

Kandy, Hills and Coast

4 nights / 5 days | Colombo · Kandy · Nuwara Eliya · West coast resort | **Price on request**

Colombo 1N, Kandy 1N, Nuwara Eliya 1N, West coast resort 1N

Overview

Our shortest route that still covers Colombo, Kandy, tea country and the coast. Good for a first visit with limited time.

Itinerary

Day 1: Colombo and Panchamuga Anjaneyar Temple

Colombo city sightseeing including Panchamuga Anjaneyar Temple, Independence Square and the shopping centres.

Stay: Colombo. Meals: Dinner.

Day 2: Pinnawala and Kandy

Drive to Kandy via Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage and an Ayurveda and herbal garden. Evening Kandyan cultural dance and fire-walking show.

Stay: Kandy. Meals: Breakfast, dinner.

Day 3: Kandy and Nuwara Eliya

Kandy city: Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic, craft centre and botanical garden. Then Ramboda Falls, a tea plantation and factory, Hanuman Temple and Lake Gregory.

Stay: Nuwara Eliya. Meals: Breakfast, dinner.

Day 4: Down to the coast

Seetha Amman Temple, then a scenic drive to your sea resort. Turtle hatchery and Madu River boat ride on the way.

Stay: West coast resort. Meals: Breakfast, dinner.

Day 5: Departure

Relax by the sea, then transfer to the airport.

Meals: Breakfast.

Highlights

- Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic
- Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage
- Kandyan dance and fire-walking show
- Tea plantation and Lake Gregory
- Sea resort night with Madu River boat ride

Inclusions

- Hotels (same or similar)
- Private air-conditioned vehicle with English-speaking chauffeur-guide
- Airport pick-up and drop
- Sightseeing as listed
- Daily breakfast and dinner

Exclusions

- International and domestic flights
- Sri Lanka ETA (mandatory, apply at eta.gov.lk)
- Entrance fees, unless stated
- Boat rides

- Camera permits
- Lunches
- Travel insurance
- Tips and personal expenses
- Optional excursions, arranged on request and charged extra
- Anything not listed

Best time to visit

January to March. Hill country is best January to April and the coast December to March.

What to wear

- Swimwear, quick-dry tees and shorts, light cotton, sandals or flip-flops, a hat and a light cover-up.
- Temples: clothes that cover shoulders and knees, light cotton or linen, and shoes that slip off easily.
- Carry socks for hot stone floors. Light or white colours are respectful at the Temple of the Tooth.
- Hill country (Nuwara Eliya, Ella): a hoodie or sweater and a light jacket for evenings, long pants and closed shoes. Nights can be around 10 to 15 degrees Celsius.
- Kandy and Colombo: light layers and comfortable walking shoes.

What to carry

- Government photo ID
- Passport (for Sri Lanka; keep copies)
- Printed Sri Lanka ETA (for Sri Lanka)
- Sunglasses
- Reusable water bottle
- Power bank
- Universal plug adapter (Sri Lanka)
- Personal medicines
- Motion sickness tablets (hill roads, ferries and cruises)
- A small day bag
- Beaches: sunscreen (reef-safe where possible), after-sun lotion, a dry bag or waterproof phone pouch, a quick-dry towel.
- Hill country: a light waterproof jacket, warm socks, lip balm.
- Temples: socks, a scarf or shawl.
- Walking tours and Sigiriya: comfortable walking shoes, a small towel.

By month

- South and west coast, May to September: rain jacket or poncho and a waterproof bag cover.
- October and November: afternoon thunderstorms anywhere in Sri Lanka, so carry a compact umbrella or poncho.
- December to March: light rain gear only, for the hills.

Notes

- Temples ask for covered shoulders and knees. Shoes come off at the entrance.
- Optional activities such as lake boating or white water rafting at Kitulgala can be arranged on request, charged extra and done at your own risk.
- The coast day can shift to Day 5 if your flight is in the evening.
- Visits to parks, sites, adventure activities, elephant rides and other tour places are at the client's own risk.
- Itineraries may change with weather, tides, local conditions and availability. Hotels are same or similar.
- Advance paid to confirm a booking is not refunded.

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