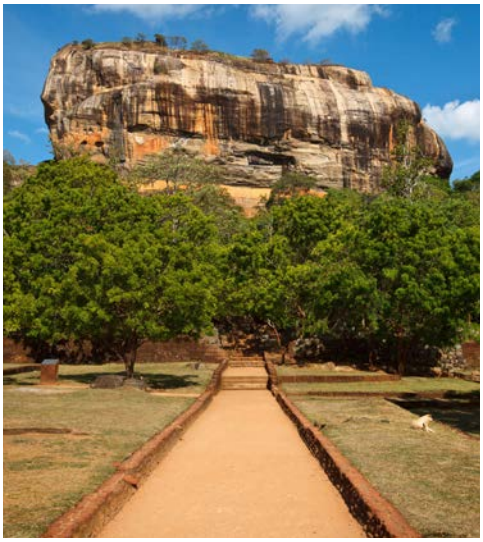
Jewels of Sri Lanka



TRIP OVERVIEW

Your 9 day, 7 night tour allows you to experience the beauty of Sri Lanka, exploring the delights of Dambulla, Sigiriya Rock and the colonial cities of Kandy and Galle. Visit ancient temples of past civilisations, wonder at the beautiful botanical gardens in Peradeniya, meet the elephants at the Pinnawala Orphanage and take a safari through Yala National Park.

ITINERARY & DETAILS

This document aims to give you all the information that you require for a smooth and comfortable trip to Sri Lanka. Please take the time to read this dossier to familiarise yourself with all the aspects of our tour. It includes important information such as flight details, visa requirements and travel insurance.

Your included meal guide:
B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

DAY 1: UK to Colombo
Depart London on your scheduled, overnight flight to Colombo International Airport.

DAY 2: Colombo to Dambulla D
On arrival you will be met by your local guide and transferred to Dambulla, which will take approximately 4 hours. The rest of your evening at leisure.

DAY 3: Dambulla B/L/D
Depart in the morning to explore the stunning Sigiriya Rock Fortress, a World Heritage Site dating back to the 5th century AD. As a sole reminder of the vast brick lion that gave the rock its name, step behind the colossal claws engraved into the rock face and soar 200 metres above the jungle, to uncover a flat summit where the ruins of an ancient fortress lay, more than 1,500 years ago. Following lunch, continue on to the ancient city of Polonnaruwa which dates back over 1000 years. Positioned advantageously to safeguard against possible attacks from the southeast, this former royal capital of the Sinhalese Kingdom supposedly has fewer mosquitos, as well as a vast assortment of archaeological treasures, so it is no surprise that Polonnaruwa has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site! During this afternoon's tour, admire some of the city's most revered relics including the crumbling remains of the Royal Palace and the distinctive Gal Vihara, famous for its splendid Buddha statues, carved into the face of large granite rocks.*Please note: photography is prohibited in parts of the Sigiriya Rock Fortress. Prohibited areas will be clearly sign-posted.*

DAY 4: Dambulla to Kandy B/L/D
After breakfast, explore Sri Lanka's largest and bestreserved temple complex which astonishingly dates back to the first century BC; the impressive Dambulla Rock Temple contains over 2000 square metres of intricately painted walls and ceilings, once embellished by former Kings as a way to mark their place of worship. Centred around a striking fifteen-metre-high reclining Buddha, hewn directly out of the cave wall, wander around a mere section of these exquisite wall paintings and stunning Buddha statues before departing for Kandy. Make a stop in a spice garden to enjoy the aromatic scents that Sri Lanka is world famous for. Next, continue on your journey to Kandy and enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before discovering Sri Lanka's most significant religious relic at the sacred Temple of the Tooth; this golden-roofed shrine famously houses one of the holiest monuments in the Buddhist world – a tooth of Buddha, protectively concealed within an ornate gilded casket. This evening, relax whilst watching an eclectic cultural show, where performers will dazzle you with elaborate costumes and traditional dances.

DAY 5: Kandy B/L/D
Today, discover the verdant landscape of Sri Lanka's largest and most impressive Botanical gardens in Peradeniya; boasting more than 4,000 species of trees, plants and creepers, admire a vibrant collection of orchids before travelling to the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage for an unforgettable encounter. Established in 1975 to care for a growing number of abandoned and wounded elephants, witness these magnificent creatures in close quarters being fed and bathed by experienced wildlife authorities. On a city tour of Kandy this evening, weave through the bustling market stalls of the arts and crafts centre which lavishly displays a wealth of antiques, paintings and wood carvings, and later, meander through a labyrinth of glistening jewels within Kandy's extravagant gem museum. Kandy was the last capital of the ancient kings and after defending themselves for over three centuries from the Dutch and Portuguese, it finally fell to the hands of the British in 1815.

