

# ***SRI LANKA & INDIA TOUR***



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## Sri Lanka & India Premium Private Tour & Flights

Duration: 17 days

Departs: 2024

Stay: 15 nights hotels (4-star & 5-star)

Travel style: Escorted tour with flights from Australia

Booking code: INDSL17M

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# 17 Days Sri Lanka & India Tour with Flights

## About the holiday

This highlight-packed tour of Sri Lanka and India takes you on an in-depth journey and you'll travel with your own guide and driver on a private tour!

For starters, there are so many reasons to visit Sri Lanka - endless rainforest, timeless ruins, smiley locals and wildlife galore - just to name a few. Formerly known as Ceylon, the relatively small island is endowed with a diverse collection of landscapes and sights. Get set for unmissable experiences, such as the 300-strong elephant gathering at Minneriya National Park, or trekking to monasteries nestled within the highlands. Explore the lush, green tea plantations and taste the perfect blend of world-famous Ceylon tea. Wander through bustling cities and marvellous UNESCO World Heritage Sites as you learn stories of war, history, tradition and culture from expert local guides. Head off the beaten track for a truly authentic taste of Sri Lanka.

Next, embark on an unforgettable adventure through the vibrant heart of India with our meticulously crafted tour. Discover the captivating blend of history, culture, and wildlife. Visit Delhi and marvel at the impressive architecture of historical monuments such as the majestic Qutub Minar. Explore the grandeur of Agra Fort and other architectural wonders that will transport you back in time. Prepare for an exhilarating experience at Ranthambore National Park, one of India's premier wildlife sanctuaries. Embark on thrilling safaris to hopefully spot majestic tigers, along with other exotic wildlife species in their natural habitat. The modern metropolis of Gurgaon is the perfect finish for your India tour, with its cutting-edge infrastructure and lively ambiance.

## Travel Dates:

Lowest price departures are on Saturdays between the following dates:

**2024** - 20 January to 15 March, 20 April to 10 June, 20 July to 10 September  
& 10 October to 30 November

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### Tour package includes:

- **International flights** - Return economy airfares to Colombo & from Delhi
  - Fly from Australian capital cities (*prices may vary*)
  - One-way economy airfare from Colombo to Delhi
- **Accommodation** - 15 nights in 5-star & 4-star hotels
- **Meals** - 15 breakfasts, drinking water supplied in vehicles
- **Transportation** - Air-conditioned coach or mini bus
  - Jeep ride at Amber Fort
  - Rickshaw ride in Delhi
  - Jeep safari at Wilpattu, Ritigala, Minneriya National Park, Horton Plains
- **Airport transfers** - Arrival & departure transfers as per the itinerary
- **Escorted tour** - Services of English-speaking guides
  - Experienced guides licenced by the Ministry of Tourism
- **Sightseeing** - as per itinerary
  - India - Red Fort, Qutab Minar, Humayun's Tomb, Amber Fort, City Palace, Hawa Mahal, Galta Temple, Fatehpur Sikri, Taj Mahal
  - Sri Lanka - Wilpattu National Park, Ritigala Monastery, Anuradhapura Sacred Area, Polonnaruwa Ancient City, Minneriya National Park, The Temple of the Tooth, Dambulla Cave Temple, Horton Plains National Park

### Package excludes:

Visa fees

Meals & sightseeing not specified in the inclusions or itinerary

Entrance fees to sites as per the itinerary, prices are a guide & subject to change

Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry, Wifi etc.

