



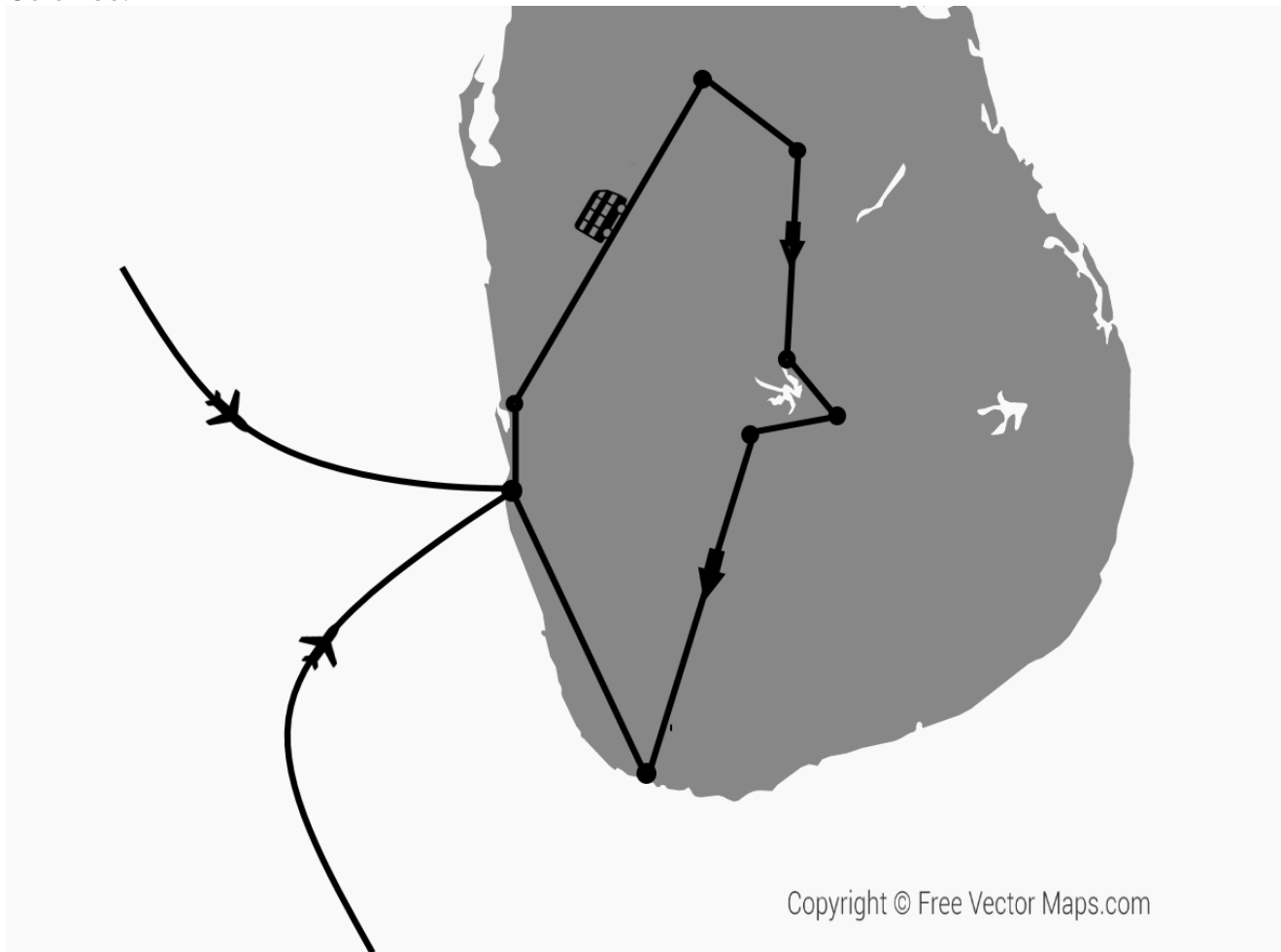
# Asia Discovery Tours

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## 13 Day Panoramic Sri Lanka 2024 (Tour Code: SPT)

We provide you with a good opportunity to explore an undiscovered country, Sri Lanka, which appeals and pleasures are myriad. During this tour you will find the endless beaches, timeless ruins, welcoming people, oodles of elephants, killer surf, cheap prices for shopping, fun trains, famous tea, flavourful food etc. Our well designed and fully inclusive tour incorporates the following highlights: being tucked away in the bustling town of Negombo, enjoying a boat Ride through tangled mangroves, experiencing a Jeep safari at Wilpattu National Park, being amazed by Anuradhapura's Ancient Ruins, witnessing the Medieval Capital: Polonnaruwa, marvelling at Sigiriya fantastic "Fortress in the Sky", admiring the Dambulla Rock Caves, feeling your senses at Matale Spice Garden, making friend with an elephant in Pinnawela, being touched by a stunning Cultural Show and viewing the Temple of the Tooth Relic and the Royal Botanical Gardens in Kandy, indulging on a Scenic Train Journey from Kandy to Nanu Oya, having a nature walk at Horton Plains, seeing the scenic Kitulgala, exploring the Dutch period Fort in Galle, relaxing on a beautiful and pristine beach in the south west coast and discovering the charm of Colombo.