DAY 6: Kandy to Yala B/L/D
Departing Kandy this morning, breathe in the divine scent of Ceylon tea on a morning tour of Nuwara Eliya's sweeping tea plantations, before participating in a walking tour of the stunning surrounding area, admiring its idyllic mountainside setting which strikingly overlooks its neighbouring valleys, meadows and peaks. A truly tranquil district often referred to as the 'Little England' of Sri Lanka, take in vistas of misty hillsides, peppered with brightly dressed tea pickers en route to your hotel near Yala.

DAY 7: Yala B/L/D
After a morning at leisure, an exhilarating jeep safari in the nearby Yala National Game Park awaits; covering a vast 1200 square kilometres, Yala is the second largest national park in Sri Lanka, boasting a unique ocean front position. Home to an extensive range of flora and fauna, listen out for the tuneful chanting of migratory and indigenous birds, whilst darting around the park's rocky pathways, zigzagging past towering trees and swampy lagoons in search of roaming elephants, sloth bears, buffaloes and leopards.

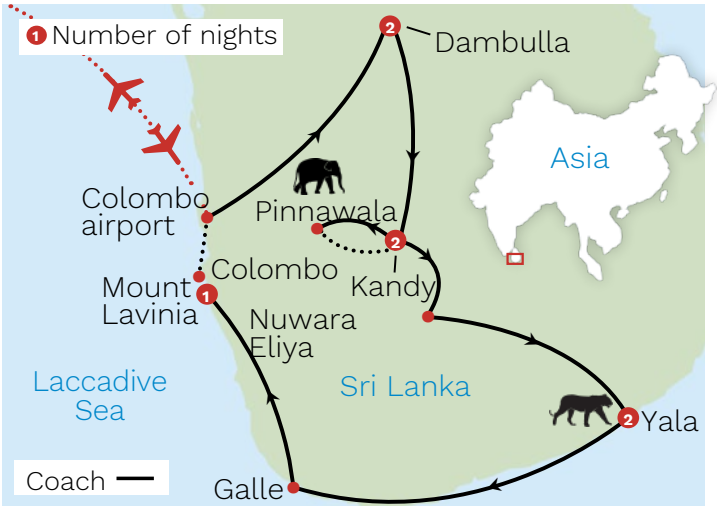
DAY 8: Yala to Colombo B/L/D
Journey to the sleepy fortified city of Galle to embark on a city tour of the former chief port of Ceylon and centre of the 17th century Dutch regime. Famed for being Asia's largest remaining fortress built by European occupiers, discover the majestic Galle Fort and surrounding buildings, whose distinctive appearance serve as reminder of the Dutch heritage which once ruled the country. Within the walled city of Galle, uncover a mix of boutique art galleries and shops before travelling north for your final night at the world-famous Mount Lavinia Hotel. Positioned on a rocky headland overlooking the Indian Ocean and exuding colonial charm, this 200-year old hotel was once the Governor's Residence when Sri Lanka (then Ceylon) was under British rule.

DAY 9/10: Colombo to the UK or Extension B
Transfer to the airport for your overnight flight to the UK or chosen extension.

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS & MAP

Accommodation

Your accommodation is selected for convenience, location, comfort or character, and can range from business hotels to guesthouses. Hotel accommodation is generally rated as local three to four-star standard, but please note there is no international classification system for hotels, and differences in facilities and quality do exist between the UK and Sri Lanka. All group tours hotels have private bathroom facilities and air-conditioning, where needed.
Rest assured that all accommodation used by Mercury Holidays is regularly inspected by our staff and partners to ensure that standards meet your needs.
If you have booked a triple share please note that your room will be a twin room with a rollaway bed or sofa bed added. This may limit the floor space in the room.
Final confirmation of your hotels will be sent in a document approximately 10 days before you travel.



Meals

Breakfast is always western style and served in the hotel each morning. Dinner (when included) will be taken in local restaurants or at the hotel. A variety of restaurants are visited giving you the chance to experience a range of dishes and flavours. Please note: Please take cash for drinks in the hotels as cards are not always accepted.

