

An aerial photograph of a vast tea plantation on a hillside. The terraced rows of tea bushes are a vibrant green, interspersed with taller, darker green trees. A soft mist or fog hangs in the air, particularly on the right side of the image, creating a serene and atmospheric scene. The terraces follow the contours of the hill, showing the traditional method of tea cultivation in mountainous regions.

THE GREAT TEA EXPERIENCE

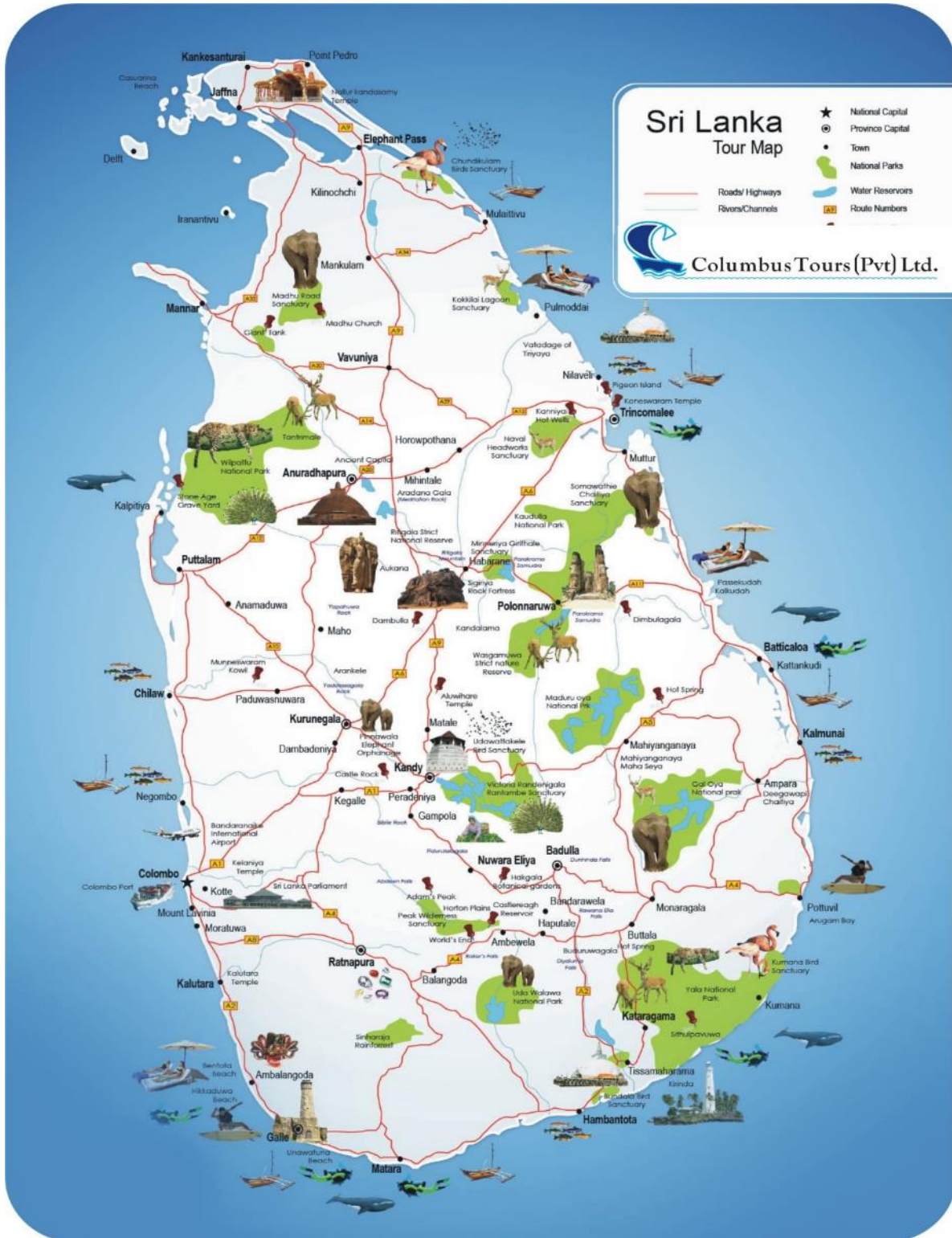
Package Duration: 6 Nights / 7 Days



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HELLO AGAIN!

