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# SRI LANKAN SURPRISE

**DEPART 11 AUGUST 2026  
14 DAYS - 13 NIGHTS**

## INCLUDES

- ✓ Small group touring - Maximum of 20 guests
- ✓ Private single rooms in Luxury<sup>^</sup> accommodation - no single supplement
- ✓ Most Meals
- ✓ Transfers\* & must-see sightseeing as per itinerary
- ✓ Solo Connections Tour Host
- ✓ Local Driver & Tour Manager
- ✓ Complimentary backpack, travel wallet, fully printed documents and a memento Photo Book\*

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Sigiriya Rock Fortress
- Polonnaruwa Ancient Kingdom
- Yala National Park Wildlife Safari
- Minneriya National Park
- Matale Spice Garden
- Temple of Tooth
- Scenic Train Trip
- Kosgoda Turtle Hatchery
- Colombo and so much more!



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\*\*^Terms & Conditions Apply. Prices are correct as at 30 March 2026, in Australian dollars and are per person, based on single room sole use occupancy. Airfares not included. Tour requires minimum number of passengers to depart. Return airport transfers on the first and last day are scheduled at set times to align with the tour host's flights. Transfers outside these times can be arranged at an additional cost. A complimentary memento photo book will be provided to guests who consent to and participate in group photography during the tour. <sup>^</sup>Luxury accommodation is considered 4-5 star hotels. 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



*Solo Connections tours are fully hosted, unique small group tours designed specifically for solo travellers over 50... Together we travel!*

#### **Day 1, Arrive Colombo**

Welcome to Sri Lanka! Upon arrival at Colombo International airport met your tour host and fellow passengers as well as our local guide and driver. Once all passengers have assembled on the coach we will transfer to our hotel and turn in for the night. Accommodation: Courtyard by Marriott Colombo or similar - 5 star (2 nights)

\*Please do not book any flights prior to speaking with Solo Connections or your travel agent. There will only be one group arrival & departure transfer provided, in conjunction with our Tour host flight times.

#### **Day 2, Colombo (B-L-D)**

We take a guided city tour of Colombo, driving through Cinnamon Gardens and visiting Fort, the former British administrative centre and military garrison. We also see Sea Street—the goldsmiths' quarter in the heart of Pettah—the bustling 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 visit the replica of the Avukana Buddha and Independence Square. In the afternoon, we visit the Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, an education-led initiative dedicated to displaying, researching, collecting and conserving Sri Lankan modern and contemporary art, with a focus on creating an inclusive and relevant museum for the country's unique art histories. Returning to our hotel, we have time to freshen up before gathering this evening for a Welcome Dinner.

#### **Day 3, Sigiriya – Habarana (B-L-D)**

After breakfast at the hotel, we travel to Habarana via a local village and family farm. Accompanied by a guide, we walk through the village to experience a typical local lifestyle, passing paddy and chena cultivation and enjoying the surrounding natural beauty. We then join local women for a cookery experience and sample some traditional dishes. On arrival in Habarana, we check into our hotel and have time to relax before heading to one of Sri Lanka's major attractions, the Sigiriya Rock Fortress. Built by King Kashyapa (477–495 AD) to protect himself from rivals, this UNESCO World Heritage-listed site is also known as the "Fortress in the Sky." The climb to the summit offers breathtaking views and fascinating features along the way, including water gardens, artistic frescoes, the mirror wall, the Lion Gate and magnificent views from the top. Please note: A very good level of fitness is required for the climb, which involves many stairs, some without handrails. We return to the hotel to freshen up before meeting for dinner. Accommodation: Habarana Village by Cinnamon or similar - 4 star (2 nights)

#### **Day 4, Polonnaruwa – Minneriya (B-L-D)**

After breakfast, we depart for a guided tour of the ancient kingdom of Polonnaruwa. Founded in the 11th century AD and ruled by many kings, its most significant period was under King Parakramabahu I in the 12th century. During his reign, this second Kingdom of Sri Lanka after Anuradhapura experienced its Golden Age, with trade and agriculture flourishing. Lunch will be at a local restaurant. In the afternoon, we enjoy a game drive at Minneriya National Park, which covers approximately 8,889 hectares. The park is home to a variety of dry-zone plant and animal species, with elephants being a major highlight. Around 160 bird species, 9 amphibians, 25 reptiles, 26 fish and more than 78 butterfly species can also be found here, along with rare bamboo trees unique to the park.

#### **Day 5, Habarana – Matale – Kandy (B-L-D)**

After breakfast, we depart for Kandy. Along the way we visit a spice garden in Matale, in the hill country near Kandy. Sri Lanka is renowned for its spices and natural Ayurvedic remedies, and the Matale spice gardens showcase both. Stroll through plantations of hand-grown spices, see tropical trees, enjoy the fragrant aromas, and learn about the spices widely used in Sri Lankan cuisine and Ayurvedic treatments. You will also have the opportunity to sample Sri Lankan dishes prepared with these spices, enjoy a healing massage, and purchase medicinal or cosmetic products made from natural spices (own cost). Lunch will be served at the spice garden. Upon arrival in Kandy, we visit the Peradeniya Botanical Gardens, located about 6 km from the city. Originally built as a pleasure garden by a Sinhala king and later expanded by the British, the gardens cover around 147 acres. They feature expansive lawns, pavilions, an octagonal conservatory, a fernery, a giant Javan fig tree and numerous flower beds. A highlight is the Orchid House, home to more than 1,000 plants. Accommodation: Cinnamon Citadel or similar - 4 star (2 nights)

