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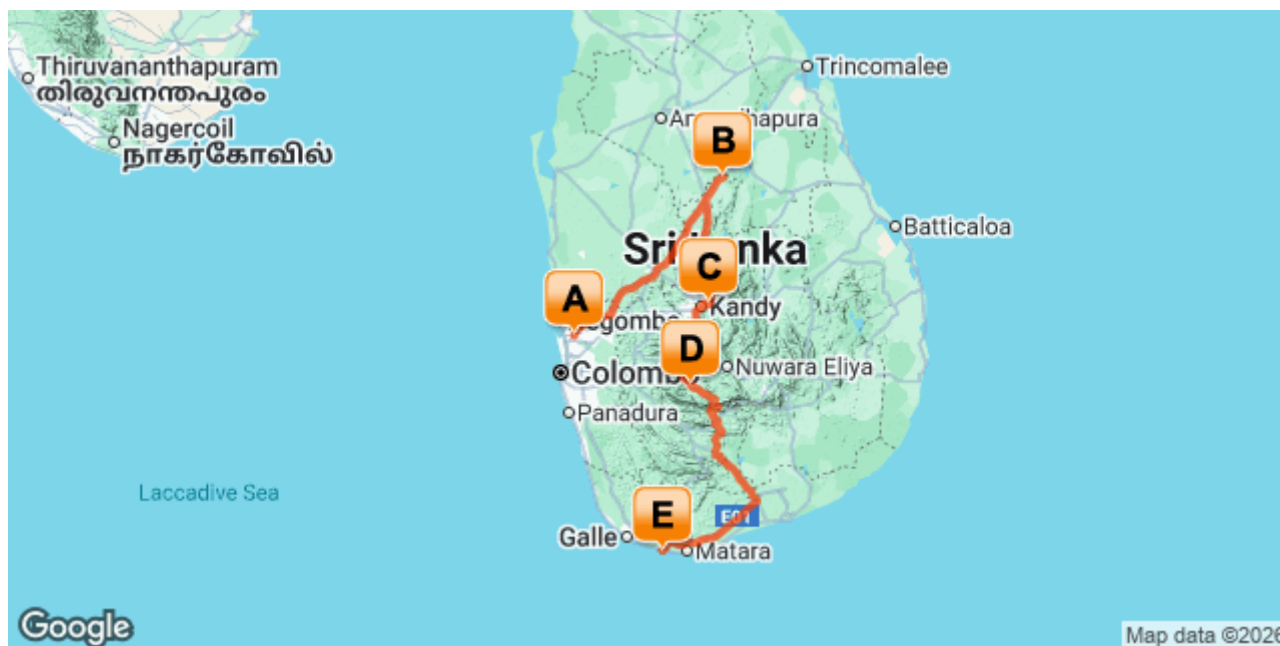
**WELIGAMA**



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*Kotugoda - Sigiriya - Kandy - Hatton - Weligama*  
*10 Days / 9 Nights*

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## Introduction

From the highlands of Kandy to the historic heart of Anuradhapura and Sigiriya, to the lush tea country, and down to the stunning coast, Sri Lanka is a fantastic destination. From trekking to snorkelling, biking to swimming, there is no shortage of activities that are possible in Sri Lanka. This itinerary takes you on a trip of a lifetime across the emerald isle.

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<b>Accommodation</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Basis</b>	<b>Duration</b>
Wallawwa	Kotugoda	B&B	<b>1 Night</b>
Water Garden Sigiriya	Sigiriya	B&B	<b>2 Nights</b>
The Kandy House	Kandy	B&B	<b>1 Night</b>
Ceylon Tea Trails	Dickoya	B&B	<b>3 Nights</b>
Cape Weligama	Weligama	B&B	<b>2 Nights</b>

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### Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

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## Day 1

### Wallawwa, Kotugoda

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#### Kotugoda

Located in southwestern Sri Lanka just 20 minute drive from Colombo airport, Kotugoda is a charming town surrounded by coconut plantations, rice paddies, and tea fields. The sleepy village makes a perfect laid-back base for trips to the stunning Negombo Lagoon, pristine beaches, wonderful fish markets, and enthralling sacred temples, cultural sites, and museums. Sample local Sri Lankan cuisine such as seeni sambal and chicken curry, enjoy a spot of high-tea overlooking the valleys, walk among the breathtaking Wallawwa formal gardens, or indulge in a massage at one of the local luxury spas. Other popular activities include bird watching, fishing, guided nature as well as city tours of Colombo in the south and Negombo in the north.