ON YOUR ARRIVAL

On your arrival in Colombo you will be met by a representative from our local agent, **Aitken Spence**, holding a sign displaying: "Mercury Holidays". The Mercury Holidays/Aitken Spence representative will show you to your transfer vehicle. Your guide will be able to answer any queries. If you need to contact Aitken Spence during your stay the details are:

Aitken Spence Travel (Colombo)
04th Floor
Aitken Spence Towers 02
315, Vauxhall Street
Colombo 02
Sri Lanka
Contact number: 0094 112 499623

Emergency contact information

Please find below the emergency contact details for Aitken Spence Travel

Contact	Telephone number
Rizmika	0094 772 916461
Anil	0094 777 270500
Anu	0094 774593182

WHAT YOU NEED FOR YOUR TOUR

Visas

A visa is required for entry into Sri Lanka. You can apply and pay for your visa online or on arrival in Sri Lanka . Alternatively, we work closely with The Travel Visa Company who will be able to arrange your visa for you on your behalf. Please call them on 01270 250 590 and quote "Mercury Holidays". The visas take around 10 working days to issue and are only valid for 3 months from the date of issue. We therefore recommend that you apply for your visa 8 weeks before travel, however please be aware that your passport will be required for the application so make sure that you will not need it during this time. You can also visit The High Commission of Sri Lanka at 13 Hyde Park Gardens, London, W2 2LU.
Please note: If you have chosen to add the 'Kerala Beach Stay' or 'Highlights of Kerala' extension to the end of your tour, you will need to obtain an Indian visa prior to your UK departure. The Travel Visa Company offers a service which takes can take up to 15 working days at busy times. The cost is approximately £134.
Alternatively you can apply for your own visa. You can apply in person or by post to the Indian Embassy in London: 142-148 Goswell Road, London, EC1V 7DU. There are also regional centres elsewhere in the UK. Full details on the process can be found on the Indian Embassy website www.in.vfsglobal.co.uk.

Insurance

We strongly recommend that you and all members of your party are suitably insured as soon as you book your holiday. It is a condition of booking that you must have suitable travel insurance. It is important that you purchase travel insurance that suitably covers your participation in whatever activities you may undertake at the time that you make your booking. To assist you with this, we have arranged travel insurance in partnership with Holiday Extras. To arrange your travel insurance with Holiday Extras, please call 0800 781 4237 and quote 'WK830' for preferential rates. Please ensure you provide us with the name of your insurer, policy number and their 24 hour emergency contact number as soon as possible. Mercury Holidays will not be liable for any costs incurred by you due to your failure to take out suitable travel insurance from the date of booking.

Health and Vaccinations

It is your responsibility to check any health and vaccination requirements applicable to your booked arrangements. We can only provide general information about this. Health and hygiene facilities and disease risks vary from country to country. You should take health advice about your own needs as early as possible and in good time before your departure. Sources of information include; www.fco.gov.uk, www.travelhealthpro.org.uk, www.hpa.org.uk, your General Practitioner or a specialist clinic.

Physical Accessibility

This tour is accessible to most people with a good level of fitness and normal mobility. It involves climbing of steep stairs and getting on and off coaches/ Safari Jeeps at the National Parks. This tour is not suitable for anyone with walking difficulties. All our tours feature a "Tour Pace" to help find the right holiday for you. To travel on any of our tours requires unaided mobility and the ability to stroll around the sights, climb stairs and get on and off coaches and boats. Our tour paces are marked with dots out of 3, with the differences being as follows:
1 Dot the tour is Easy-Going
2 Dots the tour is Intermediate
3 Dots the tour is Advanced
Jewels of Sri Lanka is rated as 2 Dots meaning that the tour pace is Intermediate. A good level of fitness is required as you may be on your feet for approximately four hours in a day, though this will be interspersed with regular breaks and will vary from day to day. You will be walking around the sights, and may be getting on and off coaches, trains and boats and climbing steps which may be irregular. You will stay in variety of hotels throughout the tour.
Our guides will always endeavor to provide the highest level of service and assistance; however, they cannot be expected to cater for customers who are unfit to complete the itinerary.

Group Size

The minimum number of travellers in your group will be 10, and the maximum will be 30. If in the unlikely event there are less than 10 (Minimum Number) people booked on your tour date, we will endeavour to reduce any disruption to your holiday and try to operate your tour with lower passenger numbers. If we are not able to operate your departure date then you may be asked to change to a different date and a full refund will be made available to you should this alternative not be suitable.

