

GLAMOUR OF SRI LANKA

22 Days

Sri Lanka though a renowned leisure destination for its mesmeric hill country, exquisite beaches, and fascinating cultural attraction of ancient cities and shrines is not a destination that readily comes to mind for a golfing holiday. If you look up the Sri Lanka Map you will learn to your delightful surprise that you can easily fit in three fabulous golf courses of all Asia located at three elevations.

HIGHLIGHTS

- World Class - UNESCO World Heritage Sites.
- Last Kingdom - Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic & Kandyan Culture.
- On the Shores – Explore the Eastern Coast of Sri Lanka.

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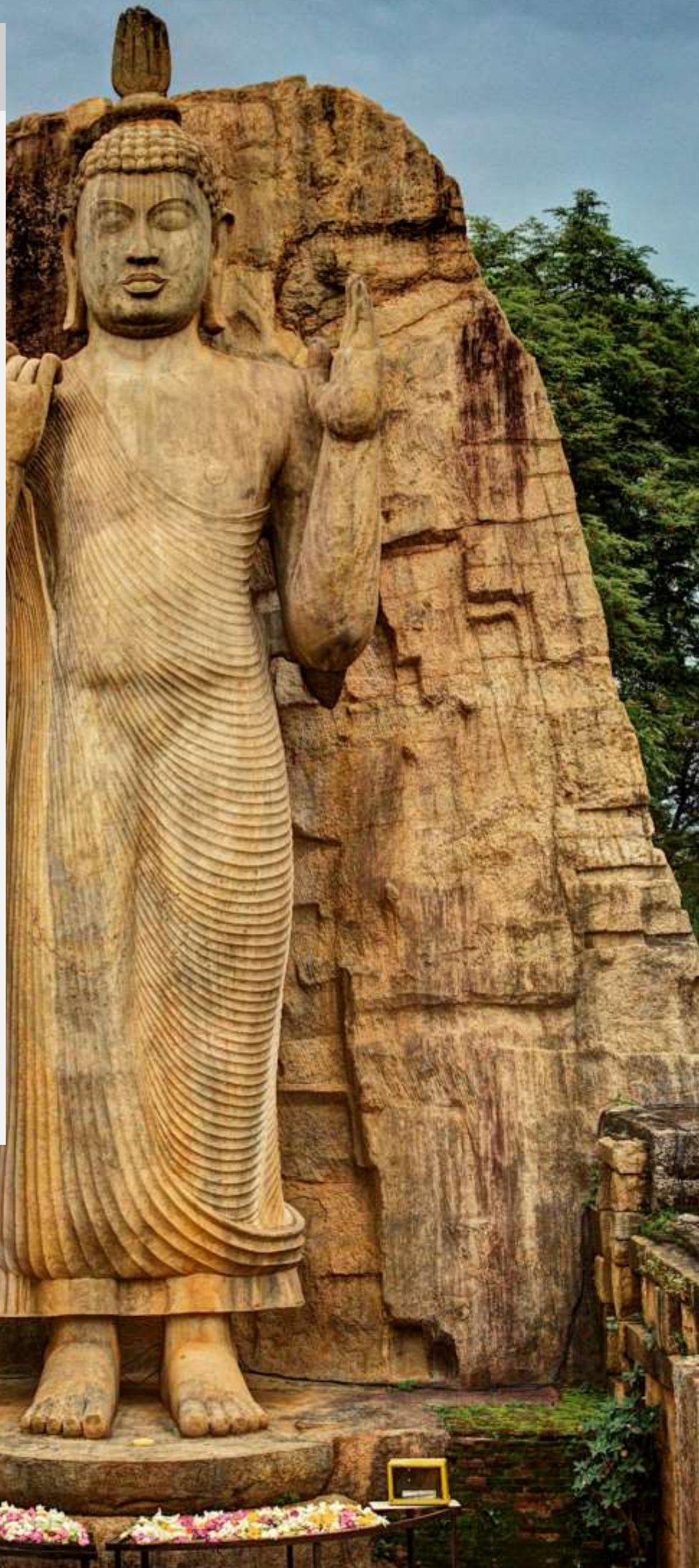
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Dinakshi Fernando is a Tour Coordinator with a flair for adventure. She propels at meeting her client's expectations and is always committed to ensuring that your journey across Sri Lanka will be a memory to look back upon no matter where you go. Her dedication, focus and determination are the traits that make her such a valuable asset to Lakpura.

