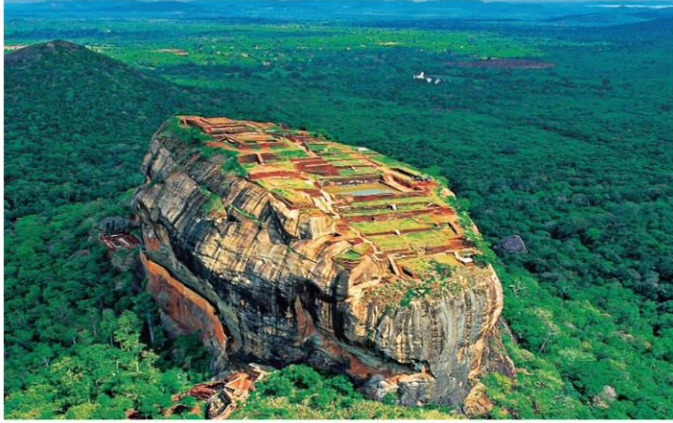


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- Sri Lankan Surprise -



**Sri Lankan Surprise**  
**14 Days**  
**Fully Escorted**  
**Departs 16 - 29 April 2025**

**ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Colombo
- Sigiriya Rock Fortress
- Polonnaruwa Ancient Kingdom
- Minneriya National Park
- Matale Spice Garden
- Temple of the Tooth
- Scenic Train Trip
- Yala National Park Wildlife Safari
- Galle
- Kosgodia Turtle Hatchery

**INCLUDES:**

- Economy class airfares with Singapore Airlines including taxes\*
- **Private single rooms** in quality accommodation
- **Meals** as per itinerary - 12 Breakfasts, 10 Lunches, 11 Dinners
- **Sightseeing** tours and airport transfers by private A/C vehicle
- **Tour Host** - travels with group from/to Brisbane
- Local English speaking escort guide and driver
- Tipping (Guides, Drivers, Meals)

**EXCLUDES:**

- Any flights, transfers, meals, sightseeing, tipping or gratuities other than mentioned above
- Items of a personal nature i.e. laundry, drinks, phone calls, etc
- Travel Insurance
- Visas

**From \$9,701\* per person**

Terms and Conditions apply. Price is per person, sole use, with flights\* departing Brisbane Melbourne, Perth or Sydney and is subject to availability. Air taxes included to the value of \$270. Price is correct as at 05/08/2024. Tour requires minimum number of passengers to depart. Prices may fluctuate if surcharges, fees, taxes or currencies change. Solo Connections is constantly striving to improve our itineraries and inclusions. If such improvements can be made, or unforeseen circumstances beyond our control make changes necessary, we reserve the right at any time to vary itineraries and to substitute inclusions of equal value. Beverages, additional meals, hotel mini bars, laundry, phone calls, any items of personal nature not included. Further booking conditions apply, please check all prices, availability and other information with your travel agent at time of or before booking. Package cancellation fees apply. Denise Marie Falsay trading as Solo Connections. ATAS Accredited A11424. ABN 92 582 582 996



**Day 1: Wednesday 16 April 2025**  
**Depart Australia – Arrive Colombo, Sri Lanka**

Today our Brisbane passengers will meet with our Tour Host at Brisbane International Airport for the flight to Singapore and ongoing to Sri Lanka. Interstate passengers will meet the group in Singapore. When we arrive at Colombo International airport, our local guide and driver will be waiting to transfer us to our hotel to check in.

**Accommodation: Jetwing Colombo Seven or similar (2 nights)**

**Day 2: Thursday 17 April 2025**  
**Colombo**

**B-L-D**

This afternoon we will take a guided city tour in **Colombo**. Driving through the city we are taken to the busy commercial areas as well as the tree-lined residential, **Cinnamon Gardens**. Visit **Fort, Sea Street**, the **Bazaar area**, a Hindu Temple with elaborate stone carvings and the **Dutch Church of Wolfendhal** dating back to 1749. If time permits, we may also be able to see the replica of Avukana Buddha & the Independence Square. This afternoon we visit the **Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art**. Come together this evening for a **Welcome Dinner**.