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#### Day Itinerary

Upon your arrival at Colombo Airport, enjoy a warm and exclusive VIP welcome. A private transfer will escort you to a stylish boutique hotel in the heart of Negombo. This coastal town, with its sun-kissed beaches, lively fish markets, and Dutch-influenced architecture, provides the perfect introduction to the charm and vibrancy of Sri Lanka.

#### Overnight: Wallawwa

Ease into or out of your Sri Lankan holiday in style. Nestled within seven acres of tropical gardens just 20 minutes from the international airport, our intimate 18-room boutique hotel offers the perfect space to relax and recharge. Unwind by the jungle-fringed swimming pool, enjoy long, leisurely meals in the alfresco restaurant, and indulge in a rejuvenating massage at our heavenly spa - long-haul flights and jet lag will be a distant memory.



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## Day 2

### Water Garden Sigiriya, Sigiriya

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#### Sigiriya

Situated in the northern Matale District of Sri Lanka, the small village of Sigiriya is best known for its proximity to the magnificent Sigiriya ‘Lion Rock’. The village offers some comfortable accommodations and a variety of restaurants for visitors to enjoy when stopping over to view the famous rock. This ancient rock fortress rises abruptly from the lush landscape and reaches over 200 metres in height. Crowning this massive outcrop are the ruins of an ancient civilisation, which are considered one of the best-preserved examples of ancient urban planning and have been listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visitors can walk through the lily-dotted moats, lush gardens and cave shrines, through the grand lion-paw entrance, and climb the series of steep staircases passing beautiful murals painted on the sheer rock walls, and enjoy exploring the ruins and soaking up spectacular views of the surrounds.

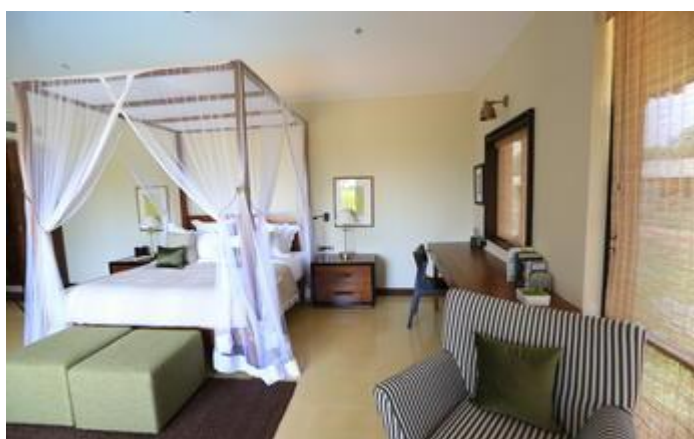
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#### Day Itinerary

After a leisurely breakfast, embark on a scenic drive northeast toward Sigiriya and Dambulla, leaving behind the bustle of Colombo. Arrive at Sigiriya, a UNESCO World Heritage site famed for its 5th-century rock fortress perched dramatically atop a massive outcrop. Explore its exquisite frescoes, landscaped gardens, and remarkable ancient architecture that bring Sri Lanka’s history to life. In the evening, enjoy a memorable climb to the summit of Sigiriya Rock Fortress, where panoramic views await, offering a breathtaking introduction to this awe-inspiring site.

