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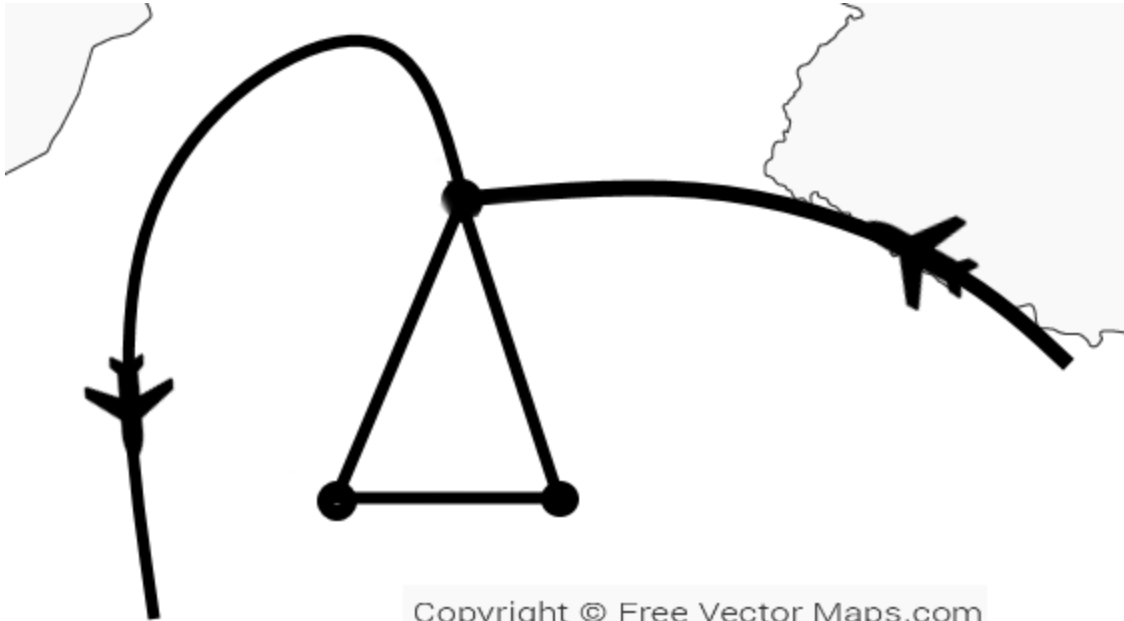
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19 Day India and Sri Lanka Double Indulgence (Tour Code: IST)

Our India and Sri Lanka combined tour is very unique and special. In India, you will visit the golden triangle, which always provides a vast array of sites, sounds and architectural wonders; the bustling bazaars of Delhi and Jaipur, the Taj Mahal at Agra; these are truly the 'Highlights' of a visit to India and here they are encompassed in a sensible time frame on this wonderful tour. Sri Lanka is an undiscovered country, whose appeal and pleasures are myriad. During this tour you will find the endless beaches, timeless ruins, welcoming people, oodles of elephants, killer surf, cheap prices, fun trains, famous tea, flavourful food etc. Our well designed and fully inclusive tour incorporates many highlights of these two countries, which let you explore two subcontinental countries and experience the lifestyle of them at a very affordable price.



DAY 01: AUSTRALIA – DELHI

Depart Australia on Singapore Airlines in the morning for Delhi, India and arrive in the evening. Upon arrival, our guide in Delhi will meet & assist at international airport and transfer to hotel. Stay overnight at Connaught Hotel**** or similar in Delhi.

DAY 02: DELHI SIGHTSEEING (B.L.D)

After breakfast full day sightseeing tour of Old Delhi & New Delhi includes India Gate, Parliament House, Qutab Minar, Humayun Tomb, Jama Masjid, Chandani Chowk on cycle rickshaw & Red Fort. Stay overnight at Connaught Hotel**** or similar in Delhi.

