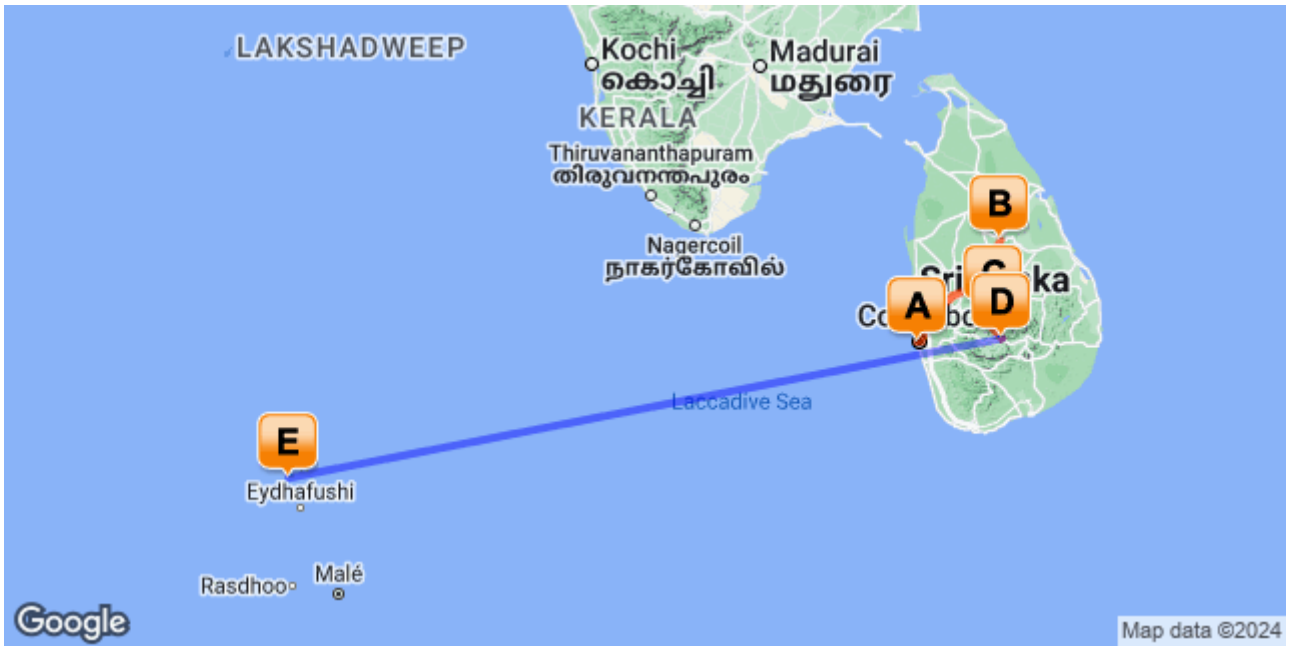


THRILLING SRI LANKA & MESMERIZING MALDIVES
Colombo - Habarana - Sri Lanka - Kandy - Nuwara Eliya - Maldives
9 Days / 8 Nights





08N Sri Lankan adventure trip and breathtaking Maldivian paradise tour

Your journey takes you to Colombo—Habarana—Kandy—Nuwara Eliya—Maldives

Embark on a thrilling adventure trip to Sri Lanka exploring the sought-after sites of trekking, safaris, hiking, rich biodiversity, hill-top hideaways, tea estates and revel in the Maldivian beauty. The mesmerizing tour starts from Colombo, the capital city to Habarana, city of beautiful Habarana Lake, continue to Kandy, a major city then to Nuwara Eliya, beautiful mountain station and finally to Raa Atoll in the breathtaking Maldives Archipelago, the idyllic paradise with white-sand beaches, lush greenery and crystal-clear turquoise waters. Includes deluxe accommodation in the finest hotels across Sri Lanka & Maldives on twin sharing basis with daily breakfast and other additional meals as per the program. Tour also provides private airport transfers with all transportation as per the program along with the services of an accompanying English-speaking guide from arrival till departure.

