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Sri Lanka – 16 Days Tour

Ramayana Trails

the complete ramayana yatra

-  Duration : 16 Days
-  Starts : Colombo Airport
-  Ends : Colombo Airport
-  Minimum Persons : 02
-  Luggage : 01 Cabin Size
-  Availability : Jan 01 – Dec 31





Tour Highlights

- Explore 38 most important Ramayana sites
- Visit UNESCO world heritage sites of Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa, Sigiriya, Dambulla, Kandy, Horton plains, and Galle.
- Immerse yourself in the cultural vibrancy of Sri Lanka
- Breathtaking landscapes and the diverse ecosystems with natural beauty
- Wildlife diversity and 4x4 wildlife adventures
- Vibrant urban life contrasts with historical and natural wonders



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Tour Details

On this captivating 16-day Ramayana Tour across Sri Lanka, we delve into the diverse tapestry of the island. Our journey explores 38 significant Ramayana sites, immersing us in the cultural and spiritual heritage. Alongside the spiritual odyssey, we unravel Sri Lanka's historical narrative by visiting seven out of eight UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa, Sigiriya, Dambulla, Kandy, Horton Plains, and Galle.

Our itinerary seamlessly integrates major tourist attractions, revealing enchanting landscapes and diverse ecosystems. We marvel at the wonders of Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa, ancient capitals steeped in history. Ascending the iconic Sigiriya rock fortress, we explore the ancient cave temples in Dambulla and soak in the cultural vibrancy of Kandy.

Venturing into the breathtaking landscapes of Horton Plains, we witness the awe-inspiring World's End, a sheer cliff offering panoramic views. Our journey takes us through Yala and Minneriya National Parks, renowned for wildlife diversity, and lets us revel in the natural beauty of Nuwara Eliya and Ella. Finally, we embrace the vibrant urban life of Colombo, providing a modern contrast to the historical and natural wonders encountered.

This meticulously curated tour ensures an immersive experience, combining spiritual exploration with the exploration of Sri Lanka's diverse heritage and natural beauty. Participants will leave with a deep appreciation for the cultural, historical, and natural treasures that make Sri Lanka a truly captivating destination.

Tour Summary

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| Departure and Return Location | Colombo Airport |
| Departure Time | Before 07:30 AM from Negombo Hotel |
| Tour Categories | Standard Luxury Premium |
| Price (From) | Standard - USD 1569.00 Luxury - USD 2425.00 Premium - USD 3651.00 per person on double or twin share |
| Tour Inclusions | Hotel accommodation as per tour category Half Board (Breakfast & Dinner) All transfers in private vehicle as tour category Tuk-tuk return transfers Ritigala Strict Nature Reserve Minneriya National Park 4x4 Wildlife Safari Entrance Kandy Lake Club Cultural Show Yala National Park 4x4 Wildlife Safari |
| Tour Exclusions | Airfare Travel Insurance Entrance Fees and activities fees not included in tour inclusions Hotel surcharge for extra services and facilities. Single supplementary surcharge Extra meals Beverages both alcoholic and non-alcoholic Expenses of personal nature Use of mini bar and other hotel facilities Tips and gratuities Personal activities fees Optional self -tour expenses Hotel stay extensions |
| Complimentary | Daily bottled water On tour light refreshments Free in-vehicle unlimited Wi-Fi |

What to Expect

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Tour Itinerary >>>>

Day 01

Arrival Sri Lanka and leisure at Negombo

Meal Plan: Dinner

Upon landing at Colombo Airport, proceed through immigration. Next is the duty-free shopping area, if you're interested in purchasing duty-free items, shop staff will assist and brief you on special offers and allowances. If you have checked-in baggage proceed to baggage claim area and collect it. Clear Sri Lanka Customs via the Green Channel. Our staff will be waiting to warmly welcome you and then transfer to a popular beachfront stay in Negombo. Immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere of Negombo, known for its diverse dining, shopping, and entertainment options. At your accommodation, enjoy a relaxing overnight stay with dinner and breakfast included. The evening is yours to unwind and explore the surroundings.