Gratuities for tour managers & drivers

Video & camera permits

Travel insurance is essential - contact us for a quote

Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single rates

***Subject to confirmation by airlines, hotels, tour company & local operators.***

***Booking fees & cancellation conditions apply.***

## Experiences & features:

- Adventure through the heart of Sri Lanka with local expert guides. Stay in the comfort of hand-picked 5 & 4-star hotels with all breakfasts included.
- Witness the incredible migration of over 300 elephants as you park up the Jeep on the banks of Minneriya National Park Reservoir and watch on as one of the largest elephant gatherings in the world unfolds before your very eyes.
- Visit the iconic Royal Cave Temple of Dambulla, sacred Temple of the Tooth in Kandy, the Gal Viharaya 'Rock Temple' of Polonnaruwa and plenty other UNESCO World-Heritage Listed sites with local, expert guides.
- Experience pinch-yourself moments while trekking the highlands of Horton Plains. Then watch out for the thundering waterfalls and the beloved Sri Lankan Leopard on an included Jeep safari through the park.
- Take a tour to the lush hillside of Sri Lanka's famous tea plantations! Witness the process of making the prestigious Ceylon Tea and try a cuppa' yourself!
- Start and finish your adventure in the commercial capital, Colombo with included international airport transfers.
- The India tour offers a kaleidoscope of experiences, taking you on a journey through the rich heritage and culture of India's most captivating destinations.
- Stay in carefully selected 4-star hotels with breakfasts and airport transfers included. Plus, travel in the comfort of a private, air-conditioned coach with a local, experienced guide throughout your trip.
- From the majestic Taj Mahal in Agra to the regal palaces of Jaipur and Udaipur, every stop presents iconic architectural marvels that will leave you awe-struck.
- Wildlife enthusiasts will be thrilled with the safari adventure at Ranthambore National Park, where we'll go in search of elusive tigers and exotic fauna.
- Immerse yourself in the warm hospitality of locals, engage in a culinary journey with Indian families, and savour the authentic flavours of Rajasthan's delectable cuisine.
- As you explore the vibrant bazaars, indulge in traditional arts and crafts, and witness age-old traditions, you will find yourself captivated by the timeless allure of Rajasthan, leaving with unforgettable memories of this enchanting land.

## Itinerary:

### Day 1 : Depart Australia, Fly to Sri Lanka

### Day 2 : Colombo

Welcome to Sri Lanka! Look out for the tour guide sign at Colombo International Airport for the private arrival shuttle to your hotel at 3.00pm. Meet in the hotel lobby around 7pm for an informal welcome meeting with your group and guide. Feel free to explore Colombo on your own pace until then. After the meeting, head out to a local restaurant for an optional dinner and get to know your new travel mates!

- **Accommodation**  
Fairway Colombo - 4 Star
- **Included Activities**  
Welcome Meeting
- **Optional Activities**  
Group Dinner

### Day 3 : Colombo, Wilpattu National Park Safari, Anuradhapura

Grab yourself a window seat and get ready to head off the beaten track as we head north towards one of Sri Lanka's biggest reserves, the Wilpattu National Park! Wilpattu has earned its name 'Land of Lakes' thanks to the serene natural bodies of water that cover the vast park. Jump in the Jeep and keep your eyes peeled for a healthy population of Sri Lankan Leopards, elephants, sloth bears, spotted deer, mongoose, and water buffalo throughout an included safari! You might even get the chance to watch on while predators and prey make the ultimate fight for survival and mother nature takes its course! After an action-packed day of safari, put your feet up at your hotel in Anuradhapura.

- **Accommodation**  
Palm Garden Village - 4 Star
- **Meals Included**  
Breakfast
- **Included Activities**  
Wilpattu Jeep Safari
- **Entrance Fees**  
Wilpattu National Park - USD 36

### Day 4 : Anuradhapura, Ritigala Jeep Safari, Sigiriya

After breakfast, follow your guide to the ancient city of Anuradhapura to learn of one of the greatest and oldest civilizations in the world! Once home to 113 kings over 1,300 years, the ancient capital city showcases some of Sri Lanka's richest and most fascinating history. Hear stories of the sacred Sri Maha Bodhi tree and visit the Uwanwelisaya stupa, Samadhi Buddha statue and Isurumuniya Rock Temple with your guide.

In the afternoon, put on your hiking shoes for a trek up to the Ancient Ritigala Monastery. Nestled within the dense and lush forest of northern Sri Lanka's highest mountain, Mt Ritigala, lays the ruins of the forest monastery dating back thousands of years. Get your camera ready because the views from the summit are some of Sri Lanka's best! Finish up a big day in the north at your 5-star Forest Hotel in Sigiriya.

- **Accommodation**  
Amaara Forest Hotel - 5 Star
- **Meals Included**  
Breakfast
- **Included Activities**  
Anuradhapura Sightseeing  
Jeep Safari to Ritigala
- **Entrance Fees**  
Ritigala Monastery - USD 5  
Anuradhapura Sacred Area - USD 25

### **Day 5 : Sigiriya, Polonnaruwa, Minneriya National Park, Sigiriya**

Fill up on breakfast for the big day ahead! First up, a visit to the Ancient Kingdom of Polonnaruwa for an included bicycle tour with your local guide. The sheer size of Polonnaruwa is enormous, making a bicycle the best way to explore. Visit its UNESCO World Heritage-listed sites, including Gal Viharaya or "Rock Temple" where you will see four colossal statues of the Buddha cut into the stone and plenty of ancient palaces and royal baths. In the evening, visit the Minneriya National Park to witness the incredible migration of over 300 elephants! Park your Jeep on the bank of the reservoir, switch off the engine and watch carefully as herds of elephants - one by one - roll on to the grass-covered banks to feed. The park is famed for hosting some of the largest elephant gatherings in the world on a regular basis and is truly a magnet for wildlife enthusiasts across the globe.