Start	Accommodation	Destination	Duration
Day 1	Hilton Hotel Colombo	Colombo	1 Night
Day 2	Cinnamon Lodge	Habarana	2 Nights
Day 4	Earl's Regency Hotel	Kandy	1 Night
Day 5	Grand Hotel Nuwara Eliya	Nuwara Eliya	1 Night
Day 6	Heritage Aarah	Maldives	3 Nights

Included

- Package price on a per-person basis
- Eight nights' accommodation at the finest hotels across Sri Lanka and the Maldives on a twin sharing basis
- Daily buffet breakfast and other additional meals as per the program
- All transfers, excursions and sightseeing tours will be in air-conditioned vehicles
- Entrance fees at the monuments are included as per the program
- A friendly tour guide cum chauffeur for up to 6 pax during the Sri Lanka trip
- The assistance of representative for arrival/departure transfers at the airport
- Return transfers via speedboat from airport to hotel or vice-versa in the Maldives
- Colombo city tour
- Spiritual touch at the Dambulla Cave Temple and Sigiriya Lion Rock
- Elephant Rock visit
- A safari excursion to Minneriya National Park
- Hiriwadunna village walk

Excluded

- Expense of personal nature, laundry, and telephone/fax calls, alcoholic & non-alcoholic beverages, mini bar or drinks, room service, tips/ gratuities, camera/video camera fee at monuments, medical expenses, airport departure tax etc.
- Meals other than those specified above.
- Anything which is not mentioned in the itinerary.
- International airfare
- Visa & Travel Insurance
- Any optional activities/excursions/transfer.
- Any transportation on day at leisure.

Day 1: Hilton Hotel Colombo, Colombo

Colombo

Sri Lanka's seaside metropolis offers a laid back atmosphere coupled with a mixture of crumbling colonial buildings and glinting skyscrapers. Stroll to Pettah, Colombo's main market and be dazzled by the variety of gems, the brightly coloured fruit and vegetable stalls and the plethora of ayurvedic medicines on offer. Sample some of the city's fine fare, from curries to crabs, in any one of the beachfront bistros or inner city dining rooms. Nature lovers should head to Galle Face Green, a grassy promenade along the Indian Ocean for a stroll or take a scenic train ride to Mount Lavinia beach.

Day Itinerary

Arrival in Colombo

Upon arrival at Bandaranaike International air terminal, Colombo our welcome representative will assist you with your check-in at the hotel. Head for an orientation tour of the city starting with Gangaramaya Temple which reflects the modern architecture and cultural essence. Followed by the Pettah market known for open-air bazaars, Independence Memorial Hall - a monument of national importance which also houses the Independence Memorial Museum. Enjoy a tuk-tuk joyride to Dutch Hospital which is a shopping precinct

Overnight: Hilton Hotel Colombo

From the Maldives to Manhattan, more than 550 Hilton hotels and resorts are ready to provide the highest in quality. From Hilton HHonors, the world's leading frequent-guest program, to amenities like Hilton Serenity Bed, you'll enjoy a long tradition of impeccable service. In 80 countries on six continents, Hilton hotels are where the world gathers.

Enjoy the use of the hot tub after an active workout at the well-equipped fitness centre or tennis courts. Alternatively, guests can relax with an award-winning cocktail by the outdoor pool bar.

Dining highlights at Hilton Colombo includes local specialities at the open-air Curry Leaf restaurant, Sri Lanka's only trattoria, Il Ponte, features home-made pasta.



