

Sigiriya

SRI LANKA · 2027

# In the Heart of Ceylon

*19 February – 2 March 2027 · indicative dates*

Ten days across an island where nature, history and faith live side by side: colonial towns, Buddhist temples, ancient royal capitals, tea country and the tropical coast.

The route runs from the bastions of Galle to the hills of Ella, takes the train through the tea plantations, reaches Kandy and the Temple of the Tooth, then climbs the rock of Sigiriya before ending on the coast at Negombo.

A small-group journey with a local English-speaking guide and the cultural accompaniment of Nipunì W. Dissanayake, who travels with the group and speaks Italian, English and Sinhala.

## How we travel

Small groups, local guides and places to stay chosen one by one, preparation before departure and support throughout the journey. Every itinerary is designed to understand places, not simply to see them.

# At a glance

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| DATES | 19 February – 2 March 2027, travel days included (indicative). Land programme in Sri Lanka: 20 February – 1 March 2027. |
| DURATION | 10 days / 9 nights in Sri Lanka |
| ROUTE | Colombo · Galle · Ella · Nuwara Eliya · Kandy · Matale · Sigiriya · Polonnaruwa · Dambulla · Negombo |
| STAY | 9 nights in selected hotels, double or twin room; half board (breakfast and dinner) |
| WITH YOU | Local English-speaking guide and cultural accompaniment by Nipunì in Italian, English and Sinhala |
| GROUP | Minimum 10 participants |
| PRICE | Available on request |
| FLIGHTS | International flights are not included. Global Dec compares routes and helps the group book on a shared day. |

# The places

### Galle
The fortified port on the south coast, with bastions and colonial streets above the Indian Ocean; a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

### Ella and the tea country
Green hills, the Nine Arch Bridge and the train through the plantations to Nanu Oya.

### Kandy
The last royal capital and the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic, at the heart of Sri Lankan Buddhism.

### Sigiriya
The fifth-century rock fortress rising from the plain, with its gardens and frescoes.

### Polonnaruwa and Dambulla
The medieval capital and the cave temples filled with statues and painted ceilings.



*The tea country*



*The Dambulla cave temples*

# Day by day

DAY 1 · 20 FEBRUARY

### Colombo – south coast

Arrival in Colombo and transfer to the coast near Galle. Free time depending on flight times. Dinner.

DAY 2 · 21 FEBRUARY

### Galle – Ella

Guided visit of Galle Fort, then the drive inland to Ella in the afternoon. Dinner.

DAY 3 · 22 FEBRUARY

### Ella

The Nine Arch Bridge and an optional walk up Little Adam's Peak, depending on conditions. Free afternoon. Dinner.

DAY 4 · 23 FEBRUARY

### Ella – Nuwara Eliya – Kandy

The train through the tea country to Nanu Oya, a tea factory near Nuwara Eliya, then Kandy and a performance of Kandyan dance. Dinner.

DAY 5 · 24 FEBRUARY

### Kandy

The Temple of the Tooth and a walk around Kandy Lake. Free afternoon, with an optional cooking class. Dinner.

DAY 6 · 25 FEBRUARY

### Kandy – Matale – Sigiriya

A spice garden in Matale on the way north; arrival in Sigiriya and free time. Dinner.

DAY 7 · 26 FEBRUARY

### Sigiriya

The climb of the rock fortress, then free time and an optional safari in Minneriya or Kaudulla National Park. Dinner.

DAY 8 · 27 FEBRUARY

### Polonnaruwa – Dambulla – Negombo

The ancient capital of Polonnaruwa and the Dambulla cave temples, then the long transfer to Negombo. Dinner.

DAY 9 · 28 FEBRUARY

### Negombo

A free day on the coast. Dinner.

DAY 10 · 1 MARCH

### Departure

Breakfast and transfer to Colombo airport for the flight home.

# Included

- 9 nights in selected hotels, double or twin room
- Breakfast and dinner every day
- Private transport in Sri Lanka and airport transfers
- Local English-speaking guide
- Cultural accompaniment by Nipunì in Italian, English and Sinhala
- Entrance to Sigiriya, Polonnaruwa, Dambulla and the Temple of the Tooth; Kandyan dance; tea factory visit
- The Ella – Nanu Oya train
- Global Dec coordination and support

# Not included

- International flights to/from Italy (we can help you find the best option)
- Lunches, drinks and personal expenses
- Medical and travel insurance (required); cancellation cover recommended
- Single room supplement
- Optional activities (safari, cooking class)
- Tips
- Anything not listed as included

## Good to know

- An Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) must be obtained online before arrival; we check entry rules again before departure.
- Passport valid for at least six months, with blank pages.
- Comfortable shoes for Sigiriya; clothing that covers shoulders and knees at sacred sites; a warm layer for the hills.
- Train seats, hotels and timings are confirmed at booking; wildlife sightings on safari cannot be guaranteed.

Dates and services are indicative and will be set out in the travel contract.

For the full programme and the price. Write to **office@global-dec.com**: we will send you the detailed programme, the price and the booking conditions, with no obligation.