- **Accommodation**  
Amaara Forest Hotel - 5 Star
- **Meals Included**  
Breakfast
- **Included Activities**  
Polonnaruwa Tour on Bicycle  
Minneriya National Park Jeep Safari
- **Entrance Fees**  
Polonnaruwa Ancient City - USD 25  
Minneriya National Park - USD 36

### **Day 6 : Sigiriya, Dambulla, Kandy, Nuwara Eliya**

This morning we'll make our way to Dambulla, a city treasured by many kings since the 1st century B.C to visit the iconic Royal Cave Temple and Golden Temple of Dambulla. These unique cave structures host magnificent drawings and cave paintings with fascinating stories that shape Sri Lankan history.

Listen carefully as your guide explains. Next up, we'll transfer to the city of Kandy to visit the Temple of the Sacred Tooth. Last ruled by King Sri Wickrama Rajasinghe - before it was brought under British rule in 1815, Kandy crafts an array of culture, history and heritage in the minds of visitors worldwide. Take a stroll through the small lakeside town - cradled among the misty hills - and shop the bazaars, an arts & crafts centre, and fresh fruit and vegetable markets. Tonight, we'll sleep in 5-star comfort at our hotel in Nuwara Eliya.

- **Accommodation**  
Araliya Red Hotel - 5 Star
- **Meals Included**  
Breakfast
- **Included Activities**  
Dambulla & Kandy Sightseeing
- **Entrance Fees**  
The Temple of the Tooth in Kandy - 1500 LKR  
Dambulla Rock Temple - 2500 LKR

### **Day 7 : Nuwara Eliya, Horton Plains Trek & Jeep Safari, Nuwara Eliya**

Prepare for plenty of 'oh wow' moments in the central highlands of Sri Lanka! Today, we'll head towards the Horton Plains National Park to trek the endless stretches of green pastures at this eco-tourism hideout! Sitting at an altitude of 7,000ft, the plateau is covered in flora and fauna varieties that may be found nowhere else on Earth. Along the trek, watch out for the thundering Bakers Falls, and catch a glimpse of the 'World's End' lookout. Then make the most of an included Jeep Safari across the plains - watch out for Sambar Deer, Wild Boar, Otters and the beloved Sri Lankan Leopard. In the late afternoon, enjoy free time back in Nuwara Eliya to wander through the countryside.

- **Accommodation**  
Araliya Red Hotel - 5 Star
- **Meals Included**  
Breakfast
- **Included Activities**  
Horton Plains Trekking & Jeep Safari
- **Entrance Fees**  
Horton Plains National Park - USD 36

### **Day 8 : Nuwara Eliya, Tea Factory, Colombo**

A trip to Sri Lanka wouldn't be complete without a visit to its famed Tea Plantations! Take a tour to the cold and misty hills blanketed with lush green tea plants and tour the factories as they process the prestigious brand of Ceylon Tea. Inhale the heavenly scent arising from these facilities, and then try the perfect blend of pure Ceylon tea! Then, make your way back to the commercial capital of Sri Lanka - Colombo.

This afternoon you'll enjoy a Panoramic City Tour through the clean streets edging the crystal white Racecourse, then visit the neighbourhood of Pettah - famous for its open-air floating markets and bazaars. Check out the city's Independence Square and then finish up in Sri Lanka's trendiest part of town with time for a quick shop for last-minute souvenirs and designer goods. The rest of the afternoon and evening are yours to explore the bustling metropolitan city!

- **Accommodation**  
Fairway Colombo - 4 Star
- **Meals Included**  
Breakfast
- **Included Activities**  
Tea Factory Visit  
Colombo Panoramic City Tour

### **Day 9 : Depart Colombo, Fly to India**

All great things in Sri Lanka must come to an end today as we say our farewells to new travel mates over one last breakfast at the hotel. Check-out of the hotel by 11.00am and feel free to explore the city at your own pace until the airport departure shuttle at 3.00pm (times may vary depending on flight schedules).

