

SRI LANKA · CLASSIC ITINERARY

Classic Sri Lanka

The standard first-time loop: culture and hills for three nights, then two nights on the coast before flying home. No drive longer than four hours.

5 nights / 6 days Route: **Colombo – Kandy – Nuwara Eliya – Bentota – Colombo**

From **₹78,000** per person, indicative

Day by day

Day

1

COLOMBO → KANDY

Arrive and head to the hills

Land at Bandaranaike International Airport (CMB), Colombo, by late morning after the connecting flight. Your driver-guide meets you and you drive straight to Kandy (115 km, about 3.5 hours) with a stop at Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage on the way for the midday bathing session. Check in by evening and rest.

Stay: **Kandy** · Meals: **Dinner**

Day

2

KANDY

Temple of the Tooth and cultural show

Morning visit to the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic (shoulders and knees covered, shoes off); the Royal Botanical Garden at Peradeniya in the afternoon for its avenue of giant bamboo and orchid house. Evening Kandyan cultural dance show at 5 pm followed by the temple's evening puja if timings allow.

Stay: **Kandy** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day

3

KANDY → NUWARA ELIYA

Into tea country

Leave after breakfast for Nuwara Eliya (80 km, about 3 hours on a winding hill road), stopping at a working tea factory for a tour and tasting. Afternoon at Gregory Lake for a boat ride or a walk; the town itself, with its colonial-era post office and cottages, feels distinctly cooler and greener than the plains.

Stay: **Nuwara Eliya** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day
4

NUWARA ELIYA → BENTOTA

Down to the coast

Descend from the hills to Bentota (150 km, about 5 hours, the longest drive of the trip) through tea estates and waterfalls. Check into a beach resort by late afternoon; an early-evening visit to the Kosgoda turtle hatchery nearby for the release of hatchlings is a good stop en route if timing allows.

Stay: **Bentota** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day
5

BENTOTA

Beach and Galle Fort

A relaxed morning at the resort — pool or beach — followed by a half-day trip to Galle Fort (30 km, 45 minutes): the ramparts, the lighthouse, the old Dutch church and the boutique streets inside the fort walls. Return to Bentota for a last evening by the sea.

Stay: **Bentota** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day
6

BENTOTA → COLOMBO → AHMEDABAD

Fly home

Drive to Colombo airport (140 km, about 2.5 hours); a short city stop in Colombo (Gangaramaya Temple or Galle Face Green) is possible if your flight is in the evening. Fly out via your connecting city back to Ahmedabad.

Stay: — · Meals: **Breakfast**

Inclusions

Included

- + Return Ahmedabad–Colombo flights (one-stop)
- + ETA visa processing
- + 5 nights in inspected 3★/4★ hotels
- + Private AC vehicle with English/Hindi-speaking driver-guide for the whole trip
- + Daily breakfast and veg dinner
- + Pinnawala entry, temple and cultural show tickets

Not included

- Lunches on sightseeing days
- Yala safari and turtle hatchery entry fee
- Travel insurance
- Sri Lanka departure and airport taxes not already in the airfare

Indicative cost

STANDARD

₹78,000–92,000

Per person, twin sharing

PREMIUM

₹1,10,000–1,40,000

Per person, twin sharing

Per person on twin sharing, indicative for 2026, including flights from Ahmedabad, visa fee, hotels and the private vehicle. December and April (Sinhala New Year) run 20–30% higher. All prices on this document are indicative for 2026 and confirmed in writing at the time of booking.

Good to know

Getting there. Fly: there are no non-stop flights from Ahmedabad. The usual routing is Ahmedabad–Mumbai–Colombo or Ahmedabad–Chennai–Colombo or Ahmedabad–Bengaluru–Colombo, connecting on IndiGo, Air India or SriLankan Airlines, total travel time about 5–6 hours depending on the layover. Book the connection with at least 2 hours' gap.

Food. Colombo, Kandy and Nuwara Eliya each have Indian vegetarian restaurants used to Gujarati groups — we route dinners through these where the itinerary allows. Jain meals (no onion, garlic or root vegetables) can be arranged by most hotels on request; tell us at the time of booking so it is confirmed in writing with each property.

Permits and rules. No separate permits are needed for any of the sites on this route beyond the ETA visa. Temple of the Tooth and other Buddhist temples enforce a dress code: shoulders and knees must be covered (no shorts, sleeveless tops or short skirts), and shoes are removed before entering — carry socks if you prefer not to walk barefoot on stone floors. Photography is generally allowed in temple courtyards but restricted or requires a separate ticket inside some shrine rooms and at the Dambulla cave paintings; flash photography is not allowed near Buddha statues, and turning your back to a Buddha statue for a photograph is considered disrespectful.

Pack

- Light cottons for Colombo, Bentota and Sigiriya (28–32°C)
- A light jacket or shawl for Nuwara Eliya evenings (12–15°C in winter)
- Modest clothing for temples — a stole or scarf solves the shoulders/knees rule quickly
- Comfortable walking shoes for Sigiriya's 1,200 steps and the Little Adam's Peak climb
- Socks for temples where shoes come off on stone or hot pavement
- Sunscreen, cap and mosquito repellent
- A small day bag for temple visits where large bags are not allowed inside

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