

Earthbound Expeditions

Sri Lanka 50 + Adventure Tour

10 days, from US$1,257 per person

Duration	Group size	Country
10 days	**15 people**	**Sri Lanka**

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Sri Lanka is a Buddhist country with many ancient Buddhist sites, including Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa, Sigiriya, Dambulla, Panduwasnuwara and Yapahuwa. These places contain the remains of a civilisation that developed over centuries under the influence of Buddhism, which is still preserved in Sri Lanka in its original form.

This ten-day guided tour introduces you to the culture of Sri Lanka. You spend nine nights in highly rated accommodation as you travel through the country. A buffet breakfast is served daily, and you spend your days visiting ancient sites and natural landscapes. On arrival in Colombo, an experienced English-speaking guide meets you and transfers you to your hotel. You travel in an air-conditioned luxury van.

You go on a jeep safari in Yala National Park, visit the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage to watch the elephants being fed and bathed, and take an elephant ride in Habarana. You see UNESCO World Heritage Sites including the Dambulla Cave Temple and Galle Fort, attend a cultural show in Kandy and see the waterfalls of Nuwara Eliya. All national park and sightseeing entrance fees are included, along with many other visits, on this award-winning tour.

Many travellers finish this tour wishing they could stay longer in Sri Lanka, as the country has a great deal to offer in culture and nature.

We invite you to join this tour of Sri Lanka.

You can combine this Sri Lanka tour with Nepal, Tibet, Bhutan or India, and travel to two or three countries in one trip. Write to us with what you would like to do and we will be happy to help.

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Itinerary

Day 1

Arrive in Colombo

Arrive at Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake. • You are met on arrival and transferred to Colombo (30 kilometres, approximately 1 hour). • On arrival, check in at the hotel. Afternoon: • Sightseeing tour of Colombo. • Overnight at a hotel in Colombo.

Altitude: 5 m On foot: Easy walking, 1–2 hrs Night: Hotel, Colombo Meals: Dinner

Day 2

Drive to Anuradhapura

Breakfast. • Drive to Anuradhapura (206 kilometres, approximately 5 hours). • On arrival in Anuradhapura, check in at the hotel. • Visit the sacred ancient city, founded in the 4th century BC (a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1982). • Overnight at a hotel in Anuradhapura.

Altitude: 80 m On foot: Easy walking, 2–3 hrs Night: Hotel, Anuradhapura Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 3

Mihintale and Aukana

• Drive to Mihintale (12 kilometres, approximately ½ hour). • Visit the ancient remains of Mihintale, a sacred site regarded as the birthplace of Buddhism in Sri Lanka. • Continue to Aukana (59 kilometres, approximately 1½ hours). • Drive to Habarana (55 kilometres, approximately 1½ hours), a small village with good hotels and a central location for all the ancient city sites. • Overnight at a hotel in Habarana.

Altitude: 170 m On foot: Easy walking, 2–3 hrs Night: Hotel, Habarana Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 4

Sigiriya and Polonnaruwa

• Drive to Sigiriya (25 kilometres, approximately ½ hour). • Climb the Rock Fortress (a UNESCO World Heritage Site). • Drive to Polonnaruwa (67 kilometres, approximately 1½ hours), also a UNESCO World Heritage Site. • Overnight at a hotel in Habarana.

Altitude: 170 m On foot: 3–4 hrs Night: Hotel, Habarana Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 5

Dambulla and drive to Kandy

• Drive to Dambulla (25 kilometres, approximately ½ hour). • Visit the Golden Rock Cave Temple (a UNESCO World Heritage Site). • Drive to Kandy (72 kilometres, approximately 3 hours). • On the way, visit a spice garden in Matale. • On arrival in Kandy, check in at the hotel. • In the evening, visit the sacred Temple of the Tooth Relic. • Watch the Kandyan cultural show at the Kandyan Arts and Cultural Centre. • Overnight at a hotel in Kandy.

Altitude: 500 m On foot: Easy walking, 2–3 hrs Night: Hotel, Kandy Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 6

Pinnawala and drive to Nuwara Eliya

• Drive to Pinnawala (50 kilometres, 2 hours) and visit the Elephant Orphanage. • Drive to Nuwara Eliya (130 kilometres, approximately 4½ hours). • On the way, visit the Peradeniya Botanical Gardens. • Overnight at a hotel in Nuwara Eliya.

Altitude: 1,868 m On foot: None, 6–7 hr drive Night: Hotel, Nuwara Eliya Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 7

Drive to Yala National Park

• Drive to Yala (197 kilometres, approximately 4½ hours). • On the way, visit the Ravana Falls. • On arrival in Yala, check in at the hotel. • In the afternoon, go on a safari in Yala National Park by private jeep, accompanied by a tracker. • Overnight at a hotel in Yala.

Altitude: 20 m On foot: None, 4–5 hr drive Night: Hotel, Yala Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 8

Drive to Bentota

• Drive to Bentota. • Overnight at a hotel in Bentota.

Altitude: 5 m On foot: None, 4–5 hr drive Night: Hotel, Bentota Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 9

Free day in Bentota

Free day.

Altitude: 5 m On foot: Optional 2–3 hrs Night: Hotel, Bentota Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 10

Departure

Distance: 96 kilometres, a 2½-hour drive.

Altitude: 5 m On foot: None, departure day Night: No overnight Meals: Breakfast

What's included

- Meeting and assistance on arrival and departure.
- Accommodation on a half-board basis at the listed hotels or hotels of a similar standard.
- Transport:
- 1 to 2 people: air-conditioned car with an English-speaking driver.
- 3 to 6 people: air-conditioned minivan with an English-speaking driver.
- 7 to 10 people: air-conditioned mini coach with an English-speaking local guide.
- 11 to 15 people: air-conditioned medium coach with an English-speaking local guide.
- 16 to 20 people: air-conditioned coach with an English-speaking local guide.
- Entrance fees at all sites listed in the itinerary.
- Porter charges at the airport and at all hotels.
- Jeep hire in Yala National Park.

Not included

- Lunches and dinners
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks at all hotels.
- Gratuities.
- Personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls and tips.
- Christmas and New Year supplements at hotels.

Photos, videos and reviews of this trip: earthbound.rajansimkhada.com/sri-lanka-50-adventure-tour-09-nights-10-days