#### Overnight: Water Garden Sigiriya

Water Garden Sigiriya is where luxury meets nature, surrounded by lakes & water streams. This breathtakingly beautiful resort boasts a modern-day water harvesting design revisiting the 2,000-year-old water garden on Sigiriya Rock fortress. The villas are set amongst an expansive property and feature a bathtub, bathrobes, and slippers. Flanked by winding tributaries and veiled by the abundant flora, the 30 immaculately appointed villas combine chic, spacious interiors, secret gardens, and exclusive private plunge pools. The on-site restaurant serves an exciting new twist on traditional local fare in the dining room and outdoors. A swimming pool and spa are offered at the resort, complimenting the relaxing environment.



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## Day 3

### Water Garden Sigiriya, Sigiriya

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#### Day Itinerary

This morning, set out to explore Anuradhapura, one of Sri Lanka's most awe-inspiring historical treasures. Once a thriving capital, it is steeped in over two millennia of history. Marvel at the world's largest stupa, dating back to the 4th century AD, and pay homage to the sacred Bodhi Tree, planted in 236 BC. Wander through the ruins of ancient monasteries and take in the exquisite Buddhist sculptures that reflect the city's spiritual and architectural legacy. Return to your resort in the afternoon, and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure to unwind and reflect on this remarkable journey.

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## Day 4

### The Kandy House, Kandy

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#### Kandy

The second major city in Sri Lanka (the other being Colombo) lies at the centre of the Kandy Plateau, an area of beautiful tropical tea plantations. A magnificent must-see feature of the area is Kandy Lake, to the north of which lies the golden-roofed Temple of The Tooth (a UNESCO World Heritage Site and important place for Buddhist worship, as it is said to house a tooth relic of Buddha). Other fascinating places to visit include the Ceylon Tea Museum, the Buddhist Publication Society, the Ayurvedic centre in the Amaya Hills nearby, the Kandyan Art Association and Cultural Centre, where craftspeople can be seen at work, and the Kandy Muslim Hotel, which offers the finest spiced curries served with naan or Rotis.

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#### Day Itinerary

This morning, visit the iconic Sigiriya Rock Fortress, a UNESCO World Heritage site and a marvel of 5th-century engineering. Climb this majestic monolith to explore a fascinating complex of royal palaces, intricately designed water gardens, fortified walls, and the legendary Lion Gate—an extraordinary testament to ancient Sri Lankan architecture and ingenuity.

In the afternoon, embark on a scenic drive through Sri Lanka's lush central highlands toward Kandy, the island's cultural heart. Along the way, admire rolling tea plantations, misty hills, and charming villages. Upon arrival, check in at your hotel and spend the evening at leisure, soaking in Kandy's serene ambiance.

#### Overnight: The Kandy House

The Kandy House, located in the serene outskirts of Kandy, Sri Lanka, is a beautifully restored 200-year-old manor house. This boutique hotel offers nine individually designed rooms equipped with modern amenities such as air conditioning, hair dryers, and comfortable beds. Guests can enjoy facilities such as a swimming pool, a restaurant, and parking. Activities available include visiting nearby attractions like Peradeniya Botanical Gardens, Temple of the Tooth, and Trinity College Chapel.



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## Day 5

### Ceylon Tea Trails, Dickoya

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#### Dickoya

Bright green hills, thick dark forests, farmlands, and traditional homes characterise the landscapes of Dickoya. This photogenic little town lies in the Nuwara Eliya District of Sri Lanka's Central Province and is known for its fertile tea plantations, spectacular views, and charming historic churches. Delve into the colonial and religious past by stopping in at the 18th-century Christ Church, which features gorgeous stained glass windows and contains a well-preserved bible dating from 1878. The church is one of the oldest Anglican churches in the country. Warleigh Church, with its serene atmosphere, pipe organ, and antique furniture, is also worth a visit. Attractions nearby include the magnificent St. Clair Major Falls and Devon Falls, and the Castlereigh Reservoir, decorated with wonderful hiking trails and lookout points.

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#### Day Itinerary

This morning, enjoy a leisurely breakfast before checking out and setting off for Hatton, nestled in the heart of Sri Lanka's verdant tea country. Journey along scenic roads that wind through mist-laden mountains, rolling tea plantations, and quaint villages, soaking in the serene beauty of the highlands.