DAY 03: DELHI – AGRA (B.D)

In the morning, depart for Agra. On arrival, check in to your hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight at hotel in Agra. Stay overnight at Howard Park Plaza Hotel**** or similar in Agra.

DAY 04: AGRA (B.L.D)

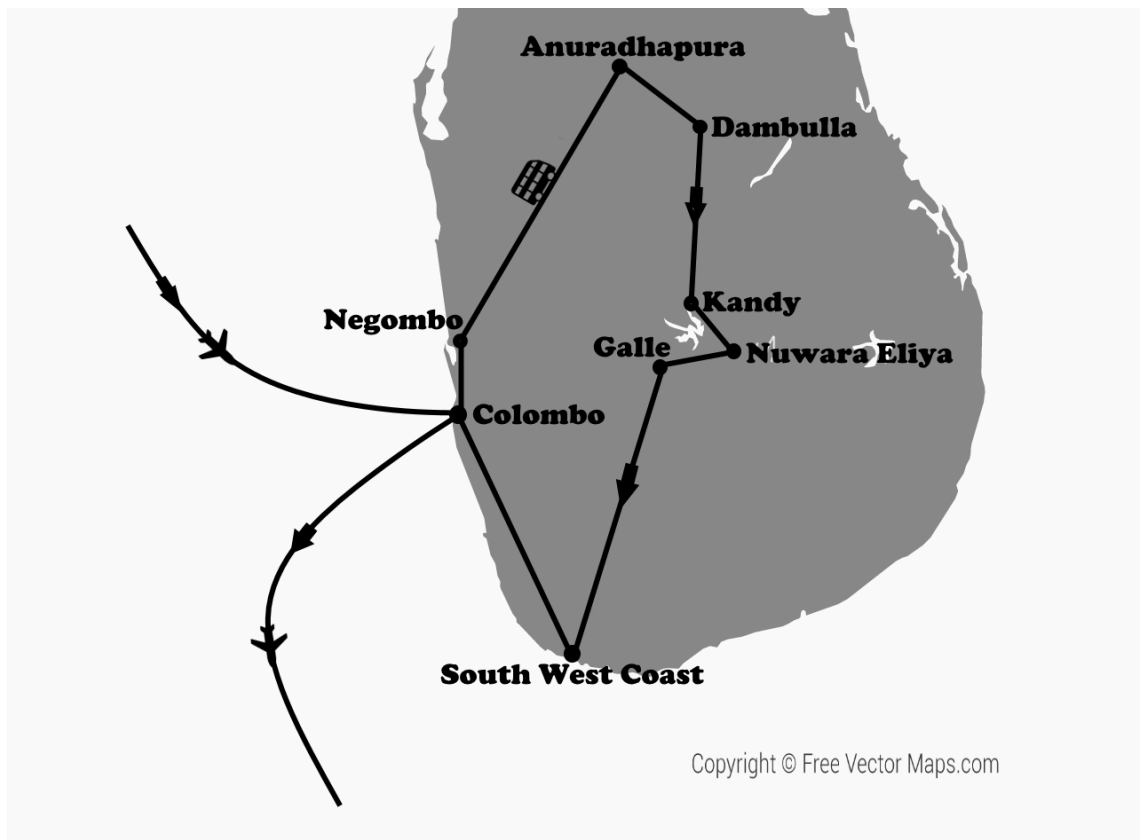
Early morning, sunrise visit to Taj Mahal (closed on Fridays) built by Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan. This beautiful mausoleum is built of pure white marble and is an architectural marvel. Built in the memory of his beloved queen Mumtaz Mahal. The building was conceived as a garden tomb with the mausoleum rising at the far end of the complex with the river Yamuna flowing below. Later visit the magnificent Agra Fort built by Emperor Akbar over the years 1565 – 1573 with its maze of courtyards, mosques, and private chambers, followed by a drive around the city and the bazaar. Stay overnight at Howard Park Plaza Hotel**** or similar in Agra.

