



SRI LANKA 2027

IN THE HEART OF CEYLON

*20 February – 1 March 2027
10 days / 9 nights in Sri Lanka*

A cultural journey organised by Global Dec Travels and Nipuni W. Dissanayake.



THE TEARDROP OF INDIA

Sri Lanka, often called the “teardrop of India”, is an Indian Ocean island where nature, history and spirituality meet.

In a few days, the journey takes in colonial towns, Buddhist temples, ancient capitals, tea plantations, rural villages and tropical coastlines.

Small on the map, the island reveals a changing landscape of spices, green highlands and the living heritage of Ceylon.



GEOGRAPHY AND CLIMATE

Sri Lanka covers around 65,600 km² in the Indian Ocean, south-east of India across the Palk Strait.

Its landscapes range from tropical coasts and plains to rainforests and the central highlands, home to Pidurutalagala, the country's highest peak.

The tropical climate is shaped by the monsoons, with different conditions on the coast, inland and in the hills.

February is generally a suitable time for this route: usually drier on the western and southern coasts, with cooler temperatures around Nuwara Eliya and the tea-growing hills.



A LONG HISTORY

Over two millennia of civilisation

Sri Lanka's history reaches back over 2,500 years.

The introduction of Buddhism in the third century BC profoundly shaped the island's art, architecture and cultural identity.

Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa and Sigiriya reveal a world of hydraulic engineering, royal power and religious life.

Portuguese, Dutch and British influences followed from the sixteenth century. Under the name Ceylon, the island became closely associated with tea, railways and hill stations. These layers remain visible in its temples, towns, plantations and everyday life.



IN THE HEART OF THE ISLAND

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Galle and Unawatuna, the hills of Ella, the tea country of Nuwara Eliya, Kandy, Sigiriya, Polonnaruwa, Dambulla and Negombo.

Two nights each in Ella, Kandy, Sigiriya and Negombo allow more time for the journey and its people.

Departure from Italy provisionally on 19 February. Flight schedules and return date remain to be confirmed; the land programme ends on 1 March.



THE ROUTE

*Visit order to be confirmed

20 FEBRUARY
Colombo →
Unawatuna

21 FEBRUARY
Galle → Ella

22 FEBRUARY
Ella
Nine Arch Bridge

23 FEBRUARY
Train and tea
Nuwara Eliya →
Kandy

24 FEBRUARY
Kandy
Temple of the Tooth

25 FEBRUARY
Matale and
Dambulla*
→ Sigiriya

26 FEBRUARY
Sigiriya
Optional safari

27 FEBRUARY
Polonnaruwa
→ Negombo

28 FEB. – 1 MAR.
Relax in Negombo
Then airport





WHERE WE STAY

UNAWATUNA · 1
night
Thaproban Pavilion
Waves
Wave King

ELLA · 2 nights
O2 Ella
Deluxe

KANDY · 2 nights
Earls Regent
Deluxe

SIGIRIYA · 2 nights
Aliya Resort & Spa
Deluxe

NEGOMBO · 2 nights
Regenta Arie Lagoon
Deluxe

9 NIGHTS
Double or twin room
Hotels to be
confirmed

Proposed hotels; rooms are not yet held. If unavailable, alternatives will be confirmed before booking.



20 FEBRUARY ARRIVAL AND UNAWATUNA

Arrival at Colombo Airport and meeting with the local guide.

Transfer to Unawatuna on the southern coast and check-in at Thaproban Pavilion Waves.

Dinner and overnight stay.

The day's programme depends on the selected flight. Departure from Italy is provisionally on 19 February; flights, connections and baggage will be confirmed separately.





21–22 FEBRUARY GALLE AND THE ELLA HILLS

21 February: visit Galle Fort and its colonial streets, then travel overland to Ella.

22 February: explore the Ella area and visit Nine Arch Bridge.

An optional walk to Little Adam's Peak depends on conditions and the group's mobility.

Two nights in Ella allow more time to enjoy the hills without changing hotel every day.



23 FEBRUARY TRAIN, TEA AND NUWARA ELIYA

Travel from Ella to Nanu Oya by train, subject to seats and railway operations.

Continue to Nuwara Eliya and visit a tea factory to learn about one of the island's best-known products.

Transfer to Kandy for a two-night stay.

Train class and seats remain to be confirmed: reservations open close to departure.



24–25 FEBRUARY KANDY, SPICES AND DAMBULLA

24 February: the Temple of the Tooth in Kandy, free time and an optional cooking class. A Kandyan performance is planned; timing to be agreed.

25 February: a spice garden in Matale and transfer to Sigiriya.

We propose visiting Dambulla on this route to shorten the long day on 27 February. This change requires supplier approval.

The guide provides historical interpretation; Nipuni helps the group understand local culture.





26 FEBRUARY SIGIRIYA AND NATURE

Visit Sigiriya, with its gardens, rock faces and citadel remains.

The climb requires suitable shoes and an assessment of personal mobility.

In the afternoon, enjoy free time or an optional safari at Minneriya or Kaudulla, depending on park conditions.

Wildlife sightings cannot be guaranteed.

Second night in Sigiriya.





27 FEBRUARY POLONNARUWA → NEGOMBO

Visit Polonnaruwa, an ancient capital, including its monumental remains and Gal Vihara.