Day 2: Cinnamon Lodge, Habarana

Habarana

Situated towards the centre of the island of Sri Lanka, northeast of Dambulla, Habarana is the gateway to many of the region's top attractions. The central highlight of the town is the beautiful Habarana Lake, around which bananas grow and elephants wander and bathe. Wildlife enthusiasts flock to the Minneriya and Kaudulla National Parks which are well populated with elephants and other wildlife. For those looking to take in some Sri Lankan culture, the sacred city of Anuradhapura, cave temples in Dambulla, and the UNESCO world heritage site of the Sigiriya Rock Fortress are all accessible from Habarana. A short 30 minute drive will take visitors to the magnificent Golden Buddha in Dambulla. The temple is built inside a hill, and contains five rooms filled with countless exquisite Buddha statues.

Day Itinerary

Kurunegala to Dambulla

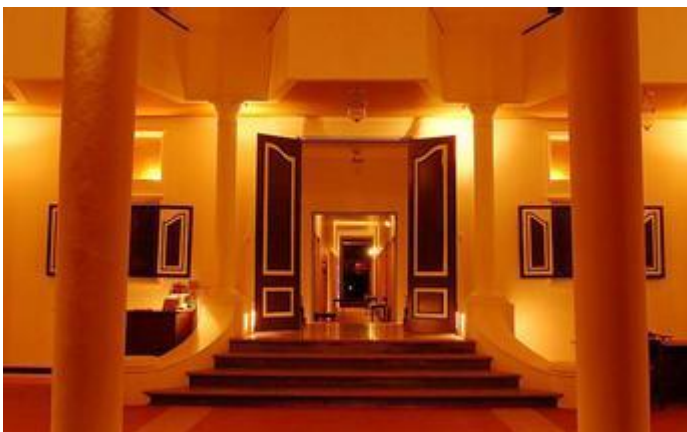
After breakfast at the hotel, you'll move towards Kurunegala, the 13th-century royal capital which is home to wide stretches of coconut & rubber plantations. Hop into a 'Tuk Tuk' and get dropped off at the Elephant Rock and hike up to enjoy the aerial views. You'll be transferred from Kurunegala to Dambulla. Here visit the Dambulla Cave Temple. In the city of Dambulla lies a centre point which has been cherished by numerous kings since the first century B.C. The cave houses interesting drawings. See how flawlessly cave artworks are done along with dividers that cover 150 sculptures of Lord Buddha. Overnight stay at the hotel is included.

Overnight: Cinnamon Lodge

Spread over 27 acres of greenery, the Cinnamon Lodge in Habarana is an exclusive hideaway. The architecture was inspired by and depicts the Ritigala remains that dates back to the 6th century. The structures are surrounded by a forest of trees and connected by pathways. The serenity of the lodge, as well as the Azmaara Spa, creates a relaxing atmosphere.

The chalets provide absolute intimacy and comfort, making Cinnamon Lodge an all-suite resort with large rooms giving guests the luxury of space and indulgences. The lodge houses 3 restaurants that are renowned for delectable dishes ranging from local delicacies to international favourites. Being an eco-friendly resort, the restaurants serve meals that are prepared using produce from the organic farm at the lodge.

Habarana is the centre of Sri Lanka's cultural triangle that is made up of Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa and Kandy; therefore is ideal to explore the history and culture of Sri Lanka.



Day 3: Cinnamon Lodge, Habarana

Day Itinerary

Historical Visit

After a generous breakfast at the lodging, visit the Sigiriya Rock Fortress. Trek on Sigiriya rock which is home to the ruins of an ancient civilization. On the way, witness the remarkable frescoes and a pair of colossal lion's paws carved into the bedrock. The fifth-century rock fortress of King Kasyapa and World Heritage Site - Sigiriya - brags of antiquated Sri Lankan architecture. It is probably the best landmark of craftsmanship and culture. In the evening, enjoy a thrilling jeep safari in Minneriya National Park, one of the best places in the country to see wild elephants.



