SRI LANKA EXTENSION

Duration: 10 days/ 9 nights
Route: Delhi – Sigiriya– Kandy– Nuwara Eliya– Beruwala

The short itinerary

Day 01 : ARRIVAL IN COLOMBO – GATEWAY TO SRI LANKA
Day 02 : SIGIRIYA – THE EIGHTH WONDER OF THE WORLD
Day 03 : DISCOVERING THE DAMBULLA CAVE TEMPLE AND RURAL CHARMS
Day 04 : JOURNEY TO KANDY VIA SPICE GARDENS
Day 05 : EXPLORING KANDY'S CULTURAL SPLENDOURS
Day 06 : SCENIC TRAIN JOURNEY TO NUWARA ELIYA
Day 07 : TEA PLANTATIONS AND COASTAL MARVELS
Day 08 : RELAXATION ON THE GOLDEN BEACHES OF BERUWALA
Day 09 : COASTAL SERENITY
Day 10 : FAREWELL TO SRI LANKA

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The detailed itinerary

Day 1 : ARRIVAL TRANSFER

Upon arrival at Colombo air port drive to Sigiriya.

Day 2 : SIGIRIYA – SIGHTSEEING

The morning begins with a journey to the iconic **Sigiriya Rock Fortress**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Known locally as the "Eighth Wonder of the World," **Sigiriya** is a stunning testament to ancient engineering and artistry.

As you approach, the monolithic rock rises dramatically from the surrounding plains, a beacon of history and majesty. Climb the winding staircases, passing through exquisite water gardens and frescoes of celestial maidens, their intricate beauty untouched by time. At the summit, the ruins of an ancient royal palace reveal breathtaking panoramic views of verdant jungles and distant mountains.

For those who prefer to stay at ground level, the base of **Sigiriya** offers its own allure. Wander through the meticulously designed gardens, marvel at the natural harmony of rock and greenery, and let the stillness of the environment envelop you.

In the afternoon, consider an optional **Jeep Safari** in **Minneriya National Park**, available at an extra cost. This thrilling experience offers the chance to witness one of Sri Lanka's most spectacular wildlife events—the gathering of majestic elephants. Picture the awe-inspiring sight of herds congregating by the shimmering reservoir, surrounded by lush greenery and vibrant birdlife. With expert guides leading the way, you'll have the opportunity to spot exotic species and immerse yourself in the untamed beauty of the park. Minneriya is not just a safari; it's a journey into the heart of Sri Lanka's wild wonders, an experience that will leave you in awe and provide memories to treasure for a lifetime.

Overnight Stay: Dambulla

Day 3 : DAMBULLA CAVE TEMPLE & VILLAGE EXPERIENCE

The day begins with a visit to the **Dambulla Cave Temple**, a spiritual marvel etched into a towering rock. Step inside and be greeted by over 2,000 square metres of painted murals and serene Buddha statues. The soft glow of oil lamps illuminates the intricate artwork, each telling a story of devotion and serenity.
Next, immerse yourself in **Sri Lanka's rural life** with an authentic **Hiriwadunna Village Experience**. A short boat ride across a jungle river leads you to a farmer's home, where the aroma of freshly cooked Sri Lankan

delicacies fills the air. Share a meal prepared with love, and savour local favourites like **Curd and Treacle**, a dessert that encapsulates the sweetness of the island.

The day is an intimate glimpse into the heart of **Sri Lanka**, connecting you to its people, traditions, and timeless beauty.

Overnight Stay: Dambulla

Day 4 : JOURNEY TO KANDY VIA SPICE GARDENS

Journey to Kandy via the Matale Spice Gardens

Begin your adventure with a visit to the **Matale Spice Gardens**, where the lush greenery and heady aromas of cinnamon, nutmeg, and cardamom enchant your senses. Stroll along picturesque pathways as an expert guide unveils the fascinating stories behind these exotic spices, their origins, and their time-honored medicinal uses. Enhance your experience with a soothing **head massage**, letting the calming fragrances lull you into relaxation. Conclude this delightful stop with a flavorful **traditional Sri Lankan lunch**, a culinary journey that complements the sensory exploration of the spice gardens.