DAY 05: AGRA – FATEHPUR SIKRI – JAIPUR (B.L.D)

Morning departure for Jaipur en route visiting the deserted capital of the Mughals, Fatehpur Sikri. This city was abandoned due to political reasons. Among the principal attractions of Fatehpur Sikri are the large audience halls, palaces, the Mosques, the tomb of Salim Chishti, the Panchmahal, and the Buland Darwaza, which is among the biggest gates in Asia. Total distance approx 245 kms / 7 hrs including Fatehpur Sikri. Upon arrival check in at the hotel. Stay overnight at Alsisar Haveli**** or similar in Jaipur.

DAY 06: JAIPUR (B.L.D)

After breakfast we proceed to visit the Amber Fort, located 11 kilometres away from Jaipur. En-route, visit the Hawa Mahal. Amber was the ancient capital of Kachwaha Dynasty before Jai Singh founded Jaipur. Ride an elephant to reach the gates of the fort. In the afternoon take a walk through the colourful Bazaar of Jaipur and visit a factory to see the famous block printing work, which is a specialty of Jaipur. In the evening we drive through the new city of Jaipur and visit Laxmi Narayan Mandir, a Hindu temple built in white marble. Stay overnight at Alsisar Haveli**** or similar in Jaipur.



DAY 07: JAIPUR – DELHI – COLOMBO – NEGOMBO / WATTALA (B)

You are at leisure until you are transferred back to Delhi (approx.265 kms / 6 hrs). Upon arrival at Delhi, you are transferred to airport for your flight to Colombo, Sri Lanka. Ayubowan (May you live long!), a warm welcome to Sri Lanka. You will be met at the Colombo airport by a representative of the local guide and transferred to the beachfront hotel in Wattala, a small fishing village just north of Colombo. Unwind and relax from your flight. Stay overnight at Goldi Sands Hotel**** or similar.

DAY 08: NEGOMBO CITY TOUR (B.L.D)

Enjoy the breakfast at the hotel and in the afternoon visit one of the country's busiest fishing centres, where colourful boats litter the blue waters of the lagoon. See the remaining buildings from the Dutch period, a Buddhist temple, a Catholic Church. Rest of the afternoon at leisure by the beach. Enjoy a relaxing late afternoon Boat Ride through tangled mangroves in a freshwater canal; the boat safari would take you through the breath-taking and picturesque view of nature unfolding before your eyes, eventually taking you in time to see the sunset from the beach. Stay overnight at Goldi Sands Hotel**** or similar.

DAY 09: YAPAHUWA – WILPATTU NATIONAL PARK (B.L.D)

After breakfast leave for Yapahuwa. The Citadel of Yapahuwa abounds with a variety of features of archaeological importance. The fortification and the moat, which extend from the west to the southern part of the rock, are connected to the other side of the rock in the shape of a horseshoe. There are no buildings of any historical value in the outer city. Tiles, potsherds and bricks are strewn everywhere in the vicinity of the outer city. In the afternoon Jeep safari at Wilpattu National Park which is the largest and one of the oldest National Parks in Sri Lanka. Wilpattu is among the top national parks world renowned for its Leopard population. It is also home to endangered animals such as the Sri Lankan Sloth Bear and the Sri Lankan Elephant. Stay overnight at Palm Garden Village Hotel**** or similar.

DAY 10: ANURADHAPURA – MIHINTALE – DAMBULLA (B.L.D)

After breakfast explore Anuradhapura (a World Heritage Site), the first capital and undoubtedly the grandest city of ancient Sri Lanka. Sri Maha Bodhi (sacred Bo-Tree) was brought as a sapling of the tree under which Prince Siddhartha attained enlightenment. It is over 2,200 years old and is the oldest historically documented tree in the world. At Brazen Palace (2nd Century B.C) with its 1600 stone columns see the remains of a magnificent multi-storied residence for monks. Ruwanweliseya (2nd century B.C) is the most famous of all the Dagobas and the Isurumuniya rock temple (3rd Century B.C) is known for its rock carvings. Later drive to Habarana via Mihintale, the town where Buddhism first overwhelmed the people of Sri Lanka. Stay overnight at Jetwing Lake Hotel**** or similar.