Arrive at the hotel in the afternoon and enjoy a relaxing lunch, taking in panoramic views over the lush, emerald tea gardens that stretch as far as the eye can see.

#### Overnight: Ceylon Tea Trails

At Ceylon Tea Trails, each bungalow is individually designed with the comforts of modern-day luxury and the classic elegance of a bygone era. The spacious bedrooms come equipped with antique furniture, while bathrooms feature traditional copper baths and claw foot tubs for complete relaxation. Each bungalow also has a private butler who will anticipate your every whim, from offering a selection of fine wines to arranging private excursions. Whether guests are looking for adventure and exploration or want to relax in the peaceful serenity of Sri Lanka's countryside, let Ceylon Tea Trails take care of it all. From immersive wine tastings and guided nature walks to historical tours and tea-picking experiences, each bungalow has an exclusive selection of experiences tailored to each guest's interests. With a team of dedicated staff and the very best facilities, guests will be sure to feel refreshed and invigorated after their stay at Ceylon Tea Trails.



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## Day 6

### Ceylon Tea Trails, Dickoya

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#### Day Itinerary

This morning, dive into the Ceylon Tea Experience, tracing the fascinating journey of tea from plantation to cup. Stroll through the verdant estate with expert guides, learning the delicate art of hand plucking and the nuances of different tea varieties. Discover the intricate process—from cultivation and harvesting to auctioning and tasting—and savor the rich flavors that make Sri Lankan tea world-renowned.

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## Day 7

### Ceylon Tea Trails, Dickoya

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#### Day Itinerary

Spend the day at leisure, immersing yourself in the estate's tranquil surroundings. Take gentle walks through the misty gardens, cycle along winding paths, try a game of croquet, or simply relax and soak in the serene beauty of the highlands.

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## Day 8

### Cape Weligama, Weligama

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#### Weligama

Weligama is a serene and unspoilt seaside town, with a lovely beach that stretches around a wide, half-moon-shaped bay. It's an interesting blend of an authentic fishing village and an upscale resort town - with a dusting of five-star accommodation complemented by a traditional coastal culture. It's located just a 40-minute drive from the cosmopolitan city of Galle - one of southern Sri Lanka's premier tourist destinations - and offers both a tranquil diversion from the city's pulsating pace and smorgasboard of activities. If it's rest and relaxation you're after, you need look no further than Weligama's pristine shores. Don't forget to pick up some of the handcrafted lace for which the town is renowned.

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#### Day Itinerary

After a leisurely breakfast, depart Hatton and embark on a scenic drive from the misty tea hills to the sun-kissed southern coast of Sri Lanka. Your journey winds through lush landscapes and charming villages before arriving at Weligama, a tranquil crescent-shaped bay lined with swaying palms. Check in at your coastal retreat and spend the afternoon unwinding, feeling the gentle sea breeze and soaking in the serene beauty of the Indian Ocean.

#### Overnight: Cape Weligama

Cape Weligama is a luxury clifftop resort located along the south coast of Sri Lanka. The resort features suites and villas with conveniences such as verandah's, minibars, tea/coffee-making facilities, TVs with international channels, free Wi-Fi, air conditioning, telephones and safes. Guests can enjoy gourmet dining experiences at a choice of three on-site dining options. Additional resort amenities include swimming pools and a fitness centre.



#### Basis

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## Day 9

### Cape Weligama, Weligama

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### **Day Itinerary**

Spend the day in blissful relaxation, embracing the serenity of your coastal surroundings. Lounge by the beach or pool, indulge in rejuvenating spa treatments, savor fresh local cuisine, or simply lose yourself in a book as the gentle waves of the Indian Ocean provide a soothing soundtrack.

### **Basis**

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## Day 10

### End of Itinerary

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#### Day Itinerary

As your unforgettable journey comes to a close, enjoy a private transfer to Colombo Airport, where you'll depart with lasting memories of Sri Lanka's landscapes, culture, and tranquility.