Arriving in Kandy: A City of Timeless Charm

As you approach **Kandy**, its serene beauty reveals itself. Encircled by rolling **hills** and graced with a **tranquil lake** at its heart, the city exudes an air of **majestic heritage**. Once the final stronghold of the Sinhala kings, Kandy retains its charm as a cultural epicenter of Sri Lanka.

Evening Cultural Show: A Celebration of Heritage

Your evening in Kandy is illuminated by a captivating **Cultural Show**, where the vibrant colors of traditional costumes, the mesmerizing movements of skilled dancers, and the rhythmic energy of drumming bring the island's **rich cultural heritage** to life. This immersive performance offers a window into the traditions that have shaped Kandy's identity over the centuries.

Overnight Stay: Kandy

Day 5 : EXPLORING KANDY'S CULTURAL SPLENDOURS

After a Delicious Breakfast: Discover the Enchanting Charms of Kandy
Step into a world where history and serenity intertwine as you begin your **sightseeing tour of Kandy**, a city that whispers the stories of kings and centuries past. Nestled amidst lush green hills, Kandy's beauty is

timeless, with a serene lake at its heart reflecting the grandeur of a bygone era. Known as the Hill Capital and the last bastion of the Sinhala kings, Kandy radiates an aura of majesty untouched by time.

At the center of this cultural haven lies the iconic **Temple of the Tooth**, a site that holds immense spiritual and historical significance. In the mist-shrouded hills, you'll find Kandy's vibrant satellite villages, renowned for their artisanal handicrafts and mesmerizing traditional dances — among the most spectacular in Sri Lanka. **This UNESCO World Heritage Site** not only celebrates its rich history but also echoes the belief that whoever holds the sacred relic of Buddha's tooth holds sovereignty over the land.

A Sacred Visit: The Temple of the Tooth Relic

No trip to Kandy is complete without a visit to its crowning jewel, the **Sri Dalada Maligawa**. Known for its golden roof and classical Kandyan architecture, this majestic temple complex houses one of Buddhism's most revered relics – a tooth of the Buddha himself. As you walk through the ornate halls, sense the echoes of history that shaped Sri Lanka, from ancient royal ceremonies to the shadows of wars and the rise and fall of kingdoms. Marvel at the intricate carvings, the serene ambience, and the captivating stories that make this temple a treasure trove of cultural heritage.

The Breathtaking Royal Botanical Gardens

Next, journey to Peradeniya, a verdant suburb famed for its **Royal Botanical Gardens** — an exquisite oasis that ranks among Asia's finest. Spread across the banks of the meandering Mahaweli River, these gardens are a symphony of colours and fragrances, offering a feast for the senses. Wander through avenues of towering palms, marvel at exotic orchids, and lose yourself in the serene landscapes that attract visitors from all corners of the globe.

A Quiet Reflection: British Garrison Cemetery

For a touch of poignant history, visit the **British Garrison Cemetery**, tucked away on the hillside beyond the Temple of the Tooth. Here, you'll find the final resting place of many colonial-era individuals, their tombstones narrating tales of life's struggles and fleeting moments. The peaceful surroundings invite contemplation and a deeper understanding of the sacrifices of those who lived during a tumultuous time.

Return to Comfort

As your enriching day draws to a close, return to your hotel and unwind. Let the stories and sights of Kandy settle in your heart as you prepare for another day of adventure.