Tour Guides

This is a fully escorted tour, meaning that you will be met on arrival by your national guide who will remain with you for the duration of your trip. Should the tour not meet minimum numbers, then it will be operated with a driver/guide.

Private Tour
If you have booked a private tour then you will be accompanied by a Driver Guide or a Driver and Local Guides. These will be available to you during all scheduled sightseeing. Private Tours can depart on any day of the week depending on flight and train schedules and the opening days of the attractions. They will follow the itinerary as described in the brochure unless you have been advised otherwise and you will still have all of the same meals, sightseeing and local excursions included.

Tipping
It is at your customary to tip both your driver and guide. We would recommend to tip approximately £4-5 per person per day. This is a total of £45 per person to budget for tips on your trip. Tips will be collected at the end of your tour.
Tips are accepted in the local currency.

Currency Exchange
The currency in Sri Lanka is the Rupee, LKR. The Rupee is a closed currency and officially you are not allowed to take any cash out of Sri Lanka. US Dollars and GBP are also widely accepted in Sri Lanka should you wish to keep an alternative currency on you We recommend that you exchange your currency before you leave the UK. It is important that you budget carefully and ensure you have the right form of currency before you arrive in the country. Cash machines will also be available throughout the tour in order to withdraw money in your local currency.

Credit Card Information
As normal practice you will be asked for your credit card details on check-in at the hotel in order to cover any extras incurred during your stay. If you do not have a credit card you may be asked for a cash deposit. American Express, MasterCard and Visa are widely accepted in hotels.

Personal Expenses
You will need to take money with you to cover any personal purchases such as souvenirs, laundry, any meals not included in the itinerary as well as drinks and any additional snacks. Approximately £300- £400 per person will be sufficient for the duration of the tour. It is a good idea to try and maintain a supply of small notes and change in the local currency for tipping or small purchases.

Itinerary Changes
The order of events and sightseeing may vary according to local conditions or for operational purposes. The schedules of the domestic airlines in country are subject to frequent changes. For this reason, we have indicated approximate times only. Your local guide will inform you of any schedule changes as they are informed of them. Some road construction &/or weather conditions may lengthen the driving times. Our intention is to adhere to the day-to-day itinerary as printed; however, order of events and sightseeing may vary according to local conditions.

Please note: Yala Game Park is closed for 30 days from September to October.
During this period the safari will be to Udawalawe Game Park. Safari will take place in Udawalawe National Park or safari will take place via Galge Entrance on Block 3, 4 & 5" of Yala National Park.

Passport Information
Your Passport Information is required for this tour. This information is required at least 90 days prior to your departure. Failure to provide this information on time may result in your booking being cancelled with loss of deposit.

WHAT TO PACK

- Insect repellent and sun cream
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Thick socks for when visiting temples
- Waterproof lightweight jacket
- Sunglasses and Hat
- Ruck sack
- Binoculars
- Camera and charger
- Loo paper for public WCs
- Long sleeve shirt and long trousers (required when entering any religious sites)
- Swimwear
- Anti-bacterial hand sanitiser
- Personal toiletries and first aid kit containing travel pills, rehydration powder, plasters, stomach settlers, antiseptic creams, aspirin etc
- An electric plug converter - the electricity in Sri Lanka is 230 volts and is a 3 round pin plug or a UK plug

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Your initial flight is to Colombo International Airport with Sri Lankan Airlines (UL), departing from London Heathrow Terminal 3.

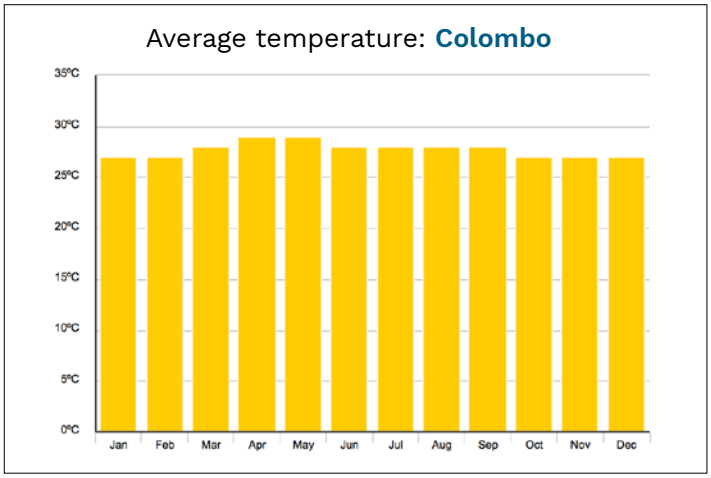
IMPORTANT: Please note that final flight details will be confirmed on your e-ticket and final documentation which will be sent to you approximately 10 days before departure.