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Sri Lanka the Wonder of Asia

It could be Kenya, it could be Fiji, and it could be Tibet, New Zealand or South Africa. The people, landscapes and wildlife are so diverse, you could be just about anywhere on earth. But there's something very different here. It hits you as soon as you step off the plane. You know, you're somewhere special and exotic. The ancient temples, the sweet scents of spices, the old-world charms and the warm tropical air tell you; you're on the teardrop island of Sri Lanka.

The one thing that can really stop you in your tracks in Sri Lanka, is how profoundly and how quickly the landscape and wildlife changes over a relatively short distance. One minute you're in hot, bustling village streets. The next, you're in the cool mountain region, surrounded by endless tea fields. You turn a corner and wild elephants are standing by the road side. Half an hour later, and you're at the bottom of a huge waterfall, sheltering from the heat with the local monkeys.

It's as if the trade winds have carried a few elements from every corner of the earth and deposited them all here, in this one little island. And that's not far from the truth. Sri Lanka's prominent position along ancient spice routes between Europe, Africa and Asia, means travelers have been stopping here and leaving a little something behind for thousands of years.

There are 8 world Heritage sites in Sri Lanka. The 3 ancient and magnificent cities of Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa and Sigiriya were inscribed in the UNESCO World Heritage list in 1982 followed by Galle, Kandy, and the Sinharaja Forest Reserve in 1988. The Golden Temple of Dambulla in 1991 and finally the Central highlands were added in 2010. These places of historical and natural significance are not to be missed for any visitor to Sri Lanka.

Being an ancient kingdom, Sri Lanka has preserved its most precious treasures, its culture and tradition. An integral part of this is its cuisine. Sri Lankan cuisine has many influences from varied destinations such as North and South India, Persia, Malaysia, Holland and Portugal. Rice, which is usually consumed daily, can be found at any special occasion, while spicy curries are a favorite dish for lunch



and dinner. Fish curry is a specialty. Having a history marked by four centuries of colonial rule, the country still manages to safeguard remnants from the past in their original grandeur. Some of the more renowned historic sites are the Galle Fort built originally by the Portuguese, Colombo Harbour and the ancient city of Polonnaruwa all confirm Sri Lanka's ancient and colorful past. The rock temple of the Buddha, Gal Vihara is one of the finest examples of the religious heritage. Temples play an important part in everyday life and a visit to one should be a must for all visitors.

Sri Lanka's wildlife is as varied as the island itself, ranging from elephants and leopards to Whales – it is the only place in the world to find all three in such proximity. Sri Lanka is ranked amongst the world's best biodiversity hot spots. As a country with a high rate of endemism, it has many groups of animals including birds, mammal, reptiles and amphibians which can't be found anywhere in the world.

Day 1

Overnight

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Room Type

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Meal Plan

No Meals On This Day

Airport > Colombo

Arrive at Colombo International Airport at TBA hrs. Here, you will be met by a designated chauffer guide from Lakpura.

Things to Remember:

- You will spend approximately 1 hour getting through the immigration cue and baggage collection.
- Your Chauffer will be page your name at the Airport Arrivals Lounge.
- After the formalities at the airport you will be escorted to your air-conditioned Vehicle and proceed to Colombo and check into the hotel, Relax and unwind after your long journey. (Travel Time: 1 to 1 ½ hrs)

Day 2

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Meal Plan

Bed & Breakfast

Colombo

After breakfast at the hotel go on a City and Shopping tour including the Pettah market in Commercial City of Sri Lanka.