#### Basis

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## Travel Information



Lying between the more explored parts of India and Southeast Asia, Sri Lanka's history, culture, and natural beauty make it an undeniably alluring destination. A historians playground, Sri Lanka has a history that dates back 3000 years and is one of a few places offering as many as eight UNESCO World Heritage sites, including the world-renowned Dambulla Royal Cave Temple and Golden Temple. Like its massive neighbour India, Sri Lanka is a diverse country, home to many religions, ethnicities and languages. Its size, however, means that visitors can spend time meditating in a 2000-year-old temple in the morning, touring the sacred home of the world's oldest living human-planted tree in the afternoon and savouring mouth-watering local rice and curry dishes for dinner. It is also still blessed with various wildlife that has survived on this small island for centuries alongside this human civilisation, including the mighty Sri Lankan Elephant. A true gem, Sri Lanka has something for everyone - from the modern city of Colombo with its skyscrapers to national parks teeming with elephants and miles of pristine beaches that offer epic surf.

### ***Banking and Currency***

#### **Currency**

Local currency: Sri Lankan Rupee

Symbol: Rs in English, රු in Sinhala,

ISO code: LKR

Subunit: Cent

Banknotes: රු20, රු50, රු100, රු500, රු1000, රු1000, රු5000

Coins: රු1, රු2, රු5, රු10

#### **Banking**

Card Transactions: Yes

ATMs: Yes

Mastercard: Yes

Visa: Yes

American Express: Yes

Diner's club: Yes

#### **Banking Hours:**

Weekdays: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Weekends: Saturdays - 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM | Sundays - Closed

Public Holidays: Closed

Foreign exchange services: Yes

### ***Travel, Transport and Getting Around***

#### **Air:**

Main airlines: SriLankan Airlines

International Airports: Bandaranaike International Airport

Domestic Airports: Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport, Ratmalana Airport

**Road:**

Driving on the: Left

Tar roads: Yes

Gravel roads: Yes

Valid International Driver's License needed: Yes

Car hire available: Yes

Taxis: Yes

E-hailing services: Yes

**Bus:**

Inter-city bus services: Yes

Local city bus networks: Yes

**Rail:**

Railway system: Yes

Subway System: No

**Water:**

Ferries: Yes

Water taxis: Yes

Leisure cruises: Yes

***Food, Drink and Cuisine Advice***

**Food and water safety:**

Can you drink the tap water: No

Fresh fruit and veg: Yes

Ice: Yes

Meat: Yes

Street food: Yes

**Local cuisine:**

Sri Lankan cuisine is known for its aromatic spices, vibrant flavors, and rich variety. Rice and curry are staples, often accompanied by dishes like dhal (lentil curry), sambol (coconut relish), and hoppers (pancakes). Notable local drinks include king coconut water, arrack (coconut spirit), and Ceylon tea.

Tipping: 10%

***Climate and Weather***

**Annual rainfall:** 2000 - 3000 mm

**Average temperature:** 27°C

**Summer:**

Average highs: 31°C

Average lows: 25°C

**Winter:**

Average highs: 29°C

Average lows: 23°C

**Best time to visit:**

The best time to visit Sri Lanka is from December to March, during the dry season, when the weather is generally sunny and pleasant.

***Clothing and Dress Recommendations*****Spring and Summer**

Cool, light, breathable and comfortable: Yes

Lightweight warm clothes: No

**Winter and Autumn**

Jerseys, cardigans, sweaters, jackets: Recommended

Heavyweight clothing and boots: No

**General**

Umbrella and raincoat: Yes

Warm gloves, hat and scarf: No

Swimming costume (bathing suit): Yes

Hat, sunglasses and sunblock: Yes

Walking shoes: Yes

Casual: Yes

Smart-casual attire: Yes

***Internet Availability***

Internet cafes: Yes

Accommodation options: Yes

Restaurants: Yes

Cafes: Yes

Shopping malls: Yes

Public parks: Yes

Libraries: Yes

***Electricity and Plug Standards***

Plug Type: Type D, Type G

Voltage (V): 230V

Frequency Hertz (Hz): 50Hz

Travel plug adapter and voltage converter might be necessary depending on your appliances.

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