Day 02

Negombo - Anuradhapura

Meal Plan: Breakfast | Dinner

Check out from hotel after an early breakfast. We depart at 07:30AM to explore Ramayana sites enroute to Anuradhapura, our first stop is at Munneswaram Temple in Chilaw, where Lord Rama prayed to Lord Shiva after defeating Ravana. This temple is associated with cleansing the Brahmahasthi Dosh. Continue to Manavari Temple, where Lord Rama installed the Shivalinga to absolve the Brahmahatya Dosh. Finally, explore Dolukanda, also considered one of the Sanjeevani Drops linked to the healing of Lord Rama's army during battle. Legend has it that Lord Hanuman brought the Sanjeevani herb here to heal wounded soldiers. Check-in to the hotel in Anuradhapura for dinner and an overnight stay. In the evening, we could visit some of the major attractions of Anuradhapura ancient city which is also a UNESCO world heritage site.

Day 03

Anuradhapura to Jaffna

Meal Plan: Breakfast | Dinner

After breakfast, check-out from hotel and be in the hotel lobby at 08:00 AM departure. Our journey from Anuradhapura to Jaffna will take us through a fascinating trail of Ramayana-related places. As we travel, pause at significant sites that resonate with ancient legends and spiritual significance. We will pass through Thallady Bird Sanctuary which is believed to be one of the five Sanjeevani Drops. Then, visit the Talaimannar Pier, a coastal point connecting Rama's Setu, the bridge that was constructed by Lord Rama and Lord Hanuma. It is believed that this pier was the starting point for Lord Hanuman's leap to Lanka during the epic Ramayana. Next, explore Thiruketheeswaram Temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva. According to legend, this temple was established by Lord Rama himself during his quest to rescue Princess Sita. The temple's ancient architecture and serene surroundings evoke a sense of divine presence. Finally, arrive in the vibrant city of Jaffna, known for its unique culture, heritage, and resilient spirit. Here, you'll find bustling markets, historic buildings, rich in culture and traditions. Check-in to Jaffna hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

Day 04

Explore Jaffna and Naninativu

Meal Plan: Breakfast | Dinner

After an early breakfast, departing at 8:00 AM, we'll make a photo stop at Ravana Falls en route. Our next stop is the Udawalawe National Park for a 4X4 wildlife safari. Led by experienced guides, you'll spot a thriving elephant population, along with buffalo, wild boar, deer, and various bird species. Then we proceed to Galle, a UNESCO World Heritage City. You'll explore the Galle National Museum housed in the oldest Dutch building in Galle Fort. Our sightseeing covers iconic landmarks like historic ramparts, Dutch Hospital, Galle Lighthouse, Meeran Mosque, All Saints Church, Groote Kerk, Galle Clock Tower, and the International Cricket Stadium. We'll conclude our day visiting Rumassala Peace Pagoda for serene ambiance and sunset views. Finally, we'll head to Bentota for dinner and an overnight stay.

Jaffna – Trincomalee

Meal Plan: Breakfast | Dinner

After an early breakfast, check out from the hotel for a 7:30 AM departure. Enroute to Trincomalee will make a diversion to visit Vattrappalai Kannaki Amman Temple. Kannaki Amman is considered as the goddess of chastity. Our second site to visit for the day is the Thirukoneswaram Temple, perched on a rocky promontory overlooking the azure waters of the Indian Ocean. This temple is believed to be the abode of Lord Shiva, and its history intertwines with the Ramayana. According to legend, Lord Rama prayed here for forgiveness after defeating Ravana, who was a Brahmin. The temple's architecture and serene surroundings evoke a sense of divine presence. Next, we will visit the Kinniya Hot Water Wells, where natural hot springs bubble forth from the earth. These healing waters are said to have miraculous properties, and pilgrims come seeking relief from ailments. According to the Ramayana, Lord Rama himself blessed these wells during his time in Lanka. We will then check in to a hotel in Nilaveli or Trincomalee for dinner and an overnight stay.

