



SRI LANKA 2027

IN THE HEART OF CEYLON

*19–27 February 2027
7 days / 6 nights in Sri Lanka*

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



THE TEAR OF INDIA

Sri Lanka, often referred to as “the Tear of India”, is an island in the Indian Ocean where nature, history and spirituality coexist in remarkable harmony.

Within just a few days, you travel through colonial towns, Buddhist temples, ancient capitals, tea plantations, rural villages and tropical coastlines.

It is a country that is small only on the map: in reality, it constantly changes its character, between the fragrance of spices, the green highlands and the living legacy of Ceylon.



GEOGRAPHY & CLIMATE

Sri Lanka is an island in the Indian Ocean covering approximately 65,600 km², located to the south-east of India and separated from it by the Palk Strait.

Despite its relatively small size, it offers a remarkable variety of landscapes: tropical coastlines, plains, rainforests and the central highlands, home to Pidurutalagala, the country's highest peak.

The climate is tropical and influenced by the monsoon seasons, with different conditions between the coast, the interior and the hill country.

February is one of the best periods for this itinerary: generally drier along the western and southern coasts, brighter, and with cooler temperatures around Nuwara Eliya and the tea plantations.



A CIVILISATION OVER TWO THOUSAND YEARS OLD

Sri Lanka's history stretches back more than 2,500 years.

The introduction of Buddhism in the 3rd century BC profoundly shaped the island's art, architecture and cultural identity.

The ancient capitals of Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa and Sigiriya tell the story of a civilisation built on hydraulic engineering, royal power and spirituality.

From the sixteenth century onwards, the Portuguese, Dutch and British arrived. Under the name Ceylon, the island entered the European colonial imagination, particularly through tea, the railways and the hill stations.

Today, these historical layers can still be seen in its temples, cities, plantations and everyday life.



IN THE HEART OF THE ISLAND

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7 days / 6 nights in Sri Lanka

A cultural itinerary through some of Ceylon's most iconic destinations: Colombo, Galle, Ella, Nuwara Eliya, Kandy, Sigiriya, Polonnaruwa, Dambulla and Negombo.

The journey combines scenic train rides, UNESCO World Heritage Sites, tea plantations, spice gardens, Buddhist temples, colonial hill country and everyday local life.

Departure from Italy is scheduled for 19 February. Arrival in Colombo is expected on 20 February, with the land tour continuing until 26 February and return to Italy on 27 February.



THE JOURNEY

DAY 0
19 February
Italy → Colombo
International flight

DAY 1
20 February
Arrival in Colombo

DAY 2
21 February
Colombo → Galle →
Ella

DAY 3
22 February
Ella → Nuwara Eliya
→ Kandy

DAY 4
23 February
Kandy → Matale →
Sigiriya

DAY 5
24 February
Sigiriya →
Polonnaruwa →
Sigiriya

DAY 6
25 February
Sigiriya → Dambulla
→ Negombo

DAY 7
26 February
Negombo → Colombo
Airport

DAY 8
27 February
Arrival in Italy





WHERE WE WILL STAY

COLOMBO (1 night)
Granbell Hotel
Superior Rooms or
equivalent

ELLA (1 night)
O2 Ella
Deluxe Rooms or
equivalent

KANDY (1 night)
Earls Regent Hotel
Deluxe Rooms or
equivalent

SIGIRIYA (2 nights)
Aliya Resort & Spa
Wooden Chalet or
equivalent

NEGOMBO (1 night)
Goldi Sands Hotel
Deluxe Rooms or
equivalent

Total
6 nights in 4-star
accommodation

The hotels listed represent our planned selection. Should any property become unavailable, it may be replaced by accommodation of an equivalent category and standard.



DAY 0 & DAY 1 19–20 FEBRUARY DEPARTURE AND ARRIVAL IN COLOMBO

Recommended departure from Rome Fiumicino on 19 February at 22:00, with an Etihad Airways flight via Abu Dhabi.

