

Explore Sri Lanka

6 NIGHTS / 7 DAYS

THE TRIP

The island in one week, north to south. Cave temples cut into rock, tea estates in the cold highlands, a train that hangs off the side of a mountain, leopards at dusk, and then five hundred metres of descent to the coast, where the last three days are spent at sea level.

HIGHLIGHTS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dambulla Royal Cave Temple, painted for two millennia• The Nanu Oya to Ella railway through the tea | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nine Arches Bridge and Little Adam's Peak• Yala safari — leopard, elephant and sloth bear |
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DAY BY DAY

DAY 1 Airport to Dambulla

Met on arrival and driven inland, about three and a half hours. Late afternoon at the Dambulla Royal Cave Temple: five caves under an overhanging rock, filled with painted Buddhas and ceilings frescoed continuously since the first century BC. Overnight Dambulla.

DAY 2 Into the hill country

South through Matale to Kandy, where the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic sits beside the lake. The road then climbs through Ramboda past waterfalls and the first tea estates, with a stop at a working factory. Overnight Nuwara Eliya, at 1,900 metres — bring a jacket.

DAY 3 The train to Ella

Board at Nanu Oya for one of the great rail journeys: four hours through tea terraces, pine forest and cloud, doors open. Your vehicle meets you at Ella station. Afternoon at Nine Arches Bridge. Overnight Ella.

DAY 4 Little Adam's Peak, then the plains

An early walk up Little Adam's Peak for the view down Ella Gap, then down to the dry southeast. Afternoon jeep safari in Yala — the highest density of leopard anywhere, plus elephant, sloth bear and crocodile. Overnight near the park.

PACKAGE INCLUSIONS



Hotels



Sightseeing



Meals



Transport



Chauffeur

DAY 5 West along the coast

A relaxed drive west with a stop at Hiriketiya, a horseshoe bay grown into the south's most likeable surf town. Continue to Mirissa. Overnight Mirissa.

DAY 6 Stilts, ramparts and the capital

The coast road north through Ahangama and its stilt fishermen, then two hours inside Galle Fort. Continue to Colombo for a short city circuit, then Negombo for the last night.

DAY 7 Departure

Negombo is fifteen minutes from the airport, so the morning is free. The fish market is worth an hour, or take a boat into the lagoon. Transfer to the airport for your flight.

Package	Price	Stay*	Meals	Transportation
Budget	499	 HOMESTAY or ★★	B✓ L× D×	Air-conditioned Vehicle with Chaffier Guide
Value	599	★★ or ★★★★★	B✓ L× D✓	Air-conditioned Vehicle with Chaffier Guide
Comfort	699	★★★★ or ★★★★★	B✓ L× D✓	Air-conditioned Vehicle with Chaffier Guide

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