Experience the colorful lights and bright life of Colombo, the capital City of Sri Lanka. Visit historic monuments such as the Old Lighthouse, the Old Parliament, Galle Face Hotel, Galle Face Green, Gangarama Temple, the National Museum and more. Enjoy the malls of Independence Square or the Race Course. Visit boutique shops and designer stores.

Must Try:

- Lunch @ Gallery Café in Colombo.
- Barefoot Gallery (Books and Handlooms).
- Spa Ceylon.
- Walk on the Galle Face Green.

Afterwards, return to the hotel and relax. Colombo has an atmosphere that lightens up, especially at night, so if you are a fan of checking out the local clubs, pubs or restaurants, you will be in for a treat. Make sure to try out the various local restaurants, fine dining and so much more.

Later that evening go on street food walk in Galle Face Green and enjoy the night life in Colombo.

This experience gives you the chance to try the various varieties of Sri Lankan street food all in one go. Walk along the sandy beaches of Galle Face and stop by the most delicious and stomach friendly food kiosks in this guided foray into the street food world of Sri Lanka. Shock your taste buds with the mouthwatering flavors of egg hoppers, normal hoppers, tempered kadala, prawn vadé, parippu vadé, and kotthu (vegan, chicken, etc.). Enjoy the splendid sunsets of the tropics as you relax with food in hand.

Party at the coolest and most entertaining nightclubs in Sri Lanka. Drink and dance on Colombo's beaches, at the big weekend parties with their colorful cocktails and thumping music. Try your luck at the casinos of Colombo. Get some delicious food at the delightful boutique restaurants that stay open till late. The night has never been brighter or better until Colombo.



Day 3

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Meal Plan

Bed & Breakfast

Colombo > Pinnawala > Kandy

After breakfast at the hotel check out proceed to Kandy and check into the hotel for relaxation. En route visit the Millennium Elephant Foundation in Pinnawala. (Travel Time: 2 to 2 ½ hrs)



The Millennium Elephant Foundation (MEF) is a family run non-government organization (NGO) dedicated to improving the welfare of domestic elephants throughout Sri Lanka. The Foundation provide and fund the care, medical treatments, food, mahout salaries, the running costs of the charity as well as having an on call Mobile Veterinary Unit which travels around the country treating sick elephants in need. The Elephant Walk Experience is another alternative to elephant riding for tourists, which is an ethical, up close and personal experience for tourists.

Later on the evening go and witness the Kandyan Cultural Show and go on technical tours go related to arts and crafts such as gem crafting, woodcarving, and batik design.



The Kandy Cultural Show gives an opportunity to experience some of the traditions of Sri Lanka. Enjoy this hour long extravaganza as some of the most popular art forms of the island take to the stage. Get wowed by fire dancers and sword dancers. Watch the colorful Kandyan dancers take to the air to the thrumming primal beat of the drums.

On completion of the day check into the hotel

Day 4

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Meal Plan

Bed & Breakfast

Kandy

After a relaxed morning and afternoon at the villa, go on a tour around the Kandy city.

Kandy was the last capital of the Sinhala Kings, and is the islands cultural centre. It was Sri Lanka's capital until the British took control in 1815 and due to its significant association with Buddhism; UNESCO has now made the Sacred City of Kandy a UNESCO World Heritage site. The ancient kingdom of Kandy is also home to Edwardian buildings, a king-made lake, a nature reserve and exciting shops. As the second largest city of the island and the capital of the Central Province, Kandy has grown from being a medieval kingdom to a friendly, busy city set in forested hills and surrounded by tea plantations and close to the Royal Botanical Gardens at Peradeniya. **Take a tour around this bustling city including stops at the local markets and architectural marvels.**



During your sightseeing tour, visit the Temple of the Tooth Relic.



The Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic is a UNESCO World Heritage Site which was built in the 16th century as the place of veneration and protection for Lord Buddha's sacred tooth. Walk through the beautifully embellished passageways and elaborately painted halls, done in red, cream and black. Lounge against delicately carved pillars and get amazed by the beautiful golden statues. Get an unforgettable experience of history and art.

On completion of the day return back to the hotel and relax.