MAP OF SRI LANKA



YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1: AIRPORT – NEGOMBO

- On arrival in Sri Lanka, please clear immigration, collect your luggage then proceed through the customs green channel to the arrival lobby. We will be waiting in the designated area with a paging board. You will then be escorted to the vehicle park for your transfer.
- Transfer from Airport to Negombo (Approx: 20Mins)
- **Overnight Stay at [Heritance Negombo](#)**



DAY 2: NEGOMBO – KANDAPOLA

- After breakfast proceed to Kandapola (Nuwara Eliya – Approx: 5.5Hrs)
- **En route Visit to a Tea Factory:** Visit a working tea factory En route and watch the process of complete tea making. Situated in the heart of the tea growing region of Sri Lanka. A beautiful "little England" if we might say so. This beautiful little town has a very strong British influence. Little cottage type houses with neat rose gardens in front of them. A very pretty sight indeed. After a while of sightseeing of the Nuwara Eliya Town
- **Overnight Stay at [Heritance Tea Factory](#)**



DAY 3: KANDAPOLA

- Breakfast at Hotel
- **Full day leisure at the resort based in Tea Estate**
- **Optional – Enjoy Tea Plucking:** For the ultimate holiday souvenir, how about taking home a packet of tea that you picked yourself? At Heritance Tea Factory we will deck you out in local attire – saree for the ladies, sarong for the gentlemen – and provide you with a basket in which to collect your leaves. Then we will take you out to our organic tea fields and show you which leaves to pluck. You'll find that it takes a bit of practice to make sure the leaves end up in your basket rather than on the floor! Our professional tea pluckers will accompany you – you'll be amazed at how efficiently and quickly they manage to fill their baskets by comparison. Luckily, we don't expect you to produce the minimum 15kg a day that is their target! Then we return to the Heritance Mini Tea Factory, where our chief tea taster, Nadaraj, will inspect your efforts. He will reject any leaves that are unsuitable, so you must pay attention when picking, or all your efforts will be in vain! Nadaraj will take you on a tour of the Mini Tea Factory and explain the whole process, from the initial drying (withering) of the leaves, through rolling, fermenting and sifting, to produce the different types of tea.
- **Overnight Stay at [Heritance Tea Factory](#)**



DAY 4: KANDAPOLA – ELLA

- Breakfast at hotel
- **Optional – Tea Tasting:** Tea tasting is the process in which a trained taster determines the quality of a particular tea. Due to climatic conditions, topography, manufacturing process, and different clones of the *Camellia sinensis* plant (tea), the final product may have vastly differing flavors and appearance. These differences can be tasted by a trained taster in order to ascertain the quality prior to sale. A tea taster uses a large spoon and noisily slurps the liquid into his/her mouth – this ensures that both the tea and plenty of oxygen is passed over all the taste receptors on the tongue to give an even taste profile of the tea. The liquid is then usually spat back out into a spittoon before moving onto the next sample to taste. The flavor characteristics and indeed leaf colour, size and shape are graded using a specific language created by

the tea industry to explain the overall quality. Would you also like to experience Tea Tasting at 2kms. above sea level? We would be delighted to organise the above for you with a Tea Taster along with an experience in Tea plucking

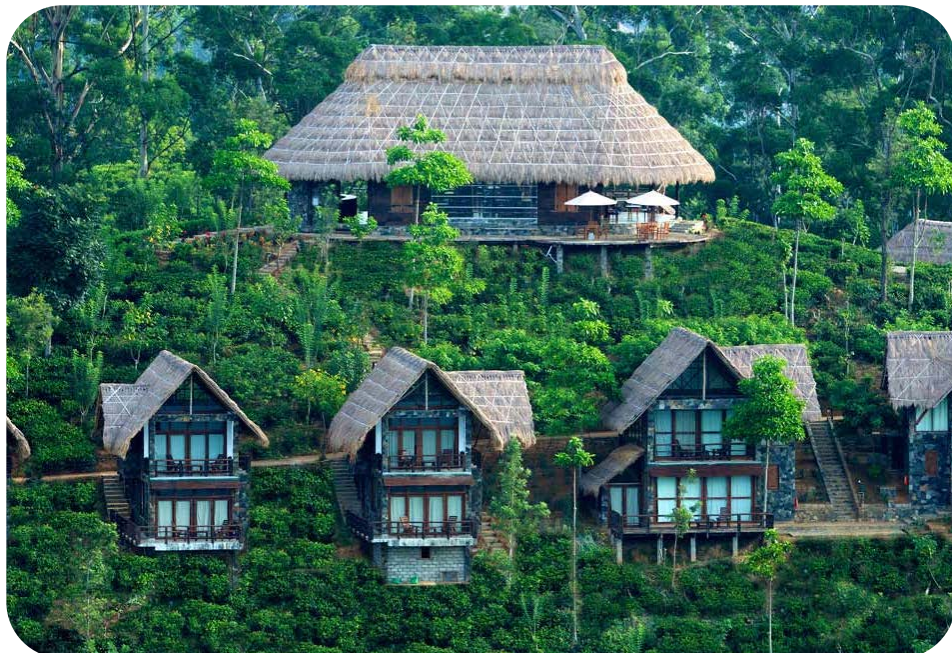
- (minimum of 02 persons per session upon informing us a day prior to the date required)
- **Transfer from Nuwara Eliya to Ella (Approx. 2 ½)**
- **Overnight Stay at [98 Acres Resort](#)**



