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TRIP START DATES

2022	2023
AUG 27	JAN 14
SEP 10, 24	FEB 04, 25
OCT 08, 29	MAR 18
NOV 19	APR 08
DEC 10	

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REGIONAL JOURNEY
ACTIVITY LEVEL: **BALANCED**

10 DAYS
1 COUNTRY
18 MEALS
16 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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GUEST REVIEW

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

Kandy: Meet members of the Digana community during a tour of Tamarind Gardens and lunch. The project supports the villagers with access to water, food, and creates a sustainable future for the families.

INSIGHT EXPERIENCES

Kandy: Visit Rahju's Contemporary Art Gallery, enjoy a private viewing of his magnificent paintings and discuss his unique perspectives on life over a cup of tea.
Visit Colombo with a photographer and wildlife enthusiast • Ritigala Jungle with a Buddhist.

INSIGHT CHOICE

Sigiriya: Choose to climb Sigiriya Rock for magnificent views. Alternatively, visit Sigiriya Water Gardens, some of the oldest landscaped gardens in the world.
Choose between two experiences in Anuradhapura.

AUTHENTIC DINING

Nuwara Eliya: Your mouthwatering Celebration Dinner features the best of Sri Lankan cuisine.
Welcome Dinner in Colombo • Celebration Dinner in Nuwara Eliya.
Taste tea in Nuwara Eliya.

TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS

Travel through Colombo streets in a tuk-tuk • hike in World's End.
Visit Wilpattu National Park • Dambulla Cave Temple • Polonnaruwa Archaeological Park • Sacred Tooth Relic Temple • tea plantations and garden in Nuwara Eliya.

CLASSICAL SRI LANKA

"I became a Travel Director because of my passion to meet new people and the opportunity to showcase the diversity of this paradise island." – Lucky, Travel Director



TEA PLUCKERS, NUWARA ELIYA



SIGIRYA ROCK



WILPATTU NATIONAL PARK

DAY 1 WELCOME TO SRI LANKA

Welcome to Sri Lanka. On arrival, you'll be picked up and transferred to your luxury hotel, the Taj Samudra, Colombo. A contemporary building situated on the seafront, it provides an idyllic ambience at sunset.

Unwind and rejuvenate before meeting your fellow travellers and Travel Director at 19:00, for a Welcome Dinner with drinks. (DW)

Hotel Taj Samudra, Colombo.

DAY 2 EXPLORE COLOMBO

In the morning, head on a leisurely walking tour of Colombo with Mark Forbes, a photographer and wildlife enthusiast, and discover the city's hidden treasures. Journey through a myriad of buildings that date back to the 17th century and were erected mostly during Dutch and British rule. Visit Pettah Market, where locals head to pick up fresh fruit and vegetables, garments and jewellery. This market place is older than the buildings around it and an area best explored with a local. Later, head out to explore Colombo's oldest neighbourhoods by tuk-tuk. Cruise the city streets as the sun descends over the Indian Ocean and the city lights spring to life around a pulse of evening activity. (B)

DAY 3 WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE

Relaxed Start. After breakfast, begin your journey to Wilpattu National Park. On arrival, check into your luxury safari camp located on the border of the park, a quintessential glamping experience and a satisfying blend of comfort and nature. Enjoy relaxing in your spacious living room, with views of the lush, green jungle just steps away. In the evening, explore the park by jeep safari in search of Sri Lanka's big four—leopards, elephants, sloth bears and deer. (B) (L) (D)

Mahooru Safari Camp, Wilpattu National Park.

DAY 4 JUNGLE SAFARI

Enjoy journeying through the jungle on your full day safari. Keep your eyes peeled for crocodiles, buffalos, mongoose and turtles. (B) (L) (D)

DAY 5 WILPATTU TO SIGIRIYA

In the morning head south, making your way to Sigiriya. Visit Anuradhapura with Insight Choice. Choose to explore the temple complex, sprawling with a rich collection of archeological wonders. Alternatively, visit the small community of Puranagama, to experience traditional village life. Meet a practicing Buddhist and embark on a guided walking tour of the Ritigala jungle's enveloped paths. Hear the tales and secrets of the forest dwelling monks, a community that once inhabited the monastic reserve and today devote their lives to simple living in the forest. (B) (D)

Hotel Aliya Resort & Spa, Sigiriya.