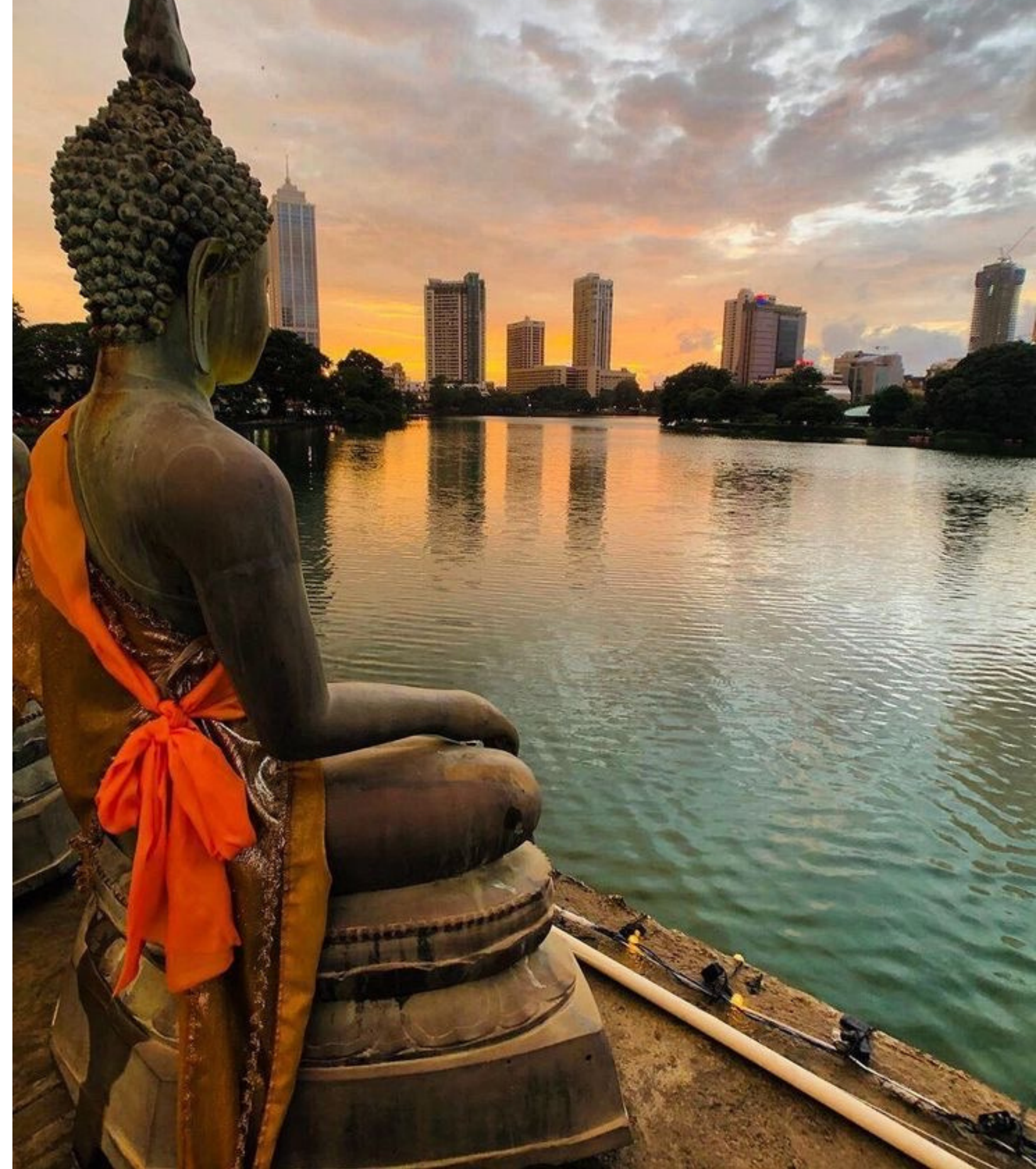
Scheduled stopover in Abu Dhabi: approximately 2 hours and 10 minutes.

Expected arrival in Colombo on 20 February at 15:15.

Upon arrival, meet the local guide and transfer to the hotel (approximately 45–60 minutes).

Check-in to the reserved rooms, followed by dinner and an overnight stay.

Depending on the actual arrival time and the condition of the group, there will either be a brief introduction to Colombo or time to rest after the journey.





DAY 2

21 FEBRUARY

COLOMBO → GALLE → ELLA

Morning transfer to Colombo Fort Station and departure by train to Galle, along one of Sri Lanka's most scenic coastal railway lines.

Arrival in Galle and visit to the UNESCO-listed Galle Fort, including its ramparts, lighthouse, Clock Tower, colonial streets and traces of Portuguese and Dutch influence.