DAY 5: ELLA

- Breakfast at Hotel
- **Full day leisure at the resort based in Tea Estate**
- **Tea Story of the Hotel:** The Amazing Journey Into The Art Of Tea Making Tea was introduced to Sri Lanka in

the colonial era by the British and the daily practice of drinking tea is now a firmly established institution in Sri Lankan culture. The serving of tea among Sri Lankan friends and family is a true mark of hospitality. Our unique 98 Acre tea story tour will help you get a complete understanding as to how we produce tea - from start to finish. Featuring among the best places to visit in Ella, now you can take a walk in the plantation with our expert during plucking time



and admire the deft plucking of the standard 'two leaves and a bud'. Take a moment to chat with a tea plucker, snap a picture to reminisce later and then continue onto the factory floor to see the withering process and subsequent steps involved in making fresh tea. Continue onto a great tea tasting session at the factory and then return to the Bar 98 or Restaurant 98 to appreciate a tea cocktail, mocktail or a

delicately tea infused dish. Immerse yourself in a never-to-be-forgotten wonderful tea experience! Breathe in the aroma of factory fresh tea and learn how to brew a good cup of tea! By the end of the day, you will have a good understanding of the steps involved in making quality Pure Ceylon Tea.

- **Evening Enjoy Flying Ravana Zip-line Adventure:** Flying Ravana is Sri Lanka's first ever zip-line, located amidst the luscious green estates of Ella. The two-wire zip-line stretches for more than half a kilometre, slides at 80kmph and offers a bird's-eye view of the beautiful hills of the island. It is exclusively designed for adventure enthusiasts and adrenaline junkies who prefer a not so ordinary hillside experience. Cocooned within Sri Lanka's Badulla District is an inviting haven, filled with an abundance of natural beauty and a cool climate to call by.



Adventure sports with Flying Ravana including ATV Sri Lanka, is one of the things to do in Ella, which is home to an abundance of breathtaking backdrops. Ella allows both the laidback as well as the curious at heart to voyage through some of Sri Lanka's most cherished destinations. Situated 3,415 ft. above sea level and 200 km east of the capital of Colombo, this cosy hamlet comprises numerous floral and faunal species coupled with towering mountain ranges and scenic waterfalls.

- **Overnight Stay at [98 Acres Resort](#)**

DAY 6: ELLA - COLOMBO

- After breakfast proceed to Colombo (Approx: 6.5Hrs)
- **Evening Enjoy Colombo City & Shopping Tour:** Colombo, the commercial capital of Sri Lanka, is a major port near the mouth of the Kelani Ganga River. It owes its importance largely to its great breakwaters, which give shelter to a large, artificially created harbour.

Beira Lake, administratively part of the Port of Colombo, is connected with the harbour by a canal and locks. Colombo handles most of the foreign trade of Sri Lanka and is an important fuelling station. Manufactures of the city include metal goods, refined petroleum, motor vehicles, processed food, textiles, clothing, and chemicals. Sri Jayavardhanapura, the legislative and judicial capital of Sri Lanka, is on the outskirts of Colombo. The business section of Colombo, called the Fort, occupies the sites of the former fortified area. Broad avenues and modern buildings contrast with the narrow, crooked streets and ramshackle structures

of the Pettah quarter. Places of worship include Christian churches, Muslim mosques, and Buddhist temples. The University of Colombo, Sri Lanka Technical College (1893), and other educational institutions are located in the city. The early name of the city, Kalan-totta (Kelani ferry), derived from a nearby river-ferry point, was corrupted into Kolambu by the Arabs and changed to Colombo in 1517 by the Portuguese in honour of Christopher Columbus.

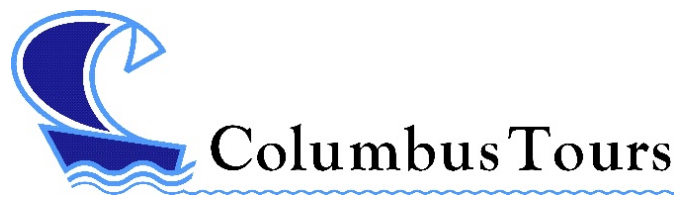


- Proceed to the Hotel Spend rest of the day at leisure.
- **Overnight Stay at [Cinnamon Lakeside Colombo](#)**

DAY 7: COLOMBO – AIRPORT

- After breakfast proceed to Airport for departure (Approx: 1Hr)

– END OF TOUR –



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