DAY 11: POLONNARUWA – SIGIRIYA ROCK FORTRESS (B.L.D)

After breakfast visit Polonnaruwa, the medieval capital and a world heritage site Polonnaruwa. It is the island's medieval capital (built in the 11th and 12th century AD) with many of the ruins still in excellent condition. You will visit the ruins of the Royal Palace, the Gal Viharaya, the Audience Hall, the Lotus Bath and The Statue of King Parakramabahu. Later explore one of Asia's most spectacular cultural sites, the Sigiriya Rock Fortress. Only the fit and adventurous will want to climb the rock, but all can enjoy the superb ruins and fine views around the base. Sigiriya Rock Fortress which is a World Heritage site of 5th century AD, built by King Kashyapa. Its home to water gardens, frescoes, ancient graffiti and commands an amazing view of Sri Lanka's greenery. Stay overnight at Jetwing Lake Hotel**** or similar.

DAY 12: DAMBULLA – MATALE – KANDY (B.L.D)

After breakfast visit Dambulla rock cave temple built by King Walagambahu, in the 1st Century B.C. It is a World Heritage Site, and the most impressive of Sri Lanka's cave temples. Later en-route to Kandy, in Matale, visit a spice garden at Matale to learn about spices and their use in Sri Lankan cuisines. Proceed to Kandy which is known as the charming hill capital of Sri Lanka and lies picturesquely surrounded by

mountains and the last stronghold of the Sinhala Kings until it was finally ceded to the British in 1815. Kandy is an example of Buddhism's influence in Sri Lanka today. Enjoy some sightseeing such as the Temple of Tooth Relic, an arts and craft workshop, oriental marketplace, a bazaar and a gem lapidary where you can see how rough gems (particularly the famous Blue and Star sapphires) are mined cut and polished using traditional methods. In the evening enjoy the Cultural Show. Stay overnight at Golden Crown Hotel**** or similar.

DAY 13: KANDY – PINNAWEALA – PERDENIYA – KANDY (B.L.D)

Breakfast at the hotel and visit the elephant orphanage in Pinnawela, established in 1975, commenced with seven orphans. Today some of these orphans enjoy the fortune of seeing their grand children born in the same location. Visit the Royal Botanical Gardens at Peradeniya, which is renowned for its collection of a variety of orchids and over 4000 species of plants, including orchids, spices, medicinal plants and palm trees. On your way back to the hotel you will have a drive through the nearby university grounds. Stay overnight at Golden Crown Hotel**** or similar.

DAY 14: KANDY – NANU OYA – NUWARA ELIYA (B.L.D)

After breakfast go for a Scenic Train Journey from Kandy to Nanu-Oya (110km/approximate journey time 5 hours). Seats will be booked in the observation car and disembark in Nanu Oya and travel by road to Nuwara Eliya, well known as "Little England". Stop at the mountains covered with tea bushes and at waterfalls. Enjoy the magnificent landscape. Visit a tea factory, follow the tea trails to watch the interesting process and enjoy a freshly brewed cup of Ceylon tea. Afternoon make a walk in the British period city and visit a local market and stay overnight at Araliya Green Hills Hotel**** or similar in Nuwara Eliya.

DAY 15: HORTON PLAINS (B.D)

After breakfast in the hotel and make an excursion to Horton Plains National Park which is more than 7,000 feet above sea level. Looking for the endemic yellow-eared bulbul, Ceylon white eye, Ceylon warbler, spot-winged thrush, whistling thrush and blue magpie. Continue the walk to 'World's End' and "Little World's End" which offers one of the finest views in Sri Lanka. Also grab a look at Baker's fall before you return to the hotel for a well-deserved rest. Stay overnight at Araliya Green Hills Hotel**** or similar in Numara Eliya.