Trincomalee – Habarana

Meal Plan: Breakfast | Dinner

After an early breakfast, check out from the hotel for a 7:30 AM departure. Our first site to visit for the day is the Ritigala Strict Nature Reserve. This mountain range, shrouded in legend, stands as a testament to centuries of spiritual devotion. According to the Ramayana, this very mountain was one of the five Sanjeevani drops that Hanuman accidentally dropped while carrying the chunk of Dronagiri Parvat of Himalayas. These drops, infused with healing properties, were meant to cure Lord Rama and Lakshmana. Next, we will explore the Polonnaruwa Ancient City, a UNESCO World Heritage Site which was the second capital of Sri Lanka. It flourished under the reign of King Parakramabahu I in the 12th century. We will also visit the Pulasthi Statue, Pulasthi, the Prajapati, and Saptarishi, his son Vishrava, is Ravana's father. As we wander through the ancient city, we'll marvel at its cultural architecture and religious importance. We will then move to Habarana and check in to the hotel for dinner and an overnight stay.

An optional evening visit to Dambulla Cave Temple, a World Heritage site can be arranged

Sigiriya – Minneriya

Meal Plan: Breakfast | Dinner

We will start the day very early, around 5:30 AM, as we will be visiting the UNESCO World Heritage Site, Sigiriya Rock Fortress, considered the 8th wonder of the world. Known as the "Lion Rock", this ancient citadel was once a royal palace and a Buddhist monastery. But its roots extend even further back, to the Ramayana. Legend says that Sigiriya is one of places where Ravana held Princess Sita captive during her exile in Lanka. The imposing rock column, crowned by a palace, stands as a testament to human ingenuity and the echoes of a timeless epic. After returning from Sigiriya, we'll head back to the hotel for relaxation. Afternoon, we'll visit Minneriya National Park for a 4x4 wildlife safari. This park is famous for the largest gathering of wild Asian elephants and other wildlife, including an array of bird species. As the sun sets, we'll return to Habarana for dinner and an overnight stay.

An optional evening visit to Dambulla Cave Temple, a World Heritage site, can be arranged.

Habarana – Kandy

Meal Plan: Breakfast | Dinner

After an early breakfast, check out from the hotel for a 7:30 AM departure. We will journey through Wasgomuwa National Park and Maduru Oya National Park, both wildlife sanctuaries. These areas teem with diverse animals, particularly elephants. Enroute we will stop at Dunuvila Lake where Lord Rama fired the deadly Brahmastra, the primary weapon of the god Brahma, at Ravana. Then we will stop at viewpoint of Yahangala, a rocky sentinel in the Knuckles Mountain Range. Legend has it that this is where King Ravana rested after he was struck by Brahmastra in his final battle with Lord Rama. We continue to Seetha Kotuwa, nestled in Gurulupotha, is a significant site from the Ramayana. Princess Sita was allegedly held captive here by King Ravana. The lush surroundings, waterfall, and meandering stream give it the name "Sitha Kotuwa" or "Sita fort." In this sacred place, Princess Sita endured captivity, and Ravana's queen Maharani Mandodari recognized her divine nature. Mandodari warned Ravana to return Princess Sita to Lord Rama, lest divine wrath befall Lanka. Footprints of Lord Hanuman near the river add to the mystique, symbolizing his ability to transform size. Gurulupotha is also believed to be Ravana's aircraft workshop, where he built various airplanes, including the famous Pushpaka Vimana, described in the Ramayana. We will check-in to the Kandy hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

Kandy – Peradeniya

Meal Plan: Breakfast | Dinner

After breakfast, we will depart at 8:30 AM to explore the city of Kandy, a UNESCO world heritage rich in history and culture. We start with a visit to the Sri Mahamariamman Temple, a vibrant Hindu temple adorned with colorful sculptures. Then continue to the Royal Botanic Gardens in Peradeniya, steeped in botanical heritage. We will witness the Kandy Lake Club Cultural Dance Show. Concluding the day with a visit to the Temple of the Tooth Relic, housing a revered Buddha's tooth. We will return to our Kandy hotel for dinner and an overnight stay.