Baggage Allowance
Baggage allowance (per person): Each passenger is entitled to 30KG of hold luggage plus 1 item of hand luggage of 5kg not exceeding 56cm x 36cm x 23cm in size and 1 personal item such as a handbag, briefcase or laptop case. Weight restrictions will be finalized on E-ticket receipt. Should you wish to take additional luggage you will need to pay extra at check – in. Check-In should be at least 3 hours before departure. If you have booked an optional add on please contact us for more information

Airport Extras
If you wish to arrange Airport car parking or accommodation at preferential rates, we recommend you book this in advance with Holiday Extras on 0871 360 2000, quoting HX313.

WEATHER AND CLIMATE

Weather can vary quite considerably throughout the year, so please familiarise yourself with the climate charts below.



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Your Tour Dossier

Sri Lanka Beach Stay

If you have not yet booked this fabulous extension, there is still time to do so. Please contact 0843 224 0723

TRIP OVERVIEW

Your extended stay in Sri Lanka, at one of the wonderful beach resorts on the west coast of the country allows you to indulge in a calming massage or relax by the beach.

ITINERARY & DETAILS

This document aims to give you all the information which you will require during your Sri Lanka beach stay extension.

Sri Lanka Beach Stay (4 nights)
Located off the southern tip of India, Sri Lanka's warm charm and vibrant culture will seduce any traveller. The island boasts endless golden beaches, timeless ruins, colourful cuisine and a stunning array of native wildlife.

Hotel Information
On the west coast of Sri Lanka, Kalutara is the ideal place to relax and indulge yourself with a stay at your chosen hotel at the 3★ plus Coral Sands Hotel, the 4★ The Palms or the 5★ Royal Palms Beach Hotel. Your transfers and accommodation are included and your stay will be on a Half Board or All-Inclusive basis. This will have been confirmed at time of booking.

Hotel Information:
3★ plus Coral Sands Hotel - 326, Galle Road, Hikkaduwa 20000, Sri Lanka.
Contact number: 0094 912 277 436

4★ The Palms - 6th Lane, Beruwala 12070, Sri Lanka.
Contact number: 0094 114 334 834

5★ Royal Palms Beach Hotel - De Abrew Road, Waskaduwa, Kalutara.
Contact number: 0094 34 222 8113

If you have booked another hotel, other than those featured above, this will be shown on your invoice.

The hotels listed are provided for guidance only and final confirmation of your accommodation will be sent in a document, along with your final flight information, approximately 10 days before you travel.

Personal Expenses
You will need to take some extra money with you to cover any personal purchases such as souvenirs and laundry and any meals and snacks where these are not included.

Tour Guides
Your beach stay is not escorted by a tour guide. All internal transfers are included.

Please note
This extension takes place after your main tour. Your main tour will end on day 16 if taking this extension.

The Palms

Royal Palms Beach Hotel

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Please note: Final hotel and flight details will be confirmed on your e-ticket and final documentation which will be sent to you approximately 10 days before departure.

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Your Tour Dossier

Highlights of Kerala

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TRIP OVERVIEW

Your 5 night, 6 day tour highlights some of the wonders of Kerala. This tour gives an exciting insight into the fascinating culture of this beautiful Indian state.

ITINERARY & DETAILS

This document aims to give you all the information that you require during your chosen add-on to Kerala.

Highlights of Kerala Tour (5 nights)

Your included meal guide:
B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

DAY 9: Colombo to Kochi (Cochin) B
Depart Sri Lanka in the morning for your flight to Kochi, in India's beautiful southern state of Kerala, where you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

DAY 10: Kochi to Alleppey B
Transfer to Alleppey to board an authentic houseboat, journeying through the scenic backwaters.

DAY 11: Alleppey to Thekkady B
Disembarking your houseboat after breakfast, your tour continues with a drive through the spectacular countryside arriving at the Thekkady Hill Station, home to a stunning wildlife sanctuary.

DAY 12: Thekkady to Kochi (Cochin) B
After an early morning boat ride on Periyar Lake, proceed to Kochi for a city tour.

DAY 13: Kochi (Cochin) to Colombo B
Stay in Wattala, just a short drive from Colombo's city centre for the final night of your extension.