Welcome to India! Once again, look out for your tour guide at the airport as we'll be there to pick you up and transfer you to our hotel in Delhi. At 6:30 pm, gather in the lobby for a casual meeting with your guide and fellow group members to discuss your upcoming tour in India. Following that, you'll have leisure time to unwind and recover after your flight or, if you prefer, join an optional group dinner to get acquainted with your fellow travellers and toast to exciting new adventures and friendships ahead!

- **Accommodation**  
Park Plaza Delhi CBD Shahdara - 5 Star
- **Meals Included**  
Breakfast
- **Included Activities**  
Welcome Meeting
- **Optional Activities**  
Group Dinner

### **Day 10 : Delhi City Tour**

At around 8:30 am today, you'll begin your sightseeing tour in Delhi with your guide. Old Delhi unveils the enchanting charm of India's history, culture, and traditions, while the captivating New Delhi showcases the modern face of the country. Begin with a visit to Jama Masjid, one of Asia's largest mosques. Explore the bustling Chandni Chowk, Asia's largest wholesale market, teeming with shops, bazaars, and vibrant life.



Drive past the magnificent Red Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage Site built by Emperor Shah Jahan in the 17th century. Pay respects at Raj Ghat, a simple yet powerful memorial to Mahatma Gandhi. Continuing to New Delhi, witness the British legacy with a visit to the UNESCO-listed Qutub Minar. The Imperial Delhi part of the tour includes a drive past India Gate, a monumental war memorial arch, as well as the Parliament House, Secretariat buildings, and the Vice Regal Palace

- **Accommodation**  
Park Plaza Delhi CBD Shahdara - 5 Star
- **Meals**  
Breakfast
- **Included Activities**  
Sightseeing of Delhi  
Sightseeing of Red Fort & Raj Ghat  
Sightseeing of Jama Masjid  
Sightseeing of Chandni Chowk  
Sightseeing of Qutab Minar  
Sightseeing of Humayun's Tomb
- **Entrance Fees**  
Humayun's Tomb - USD 8.30  
Qutab Minar - USD 8.30  
Red Fort - USD
- Jama Masjid - USD 4
- **Optional Activities**  
Rickshaw Ride - USD 2.80

## **Day 11 : Agra**

After breakfast at your hotel, embark on a scenic 4-hour drive to Agra. Upon arrival, check-in at the hotel then get ready for the optional "Discovering Oriental Agra" program, designed to connect you with the essence of this incredible city. Or, join your guide for an orientation walk among the highlights of Agra. For an eco-friendly and immersive experience, the tour is conducted using battery-operated rickshaws. You'll rewind to the time of Emperor Shahjehan at Dara Shikoh's library, where intellectual and literary conversations thrived. You'll also visit the birthplace of the esteemed poet Mirza Ghalib in the Kala Mahal locality, as well as the headquarters of the Radhasoami faith at Dayalbagh. Other highlights include the Mankameshwar temple dedicated to Lord Shiva, the magnificent Jama Masjid, one of the largest mosques in the country, and several churches, including the historic Akbar Church built by Emperor Akbar in 1598.

- **Accommodation**  
Howard Plaza - 4 Star
- **Meals**  
Breakfast
- **Included Activities**  
Agra City Tour

## Day 12 : Agra, Taj Mahal

In the early morning, embark on a visit to the awe-inspiring Taj Mahal. Recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage site, the Taj Mahal stands as an epitome of Mughal architecture and a poignant symbol of India's rich history. Constructed by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan in the mid-17th century as an expression of love for his wife, Mumtaz Mahal, this grand monument is undeniably one of the world's wonders. Its breathtaking marble inlay work, particularly when observed up close, is truly astounding, leaving visitors mesmerized by its brilliance.

After the Taj Mahal visit, return to your hotel for breakfast and enjoy a leisurely morning to relax. Later, continue your explorations with a visit to the Agra Fort and the Tomb of I'timad-ud-Daulah, a remarkable Mughal mausoleum constructed in honour of Mumtaz Mahal's grandfather. The tomb is affectionately known as the "jewel box" or the "Baby Taj."

