

SRI LANKA: SERENDIP ISLAND SPRINT 01-12 JULY 2025

(Negombo, Sigiriya, Polonnaruwa, Kandy, Nuwara Eliya, Ella, Yala, Mirissa, Galle, Colombo)

TRIP COST PER PAX: RM6250 (8-16 PAX) Based on 1 USD = MYR 4.39 on 23 APRIL 2025

EXCLUDING FLIGHT SUGGESTION VIA AIRASIA (RETURN FARE EXCLUDING LUGGAGE, PRICED RM1004 ON 23 APRIL 2025)

01 JUL 2025 TUE KUL-CMB 0840-0940

12 JUL 2025 SAT CMB-KUL 1040-1655

PLEASE DO NOT BOOK THE FLIGHT TICKET UNTIL ADVISED BY US

IMPORTANT NOTICE. This is meant to be a "free and easy" budget trip. Participants should be relatively fit, with a good sense of humour, and above all, have the right attitude for close travel with others through possibly some trying times. Most definitely, this is not a trip for prudes, whiners, fuss-pots, and other similarly assorted types! Although every effort will be made to stick to the given itinerary, ground conditions may change and cause some disruption and/or deviation from the norm. Otherwise, have fun!

Embarking on a swing through Ceylon's modern-day marvel, Sri Lanka, takes you from the seaside bustle of Negombo up to the mist-shrouded rock fortress of Sigiriya and the ancient ruins of nearby Polonnaruwa. Wind south-west into hill-country Kandy, where the Temple of the Tooth guards Buddhist relics, then climb higher to Nuwara Eliya's emerald tea estates and ride the postcard-blue train over viaducts to chilled-out Ella. Drop to the island's wild side for leopard-spotting in Yala National Park, trade jungle for turquoise at Mirissa's palm-curved surf beaches, stroll ramparts and Dutch-colonial lanes in UNESCO-listed Galle, and finish amid the cosmopolitan cafés, markets and sunset-lit promenades of the capital, Colombo—a compact loop that stitches together the island's culture, wildlife, highlands and coast in one unforgettable journey.





DAY 1 01 JUL (TUE) - ARRIVAL IN COLOMBO AND TRAVEL TO SIGIRIYA (150KM/3.5HRS) Gather **KLIA T2** around **630** in the morning for our flight departure **KUL-CMB (0840-0940)**. Arrive at Bandaranaike International Airport and enjoy lunch (own cost) in Negombo before traveling to Sigiriya, a region known for its ancient rock fortress and lush surroundings. In the evening, we'll attend a cultural dance performance to experience Sri Lanka's traditional rhythms. **Overnight Sigiriya (D)**

DAY 2 02 JUL (WED) - SIGIRIYA TO POLONNARUWA (60KM/1.5HR) Begin the day with a morning hike up **Pidurangala Rock**, offering panoramic views of Sigiriya. Later, join a bullock cart ride through the countryside and savor a traditional village-style lunch. After visiting a gem museum and local crafts centers, we continue to Polonnaruwa. **Overnight Polonnaruwa (B,L,D)**

DAY 3 03 JUL (THU) - POLONNARUWA TO KANDY (136KM/3.5HRS) Explore the **UNESCO World Heritage Site of Polonnaruwa**, once a thriving ancient capital with temples, statues, and reservoirs. After lunch at a local restaurant, travel through scenic landscapes to Kandy, stopping to explore a spice garden in Matale along the way. **Overnight Kandy (B,L,D)**





DAY 4 04 JUL (FRI) - DAY TRIP TO PINNAWALA AND RETURN TO KANDY (46KM/1.5HRS) Visit the revered **Temple of the Tooth**, a key pilgrimage site in Kandy. Then drive to Pinnawala to see rescued elephants at the orphanage, a sanctuary known for its conservation work. Return to Kandy for scenic views from the Kandy viewpoint and a visit to a local wood carving workshop. **Overnight in Kandy (B, D)**

DAY 5 05 JUL (SAT) - KANDY TO NUWARA ELIYA (90KM/2.5HRS) Travel into the central highlands toward Nuwara Eliya, a charming town known for its cool climate and colonial architecture. En route, stop at the **Giant Tree in Peradeniya** and visit the Hanuman Temple in Ramboda. We'll explore tea plantations, cascading waterfalls, and Gregory Lake before settling in for the evening. **Overnight in Nuwara Eliya (B,D)**





DAY 6 06 JUL (SUN) - NUWARA ELIYA TO ELLA BY TRAIN (56KM / 2HRS) Transfer to Nanu Oya station and board one of the world's most scenic train rides to Ella. Upon arrival, enjoy some leisure time exploring the town, indulging in street food, and relaxing at a local spa (own cost). For the adventurous, there's a chance to try the Flying Ravana Mega Zip Line (own cost).

Overnight in Ella (B)

DAY 7 07 JUL (MON) - EXPLORING ELLA Ride a tuk-tuk to the iconic **Nine Arch Bridge** in the morning, then hike up Little Adam's Peak for sweeping mountain views. The rest of the day is free to relax and take in Ella's laid-back charm. **Overnight in Ella (B)**





DAY 8 08 JUL (TUE)- ELLA TO YALA (98KM/2HRS) Depart Ella and drive to Yala, with a stop to admire Rawana Falls along the way. Arrive and unwind at the hotel, surrounded by natural beauty. **Overnight Yala (B,D)**

DAY 9 09 JUL (WED) – YALA TO MIRISSA (123KM/2HRS) Embark on a morning safari in **Yala National Park**, home to elephants, leopards, crocodiles, and vibrant birdlife. After the safari, travel south to the coastal town of Mirissa to enjoy the beachside atmosphere. **Overnight in Mirissa (B,D)**





DAY 10 10 JUL (THU) - MIRISSA TO GALLE (154KM/2.5HRS INCLUDING STOPS) Optional early morning whale watching is available for those interested (own cost). After breakfast, continue along the coast to Galle, stopping at a turtle hatchery. Explore the colonial-era Galle Fort and stroll through its historic streets. **Overnight in Galle (B)**

DAY 11 11 JUL (FRI) - GALLE TO COLOMBO AND NEGOMBO (126KM/2.5HRS) Head to Colombo for a tour of its major landmarks, including Galle Fort, Independence Square, Gangarama Temple, and Galle Face Green. Spend some time shopping in the capital's modern malls before continuing to Negombo for the final evening. **Overnight in Negombo (B,D)**

DAY 12 12 JUL (SAT) - DEPARTURE TO KUALA LUMPUR After early breakfast, transfer to the airport for departure, CMB-KUL (1040-1655) taking with us lasting memories of Sri Lanka's natural beauty, culture, and warmth



[TERMS AND CONDITIONS](#)

1. Cost cover accommodation with meals as stated in the itinerary, entrance fees to sites mentioned above, chartered transport to sites mentioned above and English speaking tourist guide.
2. Cost does not include flights, travel insurance, meals not stated in the itinerary (estimated RM50-80/day, optional activities not covered in itinerary and tipping Local Guide & Driver . (Yongo will provide info on suggested tipping amount).
3. Hotels accommodations will be in doubles/twins
4. Cost is subject to change depending on fluctuations in exchange rates and adjustments will be made at time of full balance.
5. A deposit of **RM2250** will be payable to confirm your place

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