DAY 14: Colombo to the UK B
Depart after breakfast for your return flight to the UK.

Currency Exchange
The currency in Kerala is the Rupee or Rs. US Dollars and GBP are also widely accepted, should you wish to keep an alternative currency on you.

Tour guides
This add-on to Kerala is fully escorted.

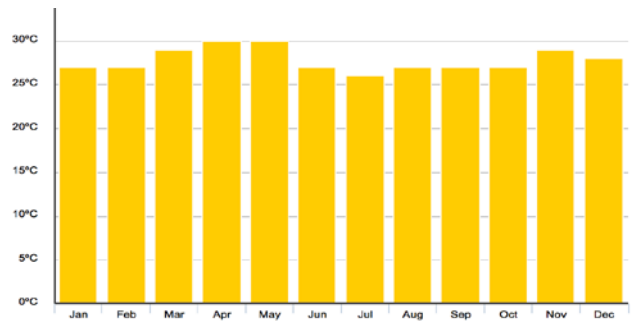
Visas
A visa is required for entry into India. British Citizen Passport Holders will need to obtain an e-Tourist Visa (eTV) for travel to India. We work closely with The Travel Visa Company who will be able to arrange your visa on your behalf. Please call them on 01270 250 590 and quote "Mercury Holidays". The cost of the visa is approximately £134 per person. The Travel Visa Company can only apply for this 120 days before your proposed travel date and takes around 10 working days to issue. It is only valid for a 60 day single entry stay from the date of arrival. When calling the Travel Visa Company they will advise you of any changes to the fees or the procedure, they will also advise you of all information they will require in order to apply for the visa.

Hotel Information
Kochi (2 nights): 5★ Hotel Casino - Willingdon Island, Kochi - 682003
0091 484 2864500
Alleppey (1 night): Traditional houseboat
Thekkady (1 night): 4★ Aranya Nivas - Kumily Thekkady Road, Kerala,
Contact number: 0091 486 922 2023
Colombo (1 night): 4★ Pegasus Reef Hotel - Hendala, 11300 Wattala, Sri Lanka
Contact number: 0094 112 930205

Alcoholic drinks
Please note that Kerala has strict laws regarding the governance of the sale of alcohol in public places including hotels and restaurants.
The sale and consumption of alcohol is therefore often restricted in hotels, varying from one establishment to another. You may however bring your own alcohol with you for private consumption in your room.

WEATHER AND CLIMATE

Average temperature: **Cochin**



FLIGHT INFORMATION

Please note: Final hotel and flight details will be confirmed on your e-ticket and final documentation which will be sent to you approximately 10 days before departure.

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Your Tour Dossier

Maldives Beach Stay

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TRIP OVERVIEW

Indulge yourself with your fabulous 4 or 7 night extension to the Maldives. Arriving at Male airport you will be transferred to your hotel by speed boat for four nights of pure bliss. Enjoy spectacular views of the bluest seas, whilst you unwind on this island of paradise.

ITINERARY & DETAILS

This document aims to give you all the information which you will require during your extension to your Maldives beach stay.

Maldives Beach Stay (4 or 7 nights)
With luxuriously warm seas and powder white beaches, the Maldives are a picture-perfect holiday destination. The island's unspoiled beaches are possibly the best in the world. Shores are fringed by swaying palm trees and sparkling waters with tropical fish, dolphins and five species of sea turtles.

All you need to know
This fabulous extension begins with a speed boat transfer to the 4★ Adaaran Club Rannalhi. Then simply unwind and enjoy the stunning beaches. Your transfers, accommodation and All-Inclusive meals are included.

You will not need to obtain a visa for the Maldives prior to your beach stay extension. You will be granted a free 30 days tourist visa on arrival. Further advice should be sought from the applicable tourist authority for other nationalities and for general queries. We strongly advise you check your destinations' Tourist Board or Embassy for the most up-to-date guidelines regarding passport validity.