Kandy – Nuwara Eliya

Meal Plan: Breakfast | Dinner

After breakfast check-out from hotel for 08:30AM departure from Kandy to Nuwara Eliya. Along the way, we will stop at the Sri Bhakta Hanuman Temple in Ramboda, where Lord Hanuman is revered for rescuing Princess Sita. The mountain range housing Ravana's Chariot Path and Princess Sita's Tear Drop Ponds lies in this area, but due to a lengthy hike of about 5 to 6 hours, we will only drive past it. Our next stop is the Labookellie Tea Center for refreshments. The Mani Kattuther open temple, where Lord Hanuman rested after meeting Princess Sita, is optional to visit due to its steep climb. Upon arriving in Nuwara Eliya, we will check in to our hotel for lunch and an overnight stay. In the afternoon, we'll explore Gayathri Peedam, the first temple built for Gayathri Amman, with a Shiva Lingam brought from the Holy River Narmada. Legend has it that Ravana's son Meghanath gained supernatural powers here through penance and worship. Our day concludes with a drive-pass tour of Nuwara Eliya, known as Little England, including photo stops and a visit to Gregory Lake Park. We'll return to our hotel in Nuwara Eliya for dinner and an overnight stay.

Nuwara Eliya – Welimada

Meal Plan: Breakfast | Dinner

We depart Nuwara Eliya at 08:30 AM, beginning our day with a visit to the Sita Amman Temple. Legend has it that this temple was where Princess Sita was held captive by Ravana, showcasing her unwavering devotion and resilience during her captivity. Next, we will explore the Hakgala Botanical Garden, also known as Ashok Vatika, where Ravana concealed Princess Sita amidst lush greenery. The garden holds echoes of Princess Sita's timeless love and sacrifice. Our journey continues to the Divurumpola Temple, believed to be the site of Princess Sita's Agni Pariksha (trial by fire). Her purity was proven when she stepped into the pyre, unscathed. We then visit the Vidurupola Buddhist Temple, a dedicated Ramayana Research Centre. Finally, we explore Ishtripura caves and Konda Gala in Kirawanagama, where Ravana hid Princess Sita due to Lord Hanuman's advents. Our day concludes as we return to our hotel in Nuwara Eliya for dinner and an overnight stay.

Nuwara Eliya – Ella

Meal Plan: Breakfast | Dinner

Horton Plains National Park, nestled in the Central Highlands of Sri Lanka, holds UNESCO World Heritage status. Within this protected area lies World's End—a sheer cliff that unveils mist-shrouded valleys and lush forests. Nearby, Baker's Falls adds to the park's natural beauty. According to the Ramayana, Ravana's son Indrajit meets his demise at the hands of Lakshmana. Seeking aid, Ravana calls upon his brother Ahiravana, the King of Patala. During the epic battle between Lord Rama and Ravana, Mahiravana kidnaps Lord Rama and Lakshmana, spiriting them away to Patala Loka through a hidden tunnel. World's End is believed to be the very entrance to Patala Loka. Lord Hanuman also utilizes this same entrance to rescue Lord Rama and Lakshmana. On the journey to Ella, we will explore colonial-era railway marvels, including the remarkable Demodara Railway Loop and the unique Demodara Railway Station, positioned directly over a tunnel within a spiral loop and the iconic Nine Arch Bridge a most popular Instagram site. We return to our hotel for dinner and an overnight stay.

Ella – Yala

Meal Plan: Breakfast | Dinner

After breakfast check-out for 08:00AM departure to Yala. Our first stop, Ravana Falls is a 25-meter cascade. As for legend Ravana, hid Princess Sita in the caves behind the falls during her captivity. These falls are within the Ravana Ella Wildlife Sanctuary, featuring archaeological evidence of human habitation dating back 25,000 years. Next, we visit Nildiya Pokuna or Blue Water Pond, an 80-meter-deep oasis in an underground cave complex in Karandagolla. Legend attributes its creation to Ravana, believed to be a refuge for Princess Sita. Then we will stop at the Sella Kataragama Temple Complex that houses shrines for deities like Lord Ganapathi, Lord Shiva, Lord Murugan, Goddess Valli, and Goddess Lakshmi. We will proceed to Yala and check-in to our hotel. Evening we will visit the Kataragama Temple that venerates Lord Karthikeya also called Lord Skanda or Lord Murugan. Lord Karthikeya acting on the instructions Lord Indra, shielded Lord Rama from the Brahmastra launched by King Ravana during the war. The presence of Lord Karthikeya thwarted the second Brahmastra aimed at Lord Rama. We will return to our hotel for an overnight stay.

