

Girls On Tour: "Splendid Sri Lanka" 2021 - 20 days



Thursday 28 January 2021 DEPART AUSTRALIA - COLOMBO (3 nights)

Welcome to Sri Lanka! Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel in Colombo. (D)

Fri 29 Jan - COLOMBO

Today is a free day to relax or explore the city. With amazing cuisine and luxury hotels, Colombo is earning itself a well-deserved reputation as a top destination for travellers. (B,D)

Sat 30 Jan - DISCOVER COLOMBO

A leisurely city tour of Colombo including the old fort district, passing by the President's house and the Old Dutch Hospital, now a shopping and restaurant complex. We'll walk through Pettah market and pass the Red Mosque, one of the oldest on the island. Other points of interest include the old St John's Fish Market which is now a gold souk, the old parliament, the sprawling lawns of Galle Face Green and Gangaramaya temple. We will visit the National Museum with its wide display of art, statues and colonial remains before returning to our hotel. (B,D)

Sun 31 Jan - ANURADHAPURA (2 nights)

A morning excursion to the Negombo Fish Market and afternoon transfer to Anuradhapura. The rest of the afternoon is free to explore or relax. (B)

Mon 1 Feb - ANURADHAPURA

A full day touring today including the UNESCO World Heritage site of Anuradhapura located in the north central part of the island. This grand city was the first capital during the period 6th century BC to 10th century BC and was the centre of the island's Buddhist civilisation. We will also visit the ancient remains of Mihintale, a sacred place which is regarded as the cradle of Buddhism in Sri Lanka. (B,D)

Tue 2 Feb - SIGIRIYA (2 nights)

Today we explore the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Polonnaruwa. It is the second most ancient of Sri Lanka's kingdoms and was first declared the capital city in the 11th century. We will also enjoy a local village experience at Hiriwanduna including lunch. (B,L,D)

Wed 3 Feb - SIGIRIYA

This morning we will set off for Sigiriya, also known as 'Lion Rock'. A spectacular pillar of rock is visible from miles around and the site sits on an extinct volcano. Please note the hike to the top is steep and will take a couple of hours depending on fitness levels. In the evening we will enjoy a visit



to the ancient Ritigala Monastery. (B,D)

Thu 4 Feb - KANDY (3 nights)

On our way to Kandy today we will stop to visit the Dambulla cave temples and the Matale spice gardens. Kandy is set around a lake surrounded by green hills and



is Sri Lanka's second largest city. (B,D)

Fri 5 Feb - DISCOVER KANDY

After breakfast enjoy a tour of Kandy including a walking tour by the lake visiting the bustling local market and a stop at the British Garrison Cemetery, which from 1822-1873 was the final resting place for resident British nationals. A visit to the beautiful Peredeniya Botanic Gardens surrounded on three sides by the Mahaweli River is a pleasant experience. In the afternoon we will enjoy a show of traditional Sri Lankan music, dance and drumming before our visit to the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic, the most sacred temple in the whole of Sri Lanka. (B,D)

Sat 6 Feb - DISCOVER KANDY

Today is a day of leisure for you to relax or explore Kandy at your own pace. Your tour escort will be on hand to offer suggestions. (B,D)

Sun 7 Feb - TRAIN TO NANU OYA

We will travel by train through the hill country which is said to be one of the most picturesque rail journeys in the world! You'll journey through dark tunnels on winding tracks, past the beautiful Devon & St Clair waterfalls to the home of the famous Ceylon Tea. On arrival at Nanu Oya Railway station we travel by road to the tea plantation to visit and learn more about the tea making process and different grades of tea. Our final destination today is Nuwara Eliya where we will overnight. (B,D)



Mon 8 Feb - YALA NATIONAL PARK (2 nights)

Our drive today will take us towards the south coast and on the way we will visit the city of Ella. Our final destination today is Yala National Park one of the largest national parks in the country and home to elephants, spotted deer, sambar, wild buffalo, jackals, mongoose and crocodiles. The park boasts one of the highest densities of leopards in the world but they are elusive creatures so any sighting is sure to be a highlight. On arrival the rest of the day is at leisure. (B,D)

Tue 9 Feb - YALA NATIONAL PARK

Enjoy an early morning game drive around Yala National Park.

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You will be picked up early and proceed by jeep to the park entrance. We will return to the hotel for breakfast and relax before heading out once more in the afternoon for another game drive. (B,D)

Wed 10 Feb - WELIGAMA (1 night)

We farewell Yala today and drive to Weligama visiting the Mulkirigala Temple on the way. The afternoon is yours to relax and unwind as we arrive at the 'sandy village' of Weligama. (B,D)

Thu 11 Feb - GALLE (3 nights)

After breakfast this morning we will take a whale and dolphin watching excursion in search of Sperm and Blue Whales and Spinner and Bottlenose Dolphins. In the evening a walking tour of Galle



Fort which offers the best preserved example of a European built fortified city in Asia. It was built by the Dutch during the 17th century and is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Stroll the winding streets of this charming town and discover its colonial buildings, grand fort walls and numerous boutiques and cafés. We will do a walking tour of Galle Fort wandering along the ramparts and will pass the lighthouse and the old Portuguese harbour and stop to see some of the many colonial era buildings, including the Dutch Reformed Church, the Anglican All Saints Church and the former house of the Dutch governor, built in 1684 and now the luxurious Amangalla Hotel. (B,D)



Fri 12 Feb - DISCOVER GALLE

Today is yours to relax or explore this enchanting city. Your tour escort and local tour manager will be on hand to offer suggestions and help you to ensure you have a wonderful day in Galle. (B,D)

Sat 13 Feb - DISCOVER GALLE

This afternoon we will enjoy an amazing experience with one of the locals with a cooking demonstration where we will visit the market and choose vegetables and spices and get some valuable tips on Sri Lankan cooking and cook up our farewell dinner. (B,D)

Sun 14 Feb - COLOMBO (1 night)

After breakfast we drive back to Colombo where we have the coach at our disposal to do some last minute sightseeing or shopping before our departure tomorrow for home. (B,D)

Mon 15 Feb - DEPART FOR HOME

After check out we drive to Colombo airport for our departure for home via Singapore. (B)

Tuesday 16 Feb - ARRIVE HOME