Continue to Negombo for two nights at the resort.

This is a long transfer day; timings and the order of visits will be checked with the guide.

Dambulla remains included in the itinerary; we propose moving the visit to 25 February.

Dinner and overnight stay.



28 FEBRUARY – 1 MARCH NEGOMBO AND THE RETURN

28 February: a free day to rest at the resort or choose an optional activity around Negombo.

A beach suitable for swimming is not guaranteed.

1 March: breakfast and airport transfer according to the flight schedule.

The land programme ends on 1 March. Arrival in Italy depends on the flight purchased.

International flights are excluded.





PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Documents: a passport with at least six months' validity remaining and blank pages.

ETA: electronic travel authorisation must be obtained under the rules in force at departure. It is currently free for several nationalities, but the application remains necessary. Requirements must be checked again before travel.

Currency: Sri Lankan rupee. Cards are accepted in hotels and towns; cash is useful in rural areas.

Languages: Sinhala and Tamil; English is widely used in tourist areas.

Time difference: 4½ hours ahead of Italy in winter, 3½ hours during Italian summer time.

Health: general advice does not replace medical advice. Bottled water, insect repellent and food hygiene precautions are recommended.



WHAT TO PACK

- Light, breathable clothing for warm and humid weather.
- A jumper or light jacket for cooler evenings in Nuwara Eliya.
- Clothing covering shoulders and knees for temples and sacred sites.
- Comfortable footwear for Sigiriya, Dambulla and archaeological sites.
- Sunscreen, a hat, sunglasses and insect repellent.
- An adaptor for type D/G sockets.
- A reusable water bottle.
- A small daypack for train journeys, visits and transfers.



2027 PRICES

PROPOSED LAND PRICES

10–11 paying guests: €2,050 per person

12–14 paying guests: €1,990 per person

15–17 paying guests: €1,890 per person*

18 paying guests: €1,850 per person*

Double or twin room · 10 days / 9 nights

Proposed single supplement: €550

International flights excluded

*More than 15 guests requires a new quote.

The price for 18 is an indicative scenario.

Prices, hotels and services to be confirmed in the contract.



Medical and travel cover
Required; an existing suitable policy is acceptable.
From €119 per person.

Optional cancellation cover
5% to 7% of the insured trip value.
To be activated within the policy terms.

Full cover with baggage: €249–329.
Indicative prices, assistance included.
Individual quote through an authorised partner;
check policy terms before purchase.

INSURANCE AND PEACE OF MIND



WHAT IS INCLUDED

- 9 nights in proposed hotels, double/twin room
- 9 breakfasts and 9 dinners
- Private transport and coordinated airport transfers
- Local national guide speaking English
- Cultural accompaniment by Nipuni
- Sigiriya, Polonnaruwa, Dambulla and Temple of the Tooth
- Kandyan performance and tea factory visit
- Ella–Nanu Oya train; seats and class to be confirmed
- Water as specified in the supplier's programme
- Global Dec coordination
- Proposed inclusions subject to final confirmation.



WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED

- International flights, baggage and related services
 - Lunches, drinks, snacks and tips
 - Medical/travel insurance and cancellation cover
 - Single rooms and personal expenses
 - Safari, cooking class and optional activities
 - Optional flight and ETA assistance
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- ETA is currently free for Italian passport holders,
 - but must be obtained before arrival.
 - Optional Global Dec assistance: €65.
 - Rules will be checked again before departure.



KEY DATES

29 September 2026 · 21:00
Presentation at InAcademy Education Centre
Via dei Santeschi 30, Lucca.

28 October: registration and €500 deposit.
15 November: second instalment €700.
30 November: bookings close; final group tier.
31 December: balance €850 / €790 / €690 / €650
according to the applicable price.

10 January 2027: document, ETA and policy check.
Choose cancellation cover at booking,
within the policy's deadline; do not wait for the balance.

Proposed schedule, subject to the contract.
Payments and flights follow operational group confirmation.



FLIGHTS AND ASSISTANCE

International flights are separate from the land price.

Arrival in Colombo must be coordinated for 20 February; the programme ends on 1 March.

Available flights will be compared for baggage, connections, duration and conditions.

No schedule or fare is guaranteed before ticketing.

Standard booking assistance: €100.

Complex arrangements or alternative airports: €150.

These two fees are alternatives.

Tickets are paid for when issued, after group confirmation. Shared booking sessions will be arranged once suitable flights have been identified.



OPTIONAL SERVICES

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

Minneriya / Kaudulla safari · €95

Cooking class in Kandy · €55

Safari + cooking class · €145

No optional extra is required to follow the included cultural itinerary.

SERVICES ON REQUEST

ETA assistance · €65

Government fee currently €0 for Italians

Flight assistance · €100 or €150

Ticket and penalties excluded

Extra nights, early check-in and other services:
individual quotation before purchase.

Insurance: quote through a partner.



ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

Which price will I pay?

The group tier is fixed by 30 November and stated in the contract; reductions are credited against the balance.

Flights and ETA?

Flights excluded. ETA required, currently free for Italians; assistance is optional.

Insurance?

Suitable medical/travel cover is required; an existing policy may qualify. Cancellation cover is recommended.

How do I pay?

Methods are stated in the contract. Normal collection costs are already included in the proposed price.



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