Day 5

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Meal Plan

Bed & Breakfast

Kandy > Nuwara Eliya > Kandy

On this day, while enjoying the accommodation experience, Early in the morning approx 7.30 am at the hotel go on a sightseeing tour in Nuwara Eliya. En-route make a pause at Ramboda Falls and Bluefield Tea factory and get guided tour through the Tea Estate and learn more about the varieties, processing methods and qualities of tea. (Travel Time: 1 ½ to 2 hrs).

Nuwara Eliya is set in the heart of tea-country is a beautiful town where the British succeeded in creating a replica of the English countryside, with homes in styles from Georgian to Queen Anne. Well-kept lawns with hedges, an Anglican church, a famous golf course and beautiful parks give the place an air of nostalgia. Situated 6,200 feet above sea level, the air is cool and fresh – a serene retreat from the hustle and bustle of the city life.

Visit the highland city that was the premium holiday resort town of the British in the 19th and early 20th centuries. Enjoy walking through the streets with their pretty little cottages, quaint villas and beautiful mansions. Relax at Queen Victoria Park or on the shores of Lake Gregory.

On completion of the city tour Reach the Train Station in Nanu Oya by 01.40 pm to catch the train to Peradeniya, Kandy. (Travel Time: 4 ½ to 5 hrs)



The Nanu Oya to peradeniya train journey takes you on scenic ride through some of the most beautiful highland countryside areas in Sri Lanka. Watch the brilliant greens carpets of the tea plantations. See the picturesque villages with misty mountain backdrops pass by. Peer through drizzle and mist to look at the magical landscapes of Hill Country. Enjoy the amazing sights of intimidating mountains, deep and dark woodlands, and magnificent waterfalls as they go by your windows.



Day 6

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Meal Plan

Bed & Breakfast

Kandy > Peradeniya > Matale > Dambulla

After breakfast at the hotel, check out and visit the Royal Botanical Gardens of Peradeniya. (Travel Time: 20 to 30 mins)



Visit the famous Royal Botanical Gardens of Peradeniya, which were formed in the early 19th century. Walk through the vast area containing over 4000 species of plants. Enjoy the learning more about the orchids, spices and medicinal plants. Wander down avenues shaded by large and rare trees, or bordered by flowering plants. Enjoy seeing the cannonball tree, walking over the wobbly suspension bridge and through the short hedge mazes or even climbing the twisty trees that make wonderful jungle gyms.

Thereafter proceed to Matale and visit a Spice Garden and do a guided tour of a spice and herbal garden, where you learn about spices, such as coriander, chili, cinnamon, cardamom, and nutmeg; and their uses. (Travel Time: 1 to 1 ½ hrs)

Take part in a traditional cooking demonstration that shows you how to make Sri Lankan cuisine while making full use of spices. Learn to make roti or create curry powder from scratch in one of the workshops in Spice Garden.

Thereafter proceed to Dambulla and visit the golden cave temple. (Travel Time: 20 to 30 mins)



Dating back to the 1st century BC. View the ancient murals depicting the life story of Lord Gautama Buddha. Look at the hundreds of figurines of Buddha and other deities scattered throughout the five main caves. Visit the Cave of the Divine King, Cave of the Great King and the Great New Monastery. See the giant golden Buddha Statue just a little distance outside the cave complex.

Upon completion, proceed to Dambulla and check into the hotel for relaxation.

Day 7

Overnight

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Room Type

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Meal Plan

Bed & Breakfast

Dambulla > Sigiriya > Dambulla

After breakfast at your hotel, at approx. 8.00 AM, make your way to Sigiriya Rock Fortress, the Eighth Wonder of the World. (Travel time: 15 to 30 mins)



Climb the 5th century AD rock fortress, Sigiriya, where the King Kasyapa ruled. Walk through the entrance framed by the paws of a lion that is quite appropriate for its name, 'The Lion Rock'. View the beautiful unfading murals that brought Sigiriya its fame. Climb the steep staircase to see the terraced gardens and still-working cisterns. Walk through the tunnels leading to the palace as you get a feel for times long past.