Yala – Galle

Meal Plan: Breakfast | Dinner

We depart the hotel at 05:30 AM for Yala National Park, a 4x4 wildlife safari to witness leopards, elephants, and diverse flora. Returning to the hotel for breakfast we check-out and head to Galle, with stops at Ussangoda's coastal plateau, linked to Ravana's legends and said to be one of his airports. Enroute, we stop at Dondra, the southernmost tip, home to the Tenavaram Temple, a Pancha Ishwarams established by Lord Rama. Then we proceed to Galle. We check-in to our hotel for lunch, relaxation, and overnight stay. Afternoon we explore the UNESCO world heritage site listed Galle Fort, view the ramparts, historic structures, and charming streets. The day concludes at Rumassala Hill, a Sanjeevani Drop as for Ramayana and famed for unique healing herbs and attractions like Jungle Beach and the Japanese peace pagoda, offering breathtaking sunset views. We will return to our hotel for dinner and an overnight stay.

Galle – Negombo

Meal Plan: Breakfast | Dinner

After breakfast, check out of the hotel for a 07:30 AM departure. Our first stop is at The Pancha Muga Anjaneyar Temple in Dehiwala is considered the first Anjaneyar Temple in Sri Lanka. It is dedicated to Lord Hanuman in his Pancha Muga form, which signifies five faces. This is followed by a drive-pass and photo stop tour of Colombo City main attractions. After lunch we proceed to Kelaniya Raja Maha Vihara revered by Buddhist as a site visited by Lord Buddha, as for Ramayana, after Ravana's demise, Vibhishana was crowned as the King of Lanka by Lakshmana at Kelaniya. Murals outside the temple depict this crowning ceremony. The Kelani River, mentioned in the Ramayana, flows nearby, and Vibhishana's palace was believed to be on its banks. Our days tour is concluded by check-in to our Negombo Hotel for the final night's stay. Negombo is renowned for its bustling market with many shopping options, your evening is free for self-exploration of the city. Return to the hotel for dinner and an overnight stay.



















Negombo – Colombo Airport

Meal Plan: Breakfast

As your memorable tour concludes, departure logistics are tailored to your flight schedule. After a post-breakfast check-out from the hotel, you can independently explore vibrant Negombo City, renowned for its shopping delights—garments, gold jewelry, and fresh seafood markets. Embrace the essence of Negombo's offerings before proceeding with a seamless transfer to the airport, marking the culmination of your enriching journey. This flexible itinerary ensures a smooth transition based on your departure arrangements, allowing you to savor the final moments of your permaculture pilgrimage, before bidding adieu to this captivating emerald island.



Selected Tour Hotels >>>>

| City | Nights | Standard | Luxury | Premium |
|---------------------|--------|--|---|--|
| Negombo | 01 |  <p>Hotel J Negombo 3* Standard Double Room with Sea View</p> |  <p>Camelot Beach Hotel 4* Superior King Room</p> |  <p>Jetwing Blue 5* Deluxe Room with Sea View</p> |
| Anuradhapura | 01 |  <p>Hotel Alakamanda 3* Deluxe Double Room</p> |  <p>The Heritage Hotel 4* Deluxe Double Room</p> |  <p>The Heritage Hotel 4* Deluxe Double Room</p> |
| Jaffna | 02 |  <p>PJ Hotels 3* Standard Double Room</p> |  <p>Jetwing Jaffna 4* Deluxe Double Room</p> |  <p>Jetwing Mahesa Bhawan 5* Deluxe Double Room</p> |
| Trincomalee | 01 |  <p>The Reef Resort Nilaveli 3* Standard Double</p> |  <p>Trinco Blu by Cinnamon 4* Superior Room</p> |  <p>Amaranthe Bay 5* Resort & Spa Standard Double</p> |
| Sigiriya - Habarana | 02 |  <p>Royal Retreat Sigiriya 3* King Room with Bathtub</p> |  <p>Habarana Village 4* by Cinnamon Superior Room</p> |  <p>Cinnamon Lodge 5* Habarana Superior Room</p> |
| Kandy | 02 |  <p>Romance Hills Hotel 3* Superior King Room</p> |  <p>Cinnamon Citadel 4* Kandy Superior Room</p> |  <p>Earl's Regency Hotel 5* Deluxe Room</p> |