After free time for lunch, continue by road to Ella (approximately 3½–4 hours).

If timing and daylight permit, walk to the Nine Arch Bridge before the overnight stay.



DAY 3
22 FEBRUARY
ELLA → NUWARA ELIYA → KANDY

Depart from Ella on the scenic train to Nanu Oya, travelling through tea plantations, valleys, waterfalls and breathtaking mountain scenery.

Continue to Nuwara Eliya, often referred to as “Little England” of Sri Lanka, at an altitude of approximately 1,900 metres.

Visit a tea plantation and factory, with an introduction to the production of Ceylon tea.

Subject to the railway timetable, enjoy a brief visit to the town, its gardens and its colonial atmosphere.

In the afternoon, transfer to Kandy for the overnight stay.



DAY 4

23 FEBRUARY

KANDY → MATALE → SIGIRIYA

The day begins with a visit to the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic, Sri Lanka's most important Buddhist shrine and one of the country's most revered places of worship.

The journey continues to the Royal Botanic Gardens of Peradeniya, renowned for their vast collection of tropical plants, giant trees and orchids.

Afterwards, the route heads towards Matale, where there will be a visit to a traditional spice garden to discover the cultivation and use of cinnamon, pepper, cardamom, cloves and other spices that have shaped Sri Lanka's history and cuisine.

Arrival in Sigiriya in the late afternoon, check-in at the hotel and overnight stay.





DAY 5

24 FEBRUARY

SIGIRIYA → POLONNARUWA → SIGIRIYA

Early-morning departure to climb Sigiriya Rock Fortress, the spectacular UNESCO World Heritage Site built by King Kashyapa in the fifth century.

The ascent follows stairways and walkways leading to the summit, offering breathtaking views across the surrounding plains.

After returning to the hotel for breakfast and some time to relax, the journey continues to Polonnaruwa, the island's medieval capital.

Visits include the Royal Palace, the Sacred Quadrangle, the Gal Vihara with its magnificent rock-carved Buddha statues, and the Rankot Vihara.

Return to Sigiriya for dinner and overnight stay.





DAY 6 25 FEBRUARY SIGIRIYA → DAMBULLA → NEGOMBO

Departure for Dambulla, home to the famous Golden Temple and the UNESCO-listed Cave Temple Complex, one of Sri Lanka's finest examples of Buddhist art. The visit includes the five decorated caves, which preserve hundreds of Buddha statues and remarkable wall and ceiling paintings.

After the visit, continue towards Negombo, reaching the west coast in the late afternoon.

Free time to relax by the beach or the hotel swimming pool before dinner and the final overnight stay in Sri Lanka.



DAY 7 & DAY 8 **26–27 FEBRUARY** **NEGOMBO – COLOMBO –** **ITALY**

Breakfast at the hotel and free time, depending on the scheduled departure time.

Transfer to Bandaranaike International Airport in Colombo for the return flight via Abu Dhabi.

Arrival in Italy is scheduled for 27 February 2027.





INFORMAZIONI PRATICHE

Documents: Passport with at least six months' remaining validity and sufficient blank pages.

ETA: An Electronic Travel Authorisation must be obtained before departure in accordance with the regulations in force at the time of travel. At present, Sri Lanka provides a free ETA for citizens of several countries; however, the application remains mandatory and the applicable requirements should be checked again before departure.

Currency: Sri Lankan Rupee. Cards are widely accepted in hotels and cities; cash is useful in rural areas.

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

Time difference: +4 hours 30 minutes ahead of Italy, or +3 hours 30 minutes during Italian daylight saving time.

Health: No general health advice can replace the opinion of your doctor. Bottled water, insect repellent and sensible food precautions are recommended.



PACKING TIPS

- Lightweight, breathable clothing for the hot and humid climate.
- A sweatshirt or light jacket for the cooler evenings in Nuwara Eliya.
- Clothing that covers the shoulders and knees for temples and other sacred sites.
- Comfortable walking shoes for Sigiriya, Dambulla and the archaeological sites.
- Sunscreen, a hat, sunglasses and insect repellent.
- A travel adapter for Type D/G sockets.
- A reusable water bottle.
- A small day backpack for train journeys, visits and transfers.



2027 PRICES

Standard Price

€1,890 / £1,625

per person in a double or twin room.