Day 4: Earl's Regency Hotel, Kandy

Kandy

The second major city in Sri Lanka (the other being Colombo) lies in the midst of the Kandy Plateau, an area of tropical tea plantations. A prominent feature is Kandy Lake, to the north of which lies the golden-roofed Temple of The Tooth, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and important place for Buddhist worship, as it is said to house a tooth relic of Buddha. Other fascinating places include the Ceylon Tea Museum, the Buddhist Publication Society, the Ayurvedic centre in the Amaya Hills nearby, the Kandyan Art Association and Cultural Centre, where crafts people can be seen at work, and the Kandy Muslim Hotel, which offers the finest spiced curries served with naan or rotis.

Day Itinerary

Kandy City Tour

After breakfast at the hotel, head for Hiriwadunna village walk. The Hiriwadunna trek includes a bullock cart ride, boat ride, village trek, and cooking demonstration. You will be transferred via bullock carts which is an age-old transport followed by locals here. You will get to walk through paddy fields and cross the river by fishing boats. Then head to visit the Matale spice garden observe the therapeutic values of spices and understand the tea preparing process. Later, head towards Kandy and check-in at the hotel.

Overnight: Earl's Regency Hotel

Earl's Regency, located in Kandy, Sri Lanka, offers a unique experience. The hotel is surrounded by the rich history and tradition of the island's cultural capital. Guests can enjoy spacious rooms, each extending out to a balcony with a stunning vista of the surroundings. Dining options include the Royal Pavilion Restaurant, which offers regal cuisine, and the Mountbatten Lounge, open 24/7 for guests to unwind. The hotel also provides leisure facilities such as a spa and an outdoor pool, ensuring a comfortable and memorable stay.



Hiriwadunna Village Walk

Start your day early get the true experience of village life and if lucky to interact with school children in doing the Hiriwadunna village walk. A line of cormorants flying in formation will eventually stop to rest on a cormorant tree and the butterflies and dragonflies found at the edge of the shrubs create a kaleidoscope of colour that rivals the equally vibrant wild flowers. As you walk further the sight of Sigiriya rock fortress appears in the vicinity against the silent and still waters of the reservoir which is rippled only by a lone fisherman mounted on his catamaran. Soon it's already time to take a catamaran ride! Across the reservoir awaits a chena farmer's modest home; a setting that takes you back a few decades to enjoy a black Ceylonese tea brewed by the farmer's wife. Experience the simple pleasures of

village-life as you walk across the chena cultivations and through the nearby woods, to board a bullock cart – yet another ancient mode of the humble villagers’ transportation.



Day 5: Grand Hotel Nuwara Eliya, Nuwara Eliya

Nuwara Eliya

Nuwara Eliya is a beautiful mountain station 1868m above sea level. The city is well-kept and neat, and with its British like red-brick walls, mock-Tudor half-timbering and a country club, complete with hunting pictures and mounted trophies, it is sometimes referred to as “Little England”. The surrounding areas offer breath-taking views of valleys, meadows, mountains and greenery and most importantly a wonderful break from the heat and humidity of the coast. Tea Estates, waterfalls, and mountains complete the picture.

Day Itinerary

Explore Nuwara Eliya

After breakfast at the hotel, head to the tea estates and take a tea tour in the cold and misty hills amid lush green blankets of tea plantations. You can also witness the processing of the popular brand of Ceylon tea and inhale the aromatic fragrance, hissing and swishing of machines for a cup of pure Ceylon tea. Head next for a city tour in the British colonial retreat, Nuwara Eliya which is influenced by English & Scottish planters. Traverse amid breathtaking views, green valleys, colonial Bungalows, endless waterfalls.



Overnight: Grand Hotel Nuwara Eliya

Grand Hotel Nuwara Eliya offers guests a luxurious stay in Nuwara Eliya. The hotel boasts a selection of elegantly designed rooms and suites, all equipped with Wi-Fi, hairdryers, tea/coffee-making facilities, and minibars. After a relaxing night, guests can start the morning with a delicious breakfast served on-site. Other services and facilities include a garden, a gym, a kids' play area, a restaurant, laundry services, a spa, and an indoor heated swimming pool.