#### **Day 6, Kandy (B-L-D)**

After breakfast, we visit the Temple of the Tooth Relic ("Dalada Maligawa" as it is known locally). This sacred temple dates back to 1687 and houses palm-leaf manuscripts as well as the revered relic. The striking building is recognised by its octagonal shape and golden roof. Lunch will be at a local restaurant. We then visit a tea plantation and tea factory to observe the daily life of a tea plucker and learn about Sri Lanka's famous tea production. Afterwards, we enjoy a city tour of Kandy, the picturesque hill capital and last royal kingdom of Sri Lanka. Time permitting, the tour may include Upper Lake Drive, the Kandy Bazaar and markets, as well as visits to a wood-carving workshop, gem shop and museum, and a batik factory.

#### **Day 7, Kandy – Nuwara Eliya (B-L)**

After an early breakfast, we depart for Nuwara Eliya. Part of our journey includes a scenic train ride from Peradeniya to Nanu Oya, offering unparalleled views and glimpses of the hill country's beautiful landscapes and local culture. Continuing by coach, we arrive in Nuwara Eliya and enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. We then visit a Hindu temple to observe a Pooja ceremony before transferring to our hotel. After check-in, the remainder of the evening is at leisure. Accommodation: Jetwing St Andrews or similar - 5 star (2 nights)

#### **Day 8, Nuwara Eliya (B-D)**

Enjoy a relaxed breakfast and a full day at leisure. You may wish to take a walk to see the local Post Office. Built in 1894 by the British in Tudor style, this distinctive red-brick building with a clock spire is one of the oldest buildings in Sri Lanka and is located in the centre of town. High tea is also a popular pastime in Nuwara Eliya and is available (at an additional cost) at our hotel or nearby at the Grand Hotel.

#### **Day 9, Nuwara Eliya – Yala (B-L-D)**

After breakfast, we travel to Yala, a journey of approximately four hours with several stops along the way. En route, we visit Buduruwagala Temple. The site features seven figures carved into a solid rock face, including a 51-foot statue of Buddha. We stop for lunch at a local restaurant before continuing our journey. Accommodation: Jetwing Yala or similar - 5 star (2 nights)

#### **Day 10, Yala (B-L-D)**

Early this morning we embark on an adventure with a Wildlife Jeep Safari approximately 24km Northeast of Tissamaharama. Yala National Park is the best location to sight and photograph the rare and remarkable leopards. Other highlights include the herd of wild elephants, bears, wild boars, buffalos, deer, crocodiles and many species of birds. The vegetation ranges from open parkland to dense jungle. There are also an abundance of water supply for animals and birds ranging from waterholes, streams, small lakes to lagoons. Upon returning to the hotel we have a late breakfast and then the remainder of the day is at leisure. Lunch and Dinner are both in the hotel and we'll meet at pre-arranged times for each meal.

#### **Day 11, Yala – Galle (B-L-D)**

After breakfast, we travel to Galle, stopping en route to observe the stilt fishermen in Koggala. These fishermen practice one of Sri Lanka's oldest techniques, perched precariously on wooden stilts planted in the sea. Upon arrival in Galle, we enjoy a guided city tour. Known as the Southern Capital and located 116 km from Colombo, Galle is home to the UNESCO-listed Fort "Santa Cruz." Originally built by the Portuguese in 1619, it was later expanded by the Dutch and British. Galle was Sri Lanka's main seaport before Colombo and still handles shipping and cruise yachts today. Time permitting, we may visit Galle Fort, the Old Dutch Church, and walk along the ramparts. Lunch will be at a local restaurant before checking in at our hotel. Afternoon at leisure, followed by dinner together in the evening.

#### **Day 12, Galle (B)**

Enjoy a relaxed breakfast before having a full day at leisure. Your tour host will discuss options with the group as to what everyone would like to do, this may include some optional excursions (at own expense) or simply relaxing and enjoying the hotel facilities.

#### **Day 13, Galle (B-D)**

After breakfast we get to visit a Kosgoda Turtle Hatchery. The turtle hatchery in Sri Lanka is one of the most recommended things to do by Lonely Planet. The small town of Kosgoda, on the southern strip, is famous for its turtle hatchery which is operated by the Wild Life Protection Society of Sri Lanka. At the hatchery, fishermen are paid for rescuing the vulnerable eggs, which they collect at night, along the sandy beach. Visitors can, if lucky, witness the exceptional sight of them hatching or see tanks filled with new born hatchlings. After being fed, the baby turtles are returned back to the sea where they are released when they are 2-4 days old. Once placed on the beach, most baby sea turtles start moving towards the water, flapping their tiny flippers. We return to the hotel for an afternoon of leisure. Freshen up early evening and meet for dinner.

#### **Day 14, Galle – Colombo Airport (B-D)**

After breakfast at the hotel, we have the day at leisure and a late check-out until 5pm. Your tour host will discuss options with the group as to what everyone would like to do, this may include some optional excursions (at own expense) or simply relaxing and enjoying the hotel facilities. After we check-out from the hotel we have our Farewell Dinner. Late evening we depart to the Colombo Airport to check in for our flights home.