Hotel Information:
4★ Adaaran Club Rannalhi - Rannalhi, South Malé Atoll.
Contact number: 0096 0064 2688

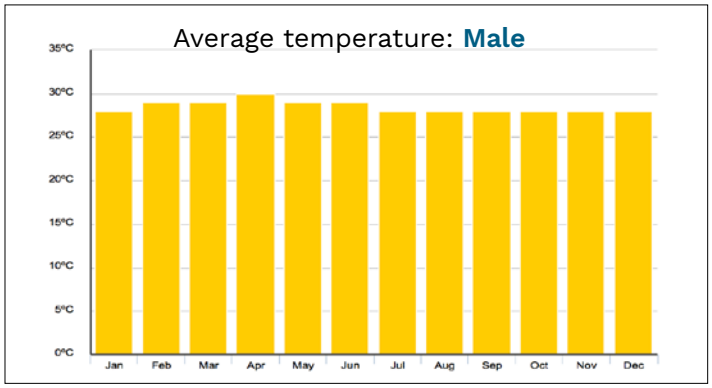
If you have booked another hotel, other than those featured above, this will be shown on your invoice.

Personal Expenses
The currency in the Maldives is the Maldivian Rufiya. The Maldivian Rufiya is a closed currency and officially you are not allowed to take any cash out of the Maldives. US Dollars are also widely accepted in these destinations, should you wish to keep an alternative currency on you. You will need to take money with you to cover any personal purchases, such as souvenirs, laundry and items not included in your All-Inclusive package.

Tour Guides
Your beach stay is not escorted by a tour guide and your time will be free to explore the area at your own pace. Representative service will be on telephone contact only due to geographical reasons. If you need to contact your representative during your stay the details are:
Emergency number: Nuwan Dissanayaka (Ace Travels Maldives): 00960 7782396
Airport contacts (local agent):
Airport hotline number – 009607920058
Sujeewa – 009607920053
Maadhin - 009609809990

PLEASE NOTE: Alcohol is not allowed on entry to The Maldives. If you have bought liquor, beer or related items containing alcohol from a duty free shop while on route to the Maldives, these products must be bonded in the airport's customs department upon arrival. These goods will be returned before departure.

WEATHER AND CLIMATE



Adaaran Club Rannalhi

FLIGHT INFORMATION

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Your Tour Dossier

Kerala Beach Stay

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TRIP OVERVIEW

Your extension to Kerala offers the opportunity to explore the country further and simply unwind on the beautiful beaches.

ITINERARY & DETAILS

This document aims to give you all the information which you will require during your beach stay extension in Kerala.

Kerala Beach Stay (4 nights)
Kerala is one of the most fascinating and distinctive states in India, with networks of tropical waterways, hidden villages and an inviting, palm-fringed coastline. Kerala's enchanting culture, warm climate and dramatic landscapes combine to create a relaxing and captivating destination.

Hotel Information
Your stay will take place at the 5★ Uday Samudra Leisure Hotel & Spa on Full Board.

The Uday Samudra Leisure Hotel & Spa is located in the popular resort of Kovalam. Overlooking the sea and only a short walk to Kovalam's popular beaches, this hotel provides excellent guest facilities. Samudra Beach itself offers a selection of restaurants and varied shopping. The busy resort centre of Kovalam is close at hand. Your transfers are included.

Hotel Information:
5★ Uday Samudra Leisure Beach Hotel & Spa - GV Raja Road, Samudra Beach, Kovalam, Contact number: 0091 471 248 1654

If you have booked another hotel, other than the one featured above, this will be shown on your invoice.
The hotel listed is provided for guidance only and final confirmation of your accommodation will be sent in a document, along with your final flight information, approximately 10 days before you travel.

Personal Expenses
You will need to take some extra money with you to cover any personal purchases such as souvenirs and laundry and any meals and snacks where these are not included.

Currency Exchange
The currency in Kerala is the Rupee or Rs. US Dollars and GBP are also widely accepted, should you wish to keep an alternative currency on you.

Tour Guides
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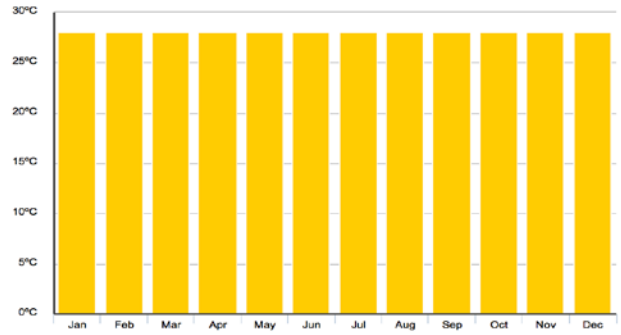
Please note
This extension takes place after your main tour.