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### **DAY 01: AUSTRALIA – SINGAPORE – COLOMBO – NEGOMBO / WATTALA**

***SQ222, Sydney – Singapore 16:10/21:20***

***SQ218, Melbourne – Singapore 16:40/21:20***

***SQ468, Singapore – Colombo 22:10/23:30***

Depart from Sydney or Melbourne to Colombo, Sri Lanka on Singapore Airlines via Singapore. Arrive in Singapore in the afternoon. A warm welcome to Sri Lanka. You will be met at the Colombo airport by our representative and transferred to the beachfront hotel in Negombo, a small fishing village just north of Colombo or Wattala. Unwind and relax from your flight.

## **DAY 02: NEGOMBO CITY TOUR (B.L.D)**

Enjoy 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. Visit the remaining buildings of the Dutch period, a Buddhist temple, a Catholic church. Rest of the afternoon will be at your 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 in Negombo / Wattala.

## **DAY 03: YAPAHUWA, WILPATTHU 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 west end of the Southern part of the rock, are connected to the other side of the rock in the shape of a horse shoe. 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 attend a 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 hotel in Anuradhapura.

## **DAY 04: ANURADHAPURA – MIHINTALE – DAMBULLA (B.L.D)**

After breakfast explore Anuradhapura (a World Heritage Site), the first capital and undoubtedly the grandest city of the ancient Sri Lanka. Sri Maha Bodhi (sacred Bo-Tree) was brought as a sapling of the tree under which Prince Siddhartha attained to 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. Ruwanwelisaya (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 King Devanampiyatissa met the Buddhist monk Mahinda resulting in his conversion to Buddhism and the inauguration of Buddhism in Sri Lanka. Stay overnight in Dambulla.

## **DAY 05: POLONNARUWA, SIGIRIYA ROCK FORTRESS (B.L.D)**

After breakfast visit Polonnaruwa, a medieval capital and a World Heritage site. 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 in Dambulla.

## **DAY 06: DAMBULLA – MATALE – KANDY (B.L.D)**

After breakfast visit Dambulla, a 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 mountain. It was the last stronghold of the Sinhala Kings until it was finally ceded to the British in 1815. Kandy is an example of the Buddhism's influence in Sri Lanka today. Enjoy some sightseeing today as we visit the Temple of Tooth Relic, an arts and crafts work shop, oriental market place, a bazaar and a gem lapidary where you can see how rough gems (particularly the famous Blue & Star sapphires) are mined cut and polished using traditional methods. In the evening enjoy the Cultural Show. Stay overnight in Kandy.

## **DAY 07: KANDY – PINNAWEALA – PERDENIYA – KANDY (B.L.D)**

Breakfast at the hotel and visit the elephant orphanage in Pinnewala, 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 of orchids, spices, medicinal plants and palm trees. On your way back to the hotel you will drive through the nearby university grounds. Stay overnight in Kandy.

**DAY 08: KANDY – NANU OYA – NUWARA ELIYA (B.L.D)**

After breakfast go for Scenic Train Journey from Kandy to Nanu-Oya (110km/approximate journey time 5 hours). Seats will be booked in the observation ca. Disembark at 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 of tea production and enjoy a freshly brewed cup of Ceylon tea. In the afternoon stroll through the British period buildings, visit a local market and stay overnight in Nuwara Eliya.

**DAY 09: HORTON PLAINS (B.D)**

After breakfast in the hotel we will travel to Horton Plains National Park which is more than 7,000 feet above sea level. We will go bird watching and attempt to find 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 in Numara Eliya.

**DAY 10: KITULGALA, SOUTH WEST COAST (B.L.D)**

Enjoy your breakfast in the hill country's cool climate and later in the morning leave for the 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 a base for white-water rafting in Sri Lanka. Later check-in to your beach resort and overnight stay in South West Coast.

**DAY 11: 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 walkthrough including the Dutch Museum and church before travelling to Bentota via Kosgoda Turtle Hatchery. Visit a cinnamon farm before returning to your beach resort. Rest in the afternoon at leisure by the beach which has an long stretch of palm-fringed white sand, lapped by the warm waters of the Indian Ocean. Stay overnight at South West Coast.

**DAY 12: 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 13: COLOMBO – SINGAPORE – AUSTRALIA**

*SQ469, Colombo – Singapore 00:45/07:15*

*SQ211, Singapore – Sydney 10:30/21:20*

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*SQ217, Singapore – Melbourne 11:00/21:25*

Sydney or Melbourne Passengers fly from back from Colombo via Singapore and arrive in the evening. Your unforgettable Sri Lanka tour ends.

13-Day Panoramic Sri Lanka Tour (Tour Code: SPT)		
Departure Dates and Tour Prices		
Departing Australia	Returning to Australia	Singapore Airlines ex Sydney or Melbourne,
11 Mar. 24	23 Mar. 24	\$3,780
08 Apr. 24	20 Apr. 24	\$3,980
06 May 24	18 May 24	\$3,980
09 Sep. 24	21 Sep. 24	\$3,880
14 Oct. 24	26 Oct. 24	\$3,880
11 Nov. 24	23 Nov. 24	\$3,980

Tour prices are in Australian dollar, per person, twin or double share

**Single supplement:** \$880

**Tour price includes:**

1. Singapore Airlines return air-ticket Australia – Singapore – Sri Lanka;
2. Airport tax and fuel surcharge (currently \$250, subject to change)
3. Transfers and transport all through;
4. Eleven-night accommodation at 4-star hotels;
5. Meals as indicated in the itinerary;
6. Sightseeing tours with entrance fees;
7. Professional English-speaking guide.

**Tour price excludes:**

1. Visa fee (currently \$60, subject to change);
2. Extras of personal nature;
3. Tip to guide and driver (US\$5 per person per day for the guide and driver to share);
4. Extra services other than those specified.