After making your descent, proceed to a local village nearby and experience the world from the view of a villager. Enjoy a relaxing catamaran safari across a calm lake. Walk through the golden fields ripe with their harvest of paddy. Delight your taste buds with a home cooked lunch; made over a wood-fire and served on fragrant lotus leaves placed over woven trays. (Travel Time: 10 to 15 mins)

Thereafter return back to the hotel and relax.

Day 8

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Meal Plan

Bed & Breakfast

Dambulla > Yapahuwa > Dambulla

After breakfast at the hotel proceed to Yapahuwa, which was one of the ephemeral capitals of medieval Sri Lanka. (Travel Time: 1 ½ to 2 hrs)



Visit the rock fortress of Yapahuwa where the seat of government was based in the 13th century. It also had its own Temple of the Tooth Relic where the relic was housed at that time. View the majestic entrance arch and ornamental stairway. Walk through the ruins of the temple at the summit or along the terraces. Enjoy the detailed sculptures scattered throughout the entire fortress.

On completion of the day return back to the hotel and relax.

Day 9

Overnight

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Room Type

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Meal Plan

Bed & Breakfast

Dambulla > Anuradhapura > Avukana > Dambulla

After breakfast at the hotel proceed to Anuradhapura and visit the ancient ruined city of Anuradhapura. (Travel Time: 1 ½ to 2 hrs)



Walk through the ancient ruined city of Anuradhapura, which was the capital for over a millennium until the 10th century AD. View the pagodas, monastic buildings and ponds that are scatter all over the vast area. Visit important landmarks such as Jetavanarama, which was one of the tallest buildings of the ancient world, the Sri Maha Bodhi and the ruins of the huge Abhayagiri Monastery. Gain more knowledge about Sri Lanka's history as you walk in the footsteps of Kings.

Thereafter return back to Dambulla, en route make a pause at Avukana Buddha Statue and return back to the hotel. ((Travel Time: 1 to 2 hrs)

This visit takes you to the majestic 40-foot rock sculpture in Avukana is one of the classical examples of Standing Buddha statues in Sri Lanka. You will be able to see the marvelous crafting of the statue in its being carved from a single rock and standing unsupported except for a single thin attachment at the back; the delicately carved folds of the robe; and the cleanly sculpted body structure. The partially collapsed structures around it point to it once having been sheltered in an image house



Day 10

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Room Type

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Meal Plan

Bed & Breakfast

Dambulla > Polonnaruwa > Minneriya > Dambulla

After breakfast at your hotel, make your way to the ancient capital of Sri Lanka, Polonnaruwa, one of Sri Lanka's ancient capitals. The land is rich with history and culture and an important part of the cultural triangle. (Travel Time: 2 to 2 ½ hrs)



Polonnaruwa, Kings ruled the central plains of Sri Lanka from Polonnaruwa 800 years ago, when it was a thriving commercial and religious centre. From here, free-marketeers haggled for rare goods and the pious prayed at any one of its numerous temples. The glories of that age can be found in archaeological treasures which give a pretty good idea of how the city looked in its heyday.

Thereafter proceed to Minneriya go on a lovely safari in Minneriya National Park. (Travel Time: 30 to 40 mins)



This three-hour safari takes you on a ride through the Minneriya National Park. Enjoy the sight of over 150 elephants congregating in one place during the famous Great Elephant Gathering, which happens in the dry season between May to October. In addition to elephants, get a chance to also see many mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians in the scrublands, forests and other areas.

On completion return back to the hotel for relaxation.

Day 11

Overnight

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Room Type

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Meal Plan

Bed & Breakfast

Dambulla > Trincomalee

After breakfast at the hotel, check out and proceed to Trincomalee and check into the hotel for relaxation. (Travel Time: 2 to 2 ½ hrs)

Later on that evening visit Koneswaram Temple and the Fort Fedric. (Travel Time: 20 to 30 mins)



Visit this ancient temple praised by famous Indian poet-saints and mentioned by several famous personas around the world. See the beautiful murals describing the history of the temple. Worship at the little cave shrine that has its start in 1580 BC, as compared to the actual temple which was developed in 400 BC. Marvel at the giant statue of King Ravana who, according to legend, worshipped this shrine.

