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## **Sri Lanka Explorer: 9 Days of Adventure + 5 Days of Beach Bliss@Citrus- Hikkaduwa \*\*\*\***



### **Tour Highlights at a Glance:**

- 4 UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- Scenic train ride through tea country
- Authentic village experience & cooking demo
- Optional elephant safari
- Cultural dance show & botanical gardens
- Colonial city tour of Colombo

### **Day 01 – Arrival & Journey to Sigiriya**

#### **Travel Time: Approx. 3½ hrs | 145 km**

Welcome to paradise! Upon arrival at Bandaranaike International Airport, you'll be greeted with warm smiles and traditional hospitality by your personal chauffeur-guide. Your journey begins as you head toward the cultural heartland—Sigiriya.

En route, explore the awe-inspiring **Dambulla Cave Temple**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Marvel at over 150 serene Buddha images painted across 2,000 m<sup>2</sup> of cave ceilings and walls, including a colossal 14-meter-long reclining Buddha carved into the rock.

Check-in at your hotel in Sigiriya.

Enjoy a delicious dinner and unwind under the stars.

**Stay at:**

- 3★ Kassapa Lions Rock or similar
- 4★ Sigiriya Jungles Hotel or similar

## **Day 02 – Sigiriya Rock Fortress & Polonnaruwa**

Rise early to conquer the legendary **Sigiriya Rock Fortress**, also known as Lion's Rock. This ancient citadel (477–498 AD) is a masterpiece of urban planning, art, and engineering—an unforgettable climb with panoramic views and fascinating frescoes.

Return for breakfast and relax before your afternoon adventure.

Explore the medieval capital **Polonnaruwa** (UNESCO), where time stands still among royal palaces, sacred stupas, and the majestic **Gal Vihara** rock sculptures. Discover the grandeur of Sri Lanka's golden age amidst tranquil lakes and lush greenery.

Dinner and overnight stay in Sigiriya.

**Stay at:**

- 3★ Kassapa Lions Rock or similar
- 4★ Sigiriya Jungles Hotel or similar

## **Day 03 – Village Life & Optional Safari**

After breakfast, immerse yourself in authentic Sri Lankan village life with the **Hiriwaduna Village Trek**. Ride a bullock cart or tractor, glide across a serene lake on a catamaran, and walk through paddy fields

to a local home. Witness a traditional cooking demo and enjoy a hearty, home-cooked Sri Lankan lunch.

**Optional:** Embark on a thrilling **Jeep Safari at Minneriya National Park** to witness the world-famous elephant gathering—hundreds of majestic elephants congregating near the water.

*(Safari location may vary based on elephant migration: Minneriya / Kaudulla / Eco Park – € 62 per person)*

Dinner and overnight stay in Sigiriya.

**Stay at:**

- 3★ Kassapa Lions Rock or similar
- 4★ Sigiriya Jungles Hotel or similar

## **Day 04 – Spice Trails & Sacred Kandy**

**Travel Time: Approx. 3 hrs | 90 km**

Journey to the hill capital **Kandy**, stopping at a fragrant **Spice Garden in Matale**. Learn about Sri Lanka's exotic spices and enjoy a rejuvenating Ayurvedic massage. Savor a traditional rice & curry lunch surrounded by nature.

In Kandy, visit the revered **Temple of the Tooth Relic**, a spiritual beacon for Buddhists worldwide.

End your day with a vibrant **Kandyan cultural dance performance**.

Dinner and overnight stay in Kandy.

**Stay at:**

- 3★ Hotel Topaz or similar
- 4★ Grand Kandyan Hotel or similar

## Day 05 – Botanical Bliss & Leisure

Stroll through the enchanting **Royal Botanical Gardens of Peradeniya**, home to over 4,000 species of plants, including Asia's largest orchid collection. A haven for nature lovers and photographers alike.

Afternoon at leisure—relax, explore, or indulge in a spa treatment.

Dinner and overnight stay in Kandy.

### Stay at:

- 3★ Hotel Topaz or similar
- 4★ Grand Kandyan Hotel or similar

## Day 06 – Scenic Train to Nuwara Eliya

### Travel Time: Approx. 3 hrs | 75 km

Board a charming train from Kandy to Nanu Oya—a journey through misty mountains, cascading waterfalls, and emerald tea plantations. A true bucket-list experience!

Visit a working **tea plantation and factory** to witness the journey from leaf to cup. Sip freshly brewed Ceylon tea as you breathe in the crisp highland air.

Dinner and overnight stay in Nuwara Eliya.

### Stay at:

- 3★ Heaven Seven or similar
- 4★ The Blackpool Hotel or similar

## Day 07 – Into the Wild: Yala Safari

### **Travel Time: Approx. 4 hrs | 145 km**

Head south to **Yala National Park**, Sri Lanka's premier wildlife sanctuary. After check-in, set off on a **private jeep safari** to spot leopards, elephants, crocodiles, and more in their natural habitat.

🍷 Dinner and overnight stay near Yala.

### **Stay at:**

- 3★ Elephant Reach or EKHO Safari or similar

## **Day 08 – Colonial Charm in Colombo**

### **Travel Time: Approx. 3¾ hrs | 272 km**

Drive to the vibrant capital **Colombo**. After check-in, enjoy a guided city tour:

- Visit the serene **Gangaramaya Temple**
- Explore the historic **Wolvendaal Church**
- Stroll along **Galle Face Green**
- Discover the colonial charm of the **Fort District**

Dinner and overnight stay in Colombo.

### **Stay at:**

- 3★ Granbell Hotel or similar
- 4★ Ramada Colombo or similar

## **Day 9: Coastal Escape & Farewell**

- After a leisurely breakfast, your journey continues with a scenic transfer to a tranquil beachside haven—where palm-fringed shores, gentle waves, and warm breezes welcome you to unwind.
- This final chapter of your Sri Lankan adventure invites you to relax, recharge, and reflect. Whether you spend your time basking in the sun, strolling along the shoreline, or simply savouring the peaceful rhythm of island life, your coastal retreat offers the perfect ending.

- When your beach stay concludes, we'll arrange a smooth transfer to the airport for your return flight home—leaving you with cherished memories, heartfelt connections, and the timeless spirit of Sri Lanka.
- 8 Nights Round Tour in \*\*\*\* Star Hotels
- 5 Nights Beach Stay in Citrus- Hikkaduwa \*\*\*\*
- **Accommodation:** Double/Twin Sharing
- **Meal Plan:** Half Board
- **Rate:** Per Person, in Euro

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| 11.01.2026 - 31.03.2026 | 1383  | 1202  |
| 01.04.2026 – 30.04.2026 | 1297  | 1116  |

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