Itinerary

SOLO TRAVELLER: 10 Day Sri Lanka Solo Journey W/Flights

***IMPORTANT NOTE: Any extra nights, optional tours or other amendments, will not be visible on this itinerary.**

Day 1: Arrive Colombo ~ Negombo

Welcome to the beautiful island of Sri Lanka! Upon arrival at Colombo's Bandaranaike International Airport, you will be greeted by your driver. Most flights from Australia arrive late at night (from 10:30 pm onwards). After reaching your hotel in Negombo, check in and head straight to bed for a good night's rest.

MEALS: None

OVERNIGHT (4 Star): Seahorse Hotel & Spa, Negombo

Day 2: Negombo ~ Sigiriya

This morning, after breakfast, meet your guide and fellow travellers for a welcome meeting before setting off to explore the sights, experiences and traditions of Sri Lanka.

Begin your morning with a visit to the local fish market. Experience the lively atmosphere as fishermen and vendors bring in and sell their fresh catch, offering an authentic glimpse into everyday Sri Lankan life. Continue towards Sri Lanka's Cultural Triangle and Hiriwaduna, where you'll enjoy a traditional village experience. Travel by bullock cart, take a nature walk through the scrub jungle and cross the tranquil lake by 'oruwa', a traditional Sri Lankan boat.

Visit a local farm to learn about traditional farming practices before enjoying a home-cooked village lunch, prepared using fresh local produce and traditional cooking methods. Afterwards, continue to your hotel in Sigiriya and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch

OVERNIGHT (4 Star): Hotel Kamrel, Sigiriya

Day 3: Sigiriya City Tour

Start your day with an early morning visit to the magnificent Sigiriya Lion's Rock. This Rock Fortress is one of Sri Lanka's most iconic land marks and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Explore the ancient rock

citadel and discover its fascinating history, remarkable architecture and engineering.

Return to your hotel and enjoy some free time to relax before heading to Kala Wewa in the afternoon for a scenic kayaking adventure, approximately 3/4. Paddle across the tranquil waters surrounded by lush countryside and panoramic views. Keep an eye on shoreline for a chance to spot wild elephants along the shoreline if you're lucky!

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT (4 Star): Hotel Kamrel, Sigiriya

Day 4: Sigiriya ~ Kandy

After breakfast, depart for Kandy, travelling through the scenic countryside and lush landscapes of Sri Lanka’s central region. En route, visit the impressive Dambulla Cave Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its ancient Buddhist murals, paintings and statues.

Continue through the central hills towards Kandy, stopping in Matale to visit a traditional spice garden. Discover Sri Lanka’s famous spices and Ayurvedic traditions, and learn about their cultivation and uses.

In the afternoon, arrive in Kandy, Sri Lanka’s cultural capital. In the evening, enjoy a traditional Kandyan cultural performance featuring vibrant costumes, rhythmic drumming and captivating traditional dances showcasing the rich heritage of the island’s hill country.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT (4 Star): Oak Ray Heritage Hotel, Kandy

Day 5: Kandy City Tour

This morning, enjoy some free time to explore Kandy at your own pace before a visit to the magnificent Peradeniya Royal Botanical Gardens. Wander through the beautifully landscaped grounds, admire the impressive orchid collection and enormous historic fig tree, and enjoy the peaceful tropical surroundings.

Later, visit a Gem Museum and discover Sri Lanka’s long-standing tradition of gem mining and craftsmanship. Learn about some of the island’s most prized gemstones, including sapphires, and how these precious stones are found, cut and polished.

In the early evening, join a Kandyan family for a special home-dining experience. Discover the stories and traditions behind Sri Lankan cuisine before enjoying a homemade Sri Lankan dinner accompanied by traditional Kandyan sweets.A truly special opportunity to connect with locals and experience the Sri Lankan Hospitality

MEALS: Breakfast, Dinner

OVERNIGHT (4 Star): Oak Ray Heritage Hotel, Kandy

OPTIONALS: Temple of the Tooth

Day 6: Kandy ~ Ella

Today we will travel into Sri Lanka's beautiful central highlands, where rolling tea-covered hills, misty mountains and refreshing cool air create a stunning landscape. Enjoy a city tour of Nuwara Eliya, known as "Little England", and discover its charming colonial architecture and picturesque streets.

Continue to a traditional tea factory to learn about the fascinating journey of Ceylon Tea, from freshly plucked leaves through to the finished product. Enjoy the opportunity to sample a freshly brewed cup of authentic Ceylon Tea. Later, board the famous scenic train and journey through the heart of Sri Lanka's tea country. Enjoy spectacular views of emerald-green tea plantations, misty valleys and dramatic mountain scenery before continuing by road to the Ella area. Check in to your hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT (4 Star): Morning Dew Hotel, Ella

Day 7: Ella ~ Pekoe Trail Tracking

After breakfast, travel to the Makulella area to begin Stage 16 of the Pekoe Trail, one of Sri Lanka's most scenic walking routes. Enjoy approximately 3.5 hours of scenic walking through rolling tea plantations, peaceful villages, forested paths and spectacular mountain landscapes, offering a wonderful opportunity to experience the beauty of Sri Lanka's hill country.

After completing the walk, return to your hotel and enjoy some time to relax and unwind. In the evening, join a street food crawl and sample some of Sri Lanka's favourite local specialties, including freshly prepared hoppers, kottu and other popular 'short eats', while experiencing the lively atmosphere of the local streets.

MEALS: Breakfast, Dinner

OVERNIGHT (4 Star): Morning Dew Hotel, Ella

Day 8: Ella ~ Hikkaduwa

After breakfast, depart for Sri Lanka's beautiful southern coast, travelling through scenic countryside and coastal landscapes. En route, visit the Elephant Transit Home, where orphaned and injured young

elephants are cared for with the aim of rehabilitation and return to the wild. Learn about the centre's conservation efforts and observe the elephants from a respectful distance.

Continue to Galle and explore the historic Galle Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Wander through its charming colonial streets, admire the ancient ramparts and discover the unique blend of European architecture and Sri Lankan heritage.

Continue to Hikkaduwa and check in to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax and enjoy the hotel facilities or soak up the relaxed atmosphere of Sri Lanka's southern coast.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT (4 Star): Hikka Tranz by Cinnamon, Hikkaduwa

Day 9: Hikkaduwa Free Day

Today is yours to relax and unwind at your own pace. Spend the day enjoying the hotel's swimming pool, relaxing by the beach, taking a leisurely swim or simply soaking up the sun and laid-back atmosphere of Sri Lanka's southern coast.

In the evening, join your chauffeur/guide and fellow travellers for a special farewell seafood dinner. Enjoy a delicious selection of fresh local seafood while sharing stories and favourite memories from your Sri Lankan journey.

MEALS: Breakfast, Dinner

OVERNIGHT (4 Star): Hikka Tranz by Cinnamon, Hikkaduwa

Day 10: Hikkaduwa ~ Colombo ~ Departure

After breakfast, transfer to the international airport for your departure flight. The drive to the airport takes approximately 2.5 hours. We hope you've had a wonderful time exploring Sri Lanka!

NOTE: Depending on airline schedules, your flight may depart in the early hours of Day 11.

MEALS: Breakfast, In-flight

OVERNIGHT (4 Star):In-flight