a personal nature.
- Video camera and still camera
- Permits at some locations
- Departure airport tax

- **.IMPORTANT**

- Any increase to the present VAT, tourism development levy, nation building tax or any other tax been imposed by any authority, such an increase / levy will be amended accordingly to reflect on the pricing.
- Above given cost subject to change until final confirmation.
- All hotels are subject to availability at time of your confirmation.