Visit the Fort of Trincomalee originally built by the Portuguese in 1624 CE. See the stones that once formed the Koneswaram temple before the Portuguese destroyed it. Listen to the history of Fort Frederick, which was dismantled and rebuilt by the Dutch.

Day 12

Overnight

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Meal Plan

Bed & Breakfast

Trincomalee

After relaxed breakfast at visit the Pigeon Island National Park.



the Pigeon Island National Park consisting of the smaller pigeon island and larger pigeon island and the coral reef that encircles the larger island. See the rock pigeon that makes the island its breeding grounds. Explore the islands to see the many coral types and fauna that can be found here.

Later that evening Visit Nilaveli and Thiriyaya Watadage.

Relax on Nilaveli Beach which is considered one of the most perfect beaches in Sri Lanka. Enjoy the golden sand swaying palms and clear blue sea. See the ancient 10th century Tamil inscription that mention that the beach was part of a land grant to the Koneswaram Temple.

Explore Thiriyai, or Thiriyaya as it is known now, is a village where Tamil Buddhism was practiced in ancient times. Visit the Girihadu Seya Stupa, which was built to mark the location where according to legend Buddha is gave hair relics to two traders who served him porridge as alms. See the old fortress of one of the last Vanniyaar Chiefs who ruled the area.

On completion return back to the hotel.



Day 13

Overnight

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Meal Plan

Bed & Breakfast

Trincomalee

Spend the day leisurely enjoying the beach and the hotel facilities.

Possible Activities – Whale Watching



This tour gives you an opportunity to see the biggest mammals on earth, the whales, in their natural habitat. Get a chance to see blue whales, sperm whales and fin whales as they swim in the waters to the south of Sri Lanka. Gain more knowledge about the whales as a species from a qualified naturalist and learn to identify them. This tour gives you a responsible whale watching experience with a minimal imprint on nature.

Day 14 – Day 20

Overnight

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Room Type

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Meal Plan

Bed & Breakfast

Trincomalee

Spend the days leisurely enjoying the hotel facilities or beach 😊

Day 21

Overnight

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Room Type

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Meal Plan

Bed & Breakfast

Trincomalee > Negombo

After breakfast check out from the hotel and proceed to Negombo and check in to the hotel. (Travel Time: 5 ½ to 6 hrs)



Enjoy the sun on the sandy beaches of Negombo on the Western Coast of Sri Lanka. Watch the flourishing fish industry, which is a centuries-old tradition. Ride an adrenaline high with some fun water sports. Enjoy the corals and underwater life while diving. See the 50-year-old ship-wreck just off the coast, where many varieties of fish make their home.

Day 22

Meal Plan

Bed & Breakfast

Negombo > BIA

After breakfast at the hotel check out from the hotel and proceed to the Colombo Airport, for your departure flight after spending a memorable time on the Pearl of the Indian Ocean.

~End of Tour with Lakpura~

COST INCLUDES

- Accommodation on sharing one double room at the hotels specified in hotel collection.
- Meal plan on Bed and Breakfast basis starting with breakfast on day 2 and ending with breakfast on day 22.
- Transport in a Private Vehicle, inclusive of all chauffer accommodation, cost of fuel, parking & highway tolls.
- Service of an English-Speaking Chauffer Guide throughout the tour.
- All prevailing taxes and service charges (Except for Credit Card Charges)

COST EXCLUDES

- Entry Visa Fees, please visit www.eta.gov.lk for more details / submit your individual visa application.
- International / Domestic Airfare.
- Any expenses of personal nature.
- Tips & Portages.
- Cost of Beverages
- Meals where not specified.
- Entrance fees where not specified.

COMPLIMENTARY

- Daily 1ltr bottle of water Per Person.
- 1 Un-loaded SIM card.