Emergency contact information
Please find below the emergency contact details while you are in Kerala;
Jayasree Travel and Tours

Contact	Telephone number
Ms Jayasree Vikraman	0091 974 700 5888
Ms Samitha	0091 974 471 3380
Mr Jagdish Nair	0091 956 208 9699
Mr Anil Kumar	0091 984 706 6802
Mrs Prashansa Alkesh	0091 997 148 8995

WEATHER AND CLIMATE

Average temperature: **Kovalam**



FLIGHT INFORMATION

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Colombo City Stay

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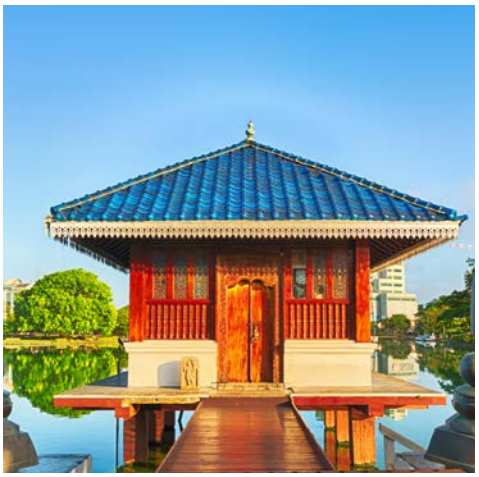


TRIP OVERVIEW

Explore this fascinating city at your own pace. Colombo is the commercial capital of the island. Its streets are alive with colourful shops and markets, while temples and mosques reflect its multicultural heritage

ITINERARY & DETAILS

This document aims to give you all the information which you will require during your beach stay extension in Colombo.

Colombo City Stay (2 nights)
Renowned as the bustling commerical capital of Sri Lanka, the historical metropolis of Colombo is brimming with endless colonial architecture, vibrant markets stalls and tantalising local delicacies. Immerse yourself in a city whose distinctly evident multicultural heritage manifests itself in the form of architectural influences throughout its colourful history, up until its independence in the 20th century.

Hotel Information
Your stay will take place at the 4★ Mount Lavina Hotel on Bed and Breakfast.

Occupying a beautiful location just south of Colombo the 4-star Mount Lavinia Hotel overlooks a golden sandy beach and offers guests an oasis of luxury and splendour. With a stunning colonial style building the Mount Lavinia Hotel gives guests a taste of the old style splendour of Sri Lanka full of mystique and romance. A choice of restaurants at the Mount Lavinia Hotel will fulfil all your culinary wants and needs.

Hotel Information:
4★ Mount Lavina Hotel -
Address:No. 100 Hotel Road, Dehiwala-Mount Lavinia 10350 Sri Lanka

If you have booked another hotel, other than the one featured above, this will be shown on your invoice.

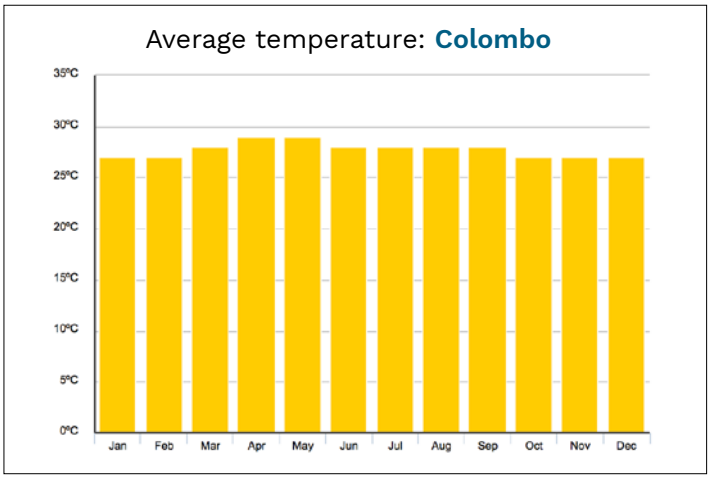
The hotel listed is provided for guidance only and final confirmation of your accommodation will be sent in a document, along with your final flight information, approximately 10 days before you travel.

Personal Expenses
You will need to take some extra money with you to cover any personal purchases such as souvenirs and laundry and any meals and snacks where these are not included.

Currency Exchange
The currency in Sri Lanka is the Rupee, LKR. The Rupee is a closed currency and officially you are not allowed to take any cash out of Sri Lanka. US Dollars and GBP are also widely accepted in Sri Lanka should you wish to keep an alternative currency on you

Tour Guides
Your stay in Colombo is not escorted by a tour guide. All internal transfers are included.

Please note
This extension takes place after your main tour.



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