DAY 6 EXPLORING SIGIRIYA'S ANCIENT KINGDOM

Explore Sigiriya with Insight Choice. Choose to climb Sigiriya Rock. Alternatively, visit Sigiriya Water Gardens. Later, visit the historic city of Polonnaruwa, the second most ancient of Sri Lanka's kingdoms. During a tuk-tuk ride, explore the ancient remains of temples and tombs. Explore this UNESCO World Heritage Site before heading back to your hotel. (B)



TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT Anuradhapura temple. (Day 5, Sri Lanka)

DAY 7 COLOURFUL CAVES AND RAINFORESTS

Today you'll visit the colourful Dambulla Caves. Also known as the Golden Temple caves, this World Heritage Site is the largest and best-preserved cave temple complex in Sri Lanka. Stop at Tamarind Gardens for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and lunch. This local farm has been working to supply community members with access to clean water, nutritional food, and supports the village towards a sustainable future. Later, arrive in Kandy. Once here you'll enjoy a cultural evening of drums and a dance performance. (B) (L)

Mahaweli Reach Hotel, Kandy.

DAY 8 TEA COUNTRY HILLS

Relaxed Start. Visit the Sacred Tooth Relic. Located in the royal palace complex of the former Kingdom of Kandy, it is home to Sri Lanka's most important Buddhist relic, a tooth of Buddha. Later meet Rahju, a local artist, at his contemporary art gallery. Enjoy a private viewing of his magnificent paintings and discuss his unique perspectives on life over a cup of tea. Continue to Nuwara Eliya, a green haven of tea plantations and tea gardens.

In the evening, participate in a cooking demonstration. Learn to cook Sri Lankan and South Indian cuisine with a local chef, before indulging in the fruits of your hard work. (B) (D)

Grand Hotel, Nuwara Eliya.

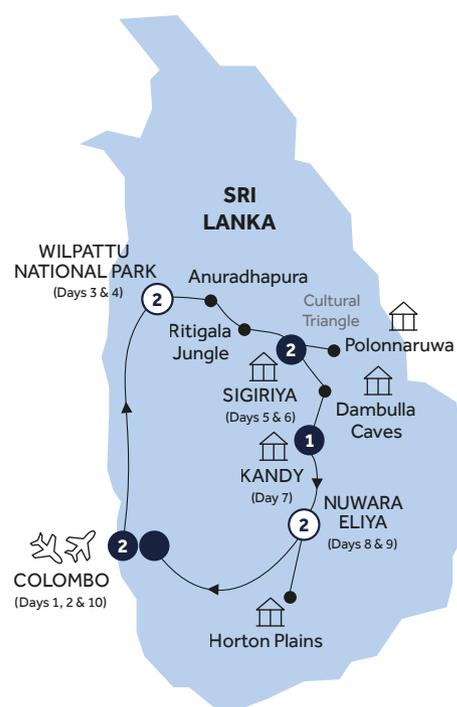
DAY 9 EXPLORING NUWARA ELIYA

Discover Horton Plains on a hike to World's End, where a stunning escarpment plunges 880 metres down to the jungle floor. Stand in awe and capture incredible views of the expansive plateau, before mist and cloud obscure the scene. In the afternoon, learn everything there is to know about Ceylon tea during a visit to a tea plantation and garden. Walk through the plantation during plucking time and spend time with a tea plucker to learn about their life, before enjoying a tasting session hosted by an expert.

In the evening, toast to your travels with your new friends over a Celebration Dinner at your hotel. (B) (DW)

DAY 10 GOODBYE COLOMBO

It's time to say goodbye to your fellow travellers, as your journey comes to an end. You'll be driven back to Colombo airport for your onward flight. A stop will be made in Colombo for those extending their stay. (B)



KEY

Join/Leave Options

UNESCO Heritage Site

1 Central Hotels + Nights

2 Scenic Hotels + Nights

● Place Visited



VIEW ONLINE

REQUEST A QUOTE

CHOOSE YOUR GROUP SIZE

This trip operates both classic and small group departures. You can also book your own private group with as few as 12 travellers.