Overnight Stay: Kandy

Day 6 : TRAIN JOURNEY TO NUWARA ELIYA

Embark on a Scenic Train Journey: Kandy to Nanu Oya

Step aboard one of the world's most breathtaking train routes as you journey from **Kandy to Nanu Oya**. The train meanders through rolling **tea plantations**, mist-cloaked **mountains**, and sparkling **waterfalls**, offering unforgettable vistas at every turn. Feel the cool **mountain breeze** as you lean out of the window, taking in the vibrant scenes of **rural life**, quaint **villages**, and picturesque **tunnels** along the way. This journey is more than just transportation — it's an experience of **Sri Lanka's enchanting highlands**.

Arrival in Nuwara Eliya: Little England

Upon arrival in **Nuwara Eliya**, a town affectionately called **"Little England"**, you'll be greeted by its **colonial charm**, manicured **gardens**, and cool, refreshing **climate**. Known for its quaint **cottages** and vibrant **flowerbeds**, this highland haven feels like stepping into a bygone era, with echoes of **British influence** in its architecture and lifestyle.

Overnight Stay: Nuwara Eliya

Day 7 : TEA PLANTATIONS AND COASTAL MARVELS

Begin the Day with a Tea Plantation Experience

Start your morning at a working **tea plantation**, where the timeless art of tea-making unfolds before your eyes. Watch skilled workers expertly pluck the finest tea leaves, their practiced movements preserving a craft passed down through generations. Venture into the factory to uncover the secrets of tea production, from withering and rolling to drying and grading. Conclude your visit with a steaming cup of **Ceylon Tea**, savoring the delicate flavors of Sri Lanka's world-famous brew.

Nature's Wonders: Devon and St. Clair Waterfalls

The journey takes you next to the captivating **Devon and St. Clair waterfalls**, often referred to as the "Twin Waterfalls" of Sri Lanka. Here, the cascading waters create a mesmerizing spectacle, surrounded by lush greenery and the tranquil sounds of nature. These iconic waterfalls offer a moment of peace and a stunning backdrop for unforgettable photographs.

A Visit to the Kosgoda Sea Turtle Conservation Project

Conclude your day at the **Kosgoda Sea Turtle Conservation Project**, a vital sanctuary dedicated to the preservation of these gentle marine creatures. Learn about the life cycle of sea turtles and the conservation efforts to protect their nesting sites. Witness the release of tiny hatchlings into the ocean and feel inspired by the dedication of those working to safeguard these endangered species for future generations.

Overnight Stay: Beruwala

Day 8 : FREE DAY

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Day 9 : FREE DAY

Overnight Stay: Beruwala

Day 10 : FAREWELL TO SRI LANKA

Bid farewell to the enchanting island as you are transferred to **Colombo Airport**.

Tour Ends

Hotels

Location	Superior Hotel	Deluxe Hotel	Meal Plan
Sigiriya	Amaara Forest	Cinnamon Lodge	Bed & Breakfast
Kandy	Thilanka Kandy	Earl's Regency Hotel	Bed & Breakfast
Nuwara Eliya	Mirage Kings Cottage	Grand Hotel	Bed & Breakfast
Beruwala	The Palms	Cinnamon Bey	Bed & Breakfast

What's included

- **Flight to Colombo**
- **Accommodation:** 09 nights' accommodation in superior category hotels specified in the itinerary or hotels of a similar standard.
- **Meals:** Breakfast as per the itinerary.
- **Guided Tours:** Round tour with an English-speaking chauffeur guide.
- **Transportation:**
- Air-conditioned vehicle as per the itinerary (no vehicle provided during the beach stay).
- **Entrance Fees:** Included for:
- Sigiriya Rock Fortress
- Hiriwadunna Village Experience
- Dambulla Cave Temple
- Matale Spice Garden
- Peradeniya Royal Botanical Garden
- Kandy Tooth Relic Temple
- Cultural Dance
- Train Ride
- **Taxes:** All applicable current local taxes.

What's not included

- Any meals not mentioned in the inclusions list.
- Expenses of a personal nature.
- Cost of optional excursions.
- Cost of beverages throughout the tour.
- Tips and portages.
- Visa processing fee.
- Early arrival and late departure.

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