Day 6: Heritance Aarah, Maldives

Maldives

Encompassing over 1000 coral islands that form about 25 natural atolls, the Maldives is separated from the rest of the world by the seemingly endless Indian Ocean, offering visitors a secluded little pocket of paradise. These exquisite tropical islands are best known for their white powder sand beaches, glistening blue lagoons and extensive reefs which are home to a diverse range of colourful marine life. The nation's bustling capital of Male features an array of charming shops and restaurants as well as a busy fish market and a must-see 17th-century mosque known as Hukuru Miskiy which was constructed out of intricately carved white coral. Visitors will find plenty of activities to keep them entertained including: scuba diving, snorkelling, water skiing, stand up paddleboarding, spa visits, and hopping from one idyllic little island to the next.

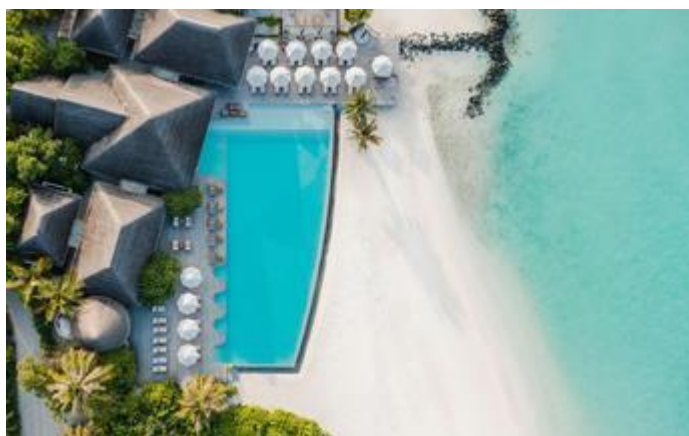
Day Itinerary

Welcome to Raa Atoll

After breakfast at the hotel, you will be transferred to Colombo International airport to board a flight for Male, Maldives. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to Jetty point via speedboat to reach the resort. Later, check-in and relax at the hotel. Revel in the sun-kissed hues and perpetual paradise of Maldives. Overnight stay at the resort.

Overnight: Heritance Aarah

Surrounded by the aquamarine waters of the Raa Atoll, Heritance Aarah rests on the enchanting island of Aarah. It is only 40 minutes by seaplane from Male, and the journey itself is an unforgettable experience, offering a bird's eye view of paradise found. This magical getaway offers 124 villas and 26 suites all blending seamlessly into their natural surroundings of flourishing greenery or white-sand shores. Each accommodation type is equipped with all of the modern amenities needed to ensure a comfortable stay. Facilities include a diverse range of gourmet restaurants and bars, a magical spa and well-equipped fitness centre. Activities for guests to enjoy include various water sports, beach volleyball and football.



Day 7: Heritance Aarah, Maldives

Day Itinerary

Water sports in Raa Atoll

After breakfast at the hotel, the day is free to enjoy the beaches or you can take up optional activities like water skiing, kite surfing, and medical spa. Water Skiing is a thrilling water sport, kite surfing includes power kite flying with wake-boarding. You will get professional help to learn the sport. You can even head for a medical spa treatment to soothe your senses and relieve stress.



Day 8: Heritance Aarah, Maldives

Day Itinerary

Catamaran sailing to diving

After breakfast at the hotel, the day is free to enjoy the beaches or you can take up optional activities like catamaran sailing, windsurfing and diving. You will get professional help to learn the sport. Enjoy the hassle-free sailing experience with catamaran sailing to discover the stunning atolls. Windsurfing here is perfect for beginners or children, as the water level is flat and the winds light except during monsoons. You can also explore the magical underwater with scuba diving amid surreal views of the coral reef and marine life.

Day 9: End of Itinerary

Day Itinerary

Time to bid adieu

After breakfast at the hotel, the morning is at leisure. Later, you will be transferred to Male International airport for boarding the flight for your return journey.