DAY 16: KITULGALA – SOUTH WEST COAST (B.L.D)

Enjoy your breakfast in the hill country's cool climate and later in the morning leave for South West Coast via Kitulgala. Kitulgala, just across the Kelani River is a primeval forest with lush tropical flora, home to about 54 rare species of birds. "The Bridge on the River Kwai" was filmed on the Kelani River near Kitulgala, although nothing remains now except the concrete foundations for the bridge. Kitulgala is the base for white-water rafting in Sri Lanka. Later check-in to your beach resort and overnight stay in South West Coast. Stay overnight at Centara Ceysands Resort & Spa**** or similar. (Optional Adventure lovers can enjoy white water rafting on the Kelani River, Sri Lanka's 2nd largest.)

DAY 17: GALLE & BENTOTA (B.L.D)

After breakfast at hotel, explore the ancient city of Galle. Experience the fort's antique architecture and charming streetscapes on our heritage walk through including the Dutch Museum and church before travelling to Bentota via Kosgoda Turtle Hatchery and visit a cinnamon farm before returning to your beach resort. Rest in the afternoon at leisure by the beach which has a long stretch of palm-fringed white sand, lapped by the warm waters of the Indian Ocean. Stay overnight at South West Coast. Stay overnight at Centara Ceysands Resort & Spa**** or similar.

DAY 18: SOUTH WEST COAST – COLOMBO CITY TOUR (B.L)

Enjoy your breakfast at the beach hotel and leave in the early afternoon for the airport via Colombo, commercial city of Sri Lanka, where you will take a stop. Enjoy a sightseeing tour which will unveil the city's many charms, including a guided walk through the color, history and atmosphere of Pettah, remaining Colonial era buildings, Colombo Fort, Galle Face Green, and Independence Square, BMICH, Old Parliament House and picturesque Beira Lake surroundings, explore shopping malls like House Fashion, ODEL etc for your last minute shopping. Later transfer to the airport for the flight homeward to Australia.

DAY 19: COLOMBO – SINGAPORE – AUSTRALIA

You arrive in Australia in the afternoon. Your unforgettable India and Sri Lanka tour ends.

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Departure Dates and Tour Prices		
Departing Australia	Returning to Australia	Singapore Airlines ex Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide & Perth
03 Mar. 20	23 Mar. 20	\$5,180
07 May 20	25 May 20	\$5,180
02 Sep. 20	20 Sep. 20	\$5,280
05 Nov. 20	23 Nov. 20	\$5,280

Prices are in Australian dollar, per person, twin share.

Single supplement: \$1,290

Land only: \$4,080

PS: Member discount of \$50 will apply to this tour (If you are not our ADT travel club member yet, you are welcome to join now. Membership is free. As soon as you sign up, you are entitled to having this discount). Further discount of \$50 will apply to returning customers.

Inclusions:

1. Singapore Airlines international airfare into Delhi, India and out of Colombo, Sri Lanka as indicated;
2. International airport taxes, fuel surcharge and airlines levy (currently \$250, subject to change);
3. International air-ticket from Delhi, India to Colombo, Sri Lanka with taxes;
4. Twin-share accommodation at 4-star hotels;
5. Meals as stated in the itinerary;
6. Sightseeing tours with admission fees included in the itinerary;
7. Transfers and transport all throughout the trip by A/C vehicle;
8. Service of professional English-speaking local guides.

Exclusions:

1. Travel insurance;
2. Tips to guide and driver (\$5 per person per day);
3. India visa fee (currently \$210, subject to change) and Sri Lanka visa fee (currently \$60, subject to change);
4. Personal expenses, camera fee/ Monument entrances in India (payable directly, total Monument entrance fees: about US \$30 per person).