**Day 3: Friday 18 April 2025**  
**Colombo –Sigiriya - Habarana**

**B-L-D**

We proceed to Habarana via a **local village** to experience a typical local lifestyle. Later this afternoon we make our way to one of Sri Lanka's major attractions, the **Sigiriya Rock Fortress**. Highlights of the climb include water gardens, artistic frescoes, mirror wall, the lion gate and the magnificent views from the rock summit. **An extremely good level of fitness will be required to climb to the summit and involves a lot of stairs, some without hand railings.**

**Accommodation: Habarana Village By Cinnamon or similar (2 nights)**

**Day 4: Saturday 19 April 2025**  
**Polonnaruwa - Minneriya**

**B-L-D**

Today we have guided tour of **Polonnaruwa Ancient Kingdom**, founded in the 11<sup>th</sup> Century. This afternoon we enjoy a game drive at **Minneriya National Park** where the elephants are a highlight of the park.

**Day 5: Sunday 20 April 2025**  
**Habarana – Matale - Kandy**

**B-L-D**

Enroute to **Kandy** we will make a visit to a **Spice Garden** located at **Matale** (in the Hill Country of Kandy). Touch and learn about the popular and exotic spices that are so readily used in Sri Lankan cuisines and ayurvedic treatments. Upon arrival in Kandy we visit **Peradeniya Botanical Gardens**.

**Accommodation: Cinnamon Citadel or similar (2 nights)**



Day 6: Monday 21 April 2025  
Kandy

B-L-D

This morning we visit **The Temple of Tooth Relic** (“Dalada Maligawa” as known to the locals). A sacred temple, it is also home to the palm-leaf transcripts and its history dates back to 1687. Then enjoy a **city tour of Kandy**. Our tour, time permitting, might include Upper Lake Drive, a visit to a Wood carving & Gem shop, Gem Museum, Kandy Bazaar/markets and visit to a Batik Factory.

Day 7: Tuesday 22 April 2025  
Kandy – Nuwara Eliya

B-L-D

Today we travel to Nuwara Eliya. Part of our journey will be travelling on a **Scenic Train from Peradeniya to Nanu Oya** before continuing by coach. We will visit a **tea plantation and a tea factory** to observe the everyday life of a tea-plucker. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

**Accommodation: Jetwing St Andrews or similar (1 night)**

Day 8: Wednesday 23 April 2025  
Nuwara Eliya - Yala

B-L-D

Today is a travel day with approximately 4 hours of driving, to **Yala**, and a few stops along the way including a visit to **Katharagama Devalaya** for the Puja ceremony. Katharagama is home to one of the most important religious sites and draws pilgrims from various faiths.

**Accommodation: Jetwing Yala or similar (2 nights)**

Day 9: Thursday 24 April 2025  
Yala

B-L-D

We have the morning at leisure followed by an adventure with a **Wildlife Jeep Safari** in the **Yala National Park** - the best location to sight and photograph the rare and remarkable **leopards**.

Day 10: Friday 25 April 2025  
Yala - Galle

B-L

We proceed to **Galle** today and commence a **guided city tour** upon arrival. During the tour we may also have the opportunity to visit Galle Fort, Old Dutch Church and Walk along the Rampart, time permitting.

**Accommodation: Radisson Blu Galle or similar (2 nights)**

Day 11: Saturday 26 April 2025  
Galle

B-D

Enjoy a full day at leisure. We will come together tonight for dinner where we can share the stories of our day.



Day 12: Sunday 27 April 2025  
Galle – Kosgoda - Colombo

B-L-D

Departing for Colombo we get to visit a **Kosgoda Turtle Hatchery** enroute, one of the most recommended things to do in Sri Lanka. We continue on and arrive into Colombo for our final night.

**Accommodation: Courtyard Marriott or similar (1 night)**

Day 13: Monday 28 April 2025  
Colombo - Airport

B-D

We have the full day at leisure and a **late check-out** today. You may like to do some last minute shopping or arrange your additional excursions (at own expense) or simply relax and enjoying the hotel facilities. After we check-out we have a **farewell dinner** before we are transferred late evening to the Airport for our overnight flights home.

Day 14: Tuesday 29 April 2025  
Depart Colombo - Arrive Australia (via Singapore)

We say goodbye to Sri Lanka as we head home with newfound friends and fabulous memories.