- **Accommodation**

Golden Tulip Hotel - 4 Star

- **Meals**

Breakfast

- **Included Activities**

Sightseeing of Jaipur

Sightseeing of Amber Fort

Sightseeing of City Palace & Hawa Mahal

Sightseeing of Jantar Mantar

- **Entrance Fees**

- Taj Mahal - USD 18 Agra Fort - USD 9 Tomb of I'timad-ud-Daulah - USD 5

## Day 13 : Fatehpur Sikri, Ranthambore National Park

After enjoying breakfast, your journey continues towards Ranthambore with an enroute stop at the remarkable Fatehpur Sikri.

Situated in the province of Uttar Pradesh, Fatehpur Sikri served as the capital of the Mughal Empire from 1571 to 1585. This world heritage site boasts one of the best-preserved collections of Mughal architecture in India. Marvel at the majestic Jama Masjid Mosque, the intricately designed palaces constructed for Emperor Akbar's wives, the grand public and private discussion halls, and the vast ornamental pool. After a captivating exploration of Fatehpur Sikri, continue your journey towards the mesmerizing Ranthambore.

- **Accommodation**

The Sher Garh Resort

- **Meals**

Breakfast

- **Included Activities**

Sightseeing of Fatehpur Sikri

- **Entrance Fees**

Fatehpur Sikri - USD 9

## Day 14 : Jaipur

Start your day with an early morning Game safari at Ranthambore National Park (from 6:00 am to 9:30 am) on a Shared Canter Safari.

After breakfast, continue your journey towards the enchanting “Pink City - Jaipur,” which is approximately 160 kilometres away, taking around 3.30 hours from Ranthambore. Upon reaching Jaipur, check-in at your hotel and take some time to unwind. In your leisure time, you have the option to join a delightful Cooking Lesson. Early evening, embark on a cooking lesson with a local Indian family.

### What to Expect:

No trip to India is complete without experiencing its rich culinary heritage with a local family. Immerse yourself in this exclusive time with your host, discovering their secret ancestral and family recipes, age-old culinary techniques, and health-conscious ingredients. Delve into the specialty of Jaipuri cooking art and gain insights into various aspects of Indian lifestyle. This unique opportunity allows you to learn to prepare a complete Indian meal with your host. It goes beyond just cooking; it is also about enjoying an unforgettable communal dining experience in the comfort of an Indian home. The warmth of the Indian hospitality combined with the delicious flavours of the cuisine promises an exceptional and memorable experience.

- **Accommodation**  
The Fern Residency Jaipur - 4 Star
- **Meals**  
Breakfast
- **Included Activities**  
Sightseeing of Jaipur
- **Entrance Fees**  
Ranthambore National Park Safari: USD 3

## Day 15 : Jaipur

After a delightful breakfast, embark on a full-day city tour led by your private guide. During the morning, explore the city’s highlights, starting with the impressive City Palace. This grand complex boasts exquisite palaces, gardens, courtyards, and intricately carved doorways. Stroll to the adjacent Jantar Mantar, an Astronomical Observatory built in the 18th century. Don’t miss the opportunity for a photo-stop at the picturesque Patrika Gate.

As an optional activity, in the late afternoon, indulge in a bazaar walk coupled with local food tasting. In 1727, Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh decided to shift the Kachwaha rulers’ bastion from Amber to a larger and more spacious capital.

- **Accommodation**  
The Fern Residency Jaipur - 4 Star
- **Meals**  
Breakfast

## **Day 16 : Amber Fort, Delhi**

After a delicious breakfast, check out from your hotel in Jaipur and embark on a journey just outside the city to the historic capital of Amber. Here, you will marvel at the magnificent Amber Fort, a testament to the grandeur and splendour of the bygone era. En route, enjoy a photo stop at the iconic “Palace of Winds,” famously known as Hawa Mahal, an architectural gem adorned with intricate latticework. Later, you will be driven back to Delhi, a journey of approximately 5 hours. Upon arrival in Delhi, you will be transferred to a hotel located nearby the airport, ensuring a convenient and comfortable stay for the night.

- **Accommodation**  
Red Fox Hotel Sector 60 Gurgaon
- **Meals**  
Breakfast
- **Included Activities**  
Sightseeing of Amber Fort
- **Entrance Fees**  
Amber Fort - USD 7

## **Day 17 : Depart Delhi, Fly to Australia**

Check out of your hotel this morning and experience a hassle-free airport transfer as you prepare to board your return flights to Australia. Bid farewell to the splendid India until your next great adventure!

- **Meals**  
Breakfast

**Please note: The day-by-day descriptions are intended as an indicative guide only. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, road conditions, public holidays, travel restrictions and many other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that are ultimately for the client’s benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible in this regard.**

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