Nuwara Eliya 02



Top Terrace Cottage 3*
Deluxe Double Room



Serenus Boutique Villa 4*
Deluxe Double Room
Lake View



The Hill Club 5*
Superior Double

Ella 01



Ravana Range Ella 3*
Deluxe Double Room



Ella Heritage Hotel 4*
Deluxe Double Room Balcony



98 Acres Resort & Spa 5*
Queen Room with Balcony

Yala 01



Serenity Lake Resort Yala 3*
Superior Double Room

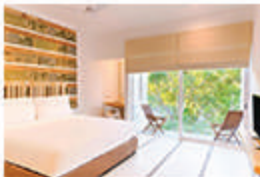


Kele Yala 4*
Double Room in Chalet



Jetwing Yala 5*
Superior Double Room

Galle 01



Hotel J Unawatuna 3*
Standard Double



Tartaruga Hotel 4*
Unawatuna
Superior Room



Jetwing Lighthouse 5*
Standard Double

Negombo 01



Hotel J Negombo 3*
Standard Double Room
with Sea View



Camelot Beach Hotel 4*
Superior King Room



Jetwing Blue 5*
Deluxe Room with Sea View

Note: If the specified hotel is unavailable, an alternative of a similar class will be provided

Selected Tour Vehicles >>>>

Standard

Luxury

Premium



Toyota Aqua - Hatchback or similar
3 Adult Passengers



Toyota Corolla - Sedan or similar
3 Adult Passengers + 1 Child



Toyota Premio - Sedan or similar
4 Adult Passengers

1. How do I make a reservation?

To make a reservation for a tour, follow these steps:

a. Online Booking Form

Please visit our website <<https://www.splashholidays.lk>> , fill the form with mandatory details, add special requests or comments if any and submit. We will get back to you within one working day.

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c. Text Message

If you are unable to reach us for some reason, please leave a text message Phone / WhatsApp and we will get in touch with you

2. Can I request additional services from Splash Holidays?

Certainly, we will try our best to provide the additional services that you request. Please note that providing some services may incur additional costs and some services will be subject to availability.

3. What if I need an early or late check-in/check-out?

If you have specific check-in or check-out timing preferences, communicate them during the reservation. We will do our best to accommodate your request based on availability. Some properties may add a surcharge based on the duration of occupation of the room.

4. Can I change the guest's name for my booking?

In most cases, YES, please do contact us, we will do our best to make the requested amendments.

5. Are extra beds or baby cots available for children?

If you're traveling with children, and you need to inquire about extra beds or cots, please do mention it in your booking form. Some properties offer these amenities upon request subject to availability. Some properties may also charge additional surcharge for extra beds.

6. What if my flight gets delayed and I am unable to land before the tour departure time?

We certainly will be monitoring your flight arrival time; in such an unfortunate situation we will have to amend your tour and the days' activities. Ironically at such short notice we are unable to reschedule the entire tour, mainly because the hotel reservations which are finalized cannot be cancelled at such short notices , nor will the hotels accommodate refund requests. If you are covered by travel insurance, you may be able to get compensated.

7. Can I see the tour map?

By visiting this link < <https://bit.ly/RamayanaTrails> > you can view the tour map on Google My Maps.

8. Where can I find your Terms & Conditions?

Our Terms & Conditions are published on our website. You may access the document by visiting the URL - < <https://www.splashholidays.lk/terms-conditions>>.

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