Launch Price

€1,850 / £1,595

reserved for the first five bookings confirmed with a signed contract and deposit paid by 30 September 2026.

Single Room Supplement

€450 / £390

The price includes the land services listed in the programme.

International flights are not included.

The tour is confirmed with a minimum of 10 participants.

Maximum group size: 20 participants.



Recommend the journey to a friend

For every new participant who confirms their place by signing the contract and paying the deposit, you will receive a travel credit that can be used towards your final balance or optional services.

- €40 for one participant
- €100 for two participants
- €150 for three participants (maximum)

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TRAVEL CREDIT**



WHAT IS INCLUDED

- 6 nights in 4-star hotels in a double or twin room
- Breakfast and dinner
- Private transfers throughout Sri Lanka
- Bus or van with a dedicated driver
- English-speaking local guide
- Cultural accompaniment by Nipuni, trilingual in Italian, English and Sinhala
- Entrance fees to the main sites included in the programme
- Two scenic train journeys, subject to operation and confirmation
- Airport transfers to and from Colombo
- Global Dec coordination and assistance



WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED

- Return international flights between Italy and Colombo
- Lunches, drinks and snacks
- ETA and ETA assistance service
- Travel insurance
- Tips
- Personal expenses
- Single-room supplement
- Anything not expressly listed under What is Included



KEY DATES

14 September 2026 – 9:00 pm

Presentation meeting

Via dei Santeschi 30, Pontetetto, Lucca

By 10 October 2026

Signed contract + deposit (€500 / £430)

Only from this moment is your place confirmed.

15 October 2026

First Booking Day

7 November 2026

Second Booking Day

15 November 2026

Second instalment

€700 / £600

15 December 2026

Standard balance

€690 / £595

Launch-price balance

€650 / £565

By 10 January 2027

Passport, ETA and insurance

7 February 2027

Final briefing



FLIGHTS & BOOKING DAY

To keep the group on the same flight schedule and minimise fare differences, Global Dec will organise two dedicated Booking Days for the purchase of international flights.

- **First Booking Day:** 10 October 2026
- **Second Booking Day:** 7 November 2026

During the Booking Day:

- the recommended flight from Rome Fiumicino will be presented and, where available, an alternative departure from Milan Malpensa;
- flight schedules, connections, baggage allowance and fare conditions will be checked;
- each participant will purchase their own airline ticket directly;
- Global Dec will coordinate the group on the same itinerary but cannot guarantee the fare until the ticket has been issued.

Volo di riferimento attualmente individuato:

Route: Rome Fiumicino → Colombo

Departure: 19 February 2027 – 22:00

Arrival: 20 February 2027 – 15:15

Airline: Etihad Airways, via Abu Dhabi

Scheduled stopover: Approximately 2 hours and 10 minutes

Estimated return airfare budget: €850–1,050 / £730–900

A personalised search for alternative airports, travel dates or flight itineraries is available as a separate service.



OPTIONAL SERVICES

Assisted ETA application and passport check

€49 / £45

Departure Support Pack

ETA application, document check, personalised checklist, final travel dossier and pre-departure verification.

€125 / £110

Flight search and comparison, including connections, baggage allowance and fare conditions

€95 / £85 per booking

Complex flight itineraries or alternative departure airports

€145 / £125 per booking

Flight amendment or re-protection

€75 / £65 per request

Airline penalties and fare differences are not included.

eSIM with setup and support

€55 / £48

Medical, baggage and cancellation insurance

From €130 / £115, with an individual quotation through an authorised partner.

Additional night or early check-in

Supplier's cost + €60 / £52 service fee

Urgent service (within 72 hours)

€95 / £85



ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

Do I need a visa?

No. An ETA (Electronic Travel Authorisation) is required and must be obtained before departure in accordance with the regulations in force at the time of travel.

Are international flights included?

No. Global Dec will recommend the most suitable flight and can assist with the booking as an optional service.

Is travel insurance compulsory?

Yes. Medical and travel insurance is mandatory, while cancellation cover is strongly recommended.

Can I pay by card?

Yes. We accept Revolut Business, bank transfer, cash at our offices (within the limits permitted by law), SumUp, Revolut Merchant and American Express.

The published tour price includes the standard payment processing costs. Any fees charged by the participant's bank remain the responsibility of the participant.



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