



Sri Lanka...

*The finest of all islands!
Marco Polo... 1294 AD*

Ayubowan!

Traditional greeting wishing the greeted a long life!

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17 days fully escorted

30th Dec.2010 - 15th Jan.2011

From: **\$4,997.00** per person, twin share.

Sri Lanka, an island in the Indian Ocean is located to the south of India. It lies between 5° 55' and 9° 55' north of the equator. The total land area is 65,610 sq. km. and is astonishingly varied, beautiful tropical beaches, verdant vegetation, ancient monuments and a thousand delights to please all tastes. The island consists of a mountainous range somewhat south of the centre, with height exceeding 2,500 metres, **Palm fringed beaches** and broad plains surround the island and the sea temperature rarely falls below 27°C.



Itinerary

Day 1. Thu 30 Dec.'10: **Fly Brisbane / Melbourne / Sydney to Colombo.** with Singapore Airlines



Late evening arrival at Colombo Int'l airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

Colombo hotel: **Mount Lavinia Hotel.** [Mount Lavinia Hotel](#)

Day 2. Fri 31 Dec.'10: **Mount Lavinia (B/-/D)**
Full day at leisure. Perhaps a spot of last minute shopping for that special outfit for tonight's Celebrations... ! Dancing till Dawn...!
It's **NEW YEAR'S EVE...!** Or **31st NIGHT...!** as the Sri Lankans call it.

NB: **GALA DINNER** is included in the tour cost.

Day 3. Sat 01 Jan.'11: **Mount Lavinia (B)**
Full day at leisure. Perfect time to recover from last night's excesses or maybe make a start on your tan.

Day 4. Sun 02 Jan.'11: **Mount Lavinia (B) – Pinnawela – Kandalama.**
Early breakfast and travel to "Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage" established in 1975 with only 7 elephants. In 1984 the first baby was born.



After lunch we proceed to Kandalama.

Kandalama hotel: **The Heritance Kandalama.**
[Heritance Kandalama](#)

Day 5. Mon 03 Jan.'11: **Kandalama (B) – Sigiriya – Polonnaruwa – Kandalama.**

After an early breakfast we travel to Sigiriya, climb the "Rock Fortress" and visit the "Heavenly Maidens". A pause for lunch then on to Polonnaruwa, built in the 11th and 12th centuries AD. We visit the ancient ruins.



We return to our hotel for R & R.

Day 6. Tue 04 Jan.'11: **Kandalama (B) – Dambulla – Matale – Kandy.**

We leave Kandalama for the nearby town of Dambulla where we visit The Cave temples. Then it's Matale and a Spice Garden and on to Kandy. Established in 1592, the last capital city of Sri Lanka before colonialism. A drive around the Kandy Lake and a visit to the Buddhist "Temple of the Tooth Relic".

Kandy hotel: **Earl's Regency** [Earl's Regency](#)

Day 7. Wed 05 Jan.'11 **Kandy (B) – Train to Nanu Oya – Nuwara Eliya.**

First we visit the Peradeniya Botanical Gardens and then proceed to the railway station. Here we board the train to Nanu Oya (approx 5 hrs). We travel in "Observation



Salon" seats. Driver & coach will transport the luggage and meet us at Nanu Oya station for the short trip on to Nuwara Eliya.



Nuwara Eliya hotel: **The Grand Hotel.** [The Grand Hotel](#)

Day 8. Thu 06 Jan.'11: **Nuwara Eliya (B)**
Nuwara Eliya "Up country" is the heart of Sri Lanka's tea country. It's also known as "Little England" the old colonial British "Hill Station" at 1868metres of altitude.

Day 9. Fri 07 Jan.'11: **Nuwara Eliya (B) – Ella – Yala National Park.**

An early morning departure with a stop at Ella Gap for morning tea. Spectacular views from the mountains to the sea. Then it's on to Yala National Park. We Check-in to our hotel and shortly after, commence our evening Safari Tour of the park by jeep.

Yala hotel: **Yala Village Hotel.** [Yala Village Hotel](#)

Day 10. Sat 08 Jan.'11: **Yala (B)** After another early breakfast, we proceed to the Yala National Park for another Safari by jeep.



On completion, we return to Yala Village.
The rest of the day is free to explore.

Day 11. Sun 09 Jan.'11: **Yala (B) – Mirissa.**

This morning a leisurely drive, with stops at Dondra lighthouse (Southern most point of Sri Lanka) and time permitting, Veherahena Temple near Matara, then it's on to Mirissa.

Rest of day at leisure



Mirissa hotel: **Mandara Resort.**

[Mandara Resort](#)

Day 12. Mon 10 Jan.'11: **Mirissa (B)**

Day at leisure, or perhaps a short drive to Matara and explore the "Star Fort" built by the Dutch around 1640.



Day 13: Tue 11 Jan. '11: **Mirissa (B) - Galle – Induruwa.**

This morning drive to Galle, spend some time exploring Galle. We visit the Galle Fort (spanning 90 acres) which was originally built by the Portuguese and later extended by the Dutch in 1663. Afternoon proceed to Induruwa and time permitting, we stop at a Turtle Hatchery.



Induruwa hotel: **Royal Beach Resort.** [Royal Beach Resort](#)

Day 14: Wed 12 Jan. '11: **Induruwa (B/-/D)**

Today a visit to the Bawa Brothers Gardens. Two separate estates, "Brief" and "Lunuganga", are famous gardens open to the public, at Bentota.

Rest of day at leisure.

Tonight - a Highlight of our tour.

Sri Lankan dinner & Spectacular Cultural show with Dancers & Fire walkers. At a Private villa, "Nisala Arana" [Nisala Arana](#)



Day 15: Thu 13 Jan.'11: **Induruwa (B) – Colombo.** Morning at leisure to recover from last night's festivities, afternoon depart Induruwa for Colombo. Rest of day at leisure.

Colombo hotel: **Galle Face Hotel.** [Galle Face Hotel](#)



Day 16: Fri 14 Jan.'11: **Colombo (B) – Airport.**

Day at leisure at Galle Face hotel. Day use room available until 6.00 pm & evening transfer to Airport.

Overnight in-flight

"Gihen Enung" I will go and come (farewell).

PACKAGE INCLUDES

- Airfare – Return Economy class.
- Airport/Hotel/Airport transfers.
- Transport in a comfortable new 26 seater coach & portorage of 1 piece of standard luggage per person.
- Hotels as indicated inclusive of daily Breakfasts and 2 Dinners.
- "Observation Salon" 1st Class seats on train.
- Entry Fees for visits as indicated below.

HIGHLIGHTS - INCLUDED

- New Year's Eve Gala Dinner.
- Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage.
- Sigiriya rock fortress. (World Heritage Site)
- Polonnaruwa. (World Heritage Site)
- Golden Temple of Dambulla. (World Heritage Site)
- Spice Garden Matale.
- Kandy Botanical Garden.
- Temple of the Tooth Relic in Kandy.
- Private Tea Estate visit.
- Train Journey from Peradeniya railway station to Nanu Oya.
- Breathtaking Views from Elle Gap.
- Yala National Park safaris by Jeep.
- Galle and its Fortifications. (World Heritage Site)
- Bawa Brother's Gardens visit.
- Private Cultural show w Dancers & Fire walkers - incl. Dinner.

PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Lunch & Dinner throughout the tour, except where stated.
- Expenses of a personal nature.
- Tips & Portorage.
- Camera /Video permits as required for some sites.

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