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Sri Lanka tour, 14 days





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Itinerary

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- Day 2 Negombo - Anuradhapura, excursion Mihintale
- Day 3 Anuradhapura - Dambulla - Polonnaruwa
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- Day 5 Polonnaruwa - Sigiriya - Kandy
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Day by day

On the Road with Djoser

Djoser's active journeys offer an ideal balance of guidance and freedom. Our guide-assisted adventures cover the globe and feature wildlife, beautiful natural settings, historic sights and authentic cultural experiences. During Djoser travels, the daily schedule is not rigidly set.

The day-to-day descriptions describe the anticipated, or possible daily activities. Our travel days are obviously fixed, but each day the program may deviate depending on the preferences of the group, in consultation with the tour leader. The tour guide offers a program daily, with planned excursions. You are never obligated to participate. Those who desire more freedom may go out exploring or may dine on their own. Your tour leader can offer suggestions for safe explorations and fun restaurants. You will find that Djoser participants will take advantage of this flexibility. We believe a sense of discovery is an integral element of a great trip.

We offer the land program only. Below, you will find the day-to-day description days numbered to correspond with that of the Dutch participants (which includes their transit days from/to Amsterdam). This is so that when you are traveling and refer to this day-to-day description, all travelers will be "on the same page" or the same day number.

Colombo

Day 1 Transit day for most participants

Day 2 Colombo - Negombo

Our Sri Lanka tour begins in Colombo. After arriving at Colombo airport we drive to Negombo. Negombo ([http:// http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Negombo](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Negombo)) is north of Colombo and here we have some time to get to the beach or relax by the pool before we embark on the journey. This is a great place for an introduction to Sri Lankan cuisine. The majority of the population of Sri Lanka (70%) is Buddhist and the Tamil minority (15%) is predominantly Hindu. The remainder of the population is Christian or Islamic.

Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa

Day 3 Negombo - Anuradhapura, Mihintale excursion

Day 4 Anuradhapura - Dambulla - Polonnaruwa

Day 5 Polonnaruwa

Driving through the beautiful inland along many coconut trees, we go through Mihintale Anuradhapura. Mihintale is the shrine where Mahinda, son of the legendary Indian emperor Ashoka, Buddhism preached to the king of Anuradhapura. Visit the temple or climb the rock for a magnificent



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view of the surroundings. From Anuradhapura, which now has 30,000 inhabitants, a large part of the island which dates back to the fifth century BC. The best way to explore the old city is by bike and here also make a bike tour. In the center of the old city is the sacred Bo-tree. It has grown from a cutting from the original Bodi tree in Bodgaya in India, under which a meditating Buddha reached the state of enlightenment.

The most notable appearances in the landscape are the dayoba's Buddhist, temples with impressive names like Ruwanweliseya and Abhayagiri. You can reflect on the impressions of these Buddhist antiquities at the pool of the hotel.

On the road from Anuradhapura to Polonnaruwa we stop at the rock temples of Dambulla (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dambulla_cave_temple), the largest and best-preserved cave temple complex in Sri Lanka. In five caves are ancient Buddha statues and historic artwork with images of Buddha's life. Also on site is a Buddhist monastery from the 3rd and 2nd c. BC., which is still in use. The complex is on the UNESCO World Heritage list.

Photographing here was temporarily banned as a tourist in shorts chose to immortalize his visit sitting on the lap of one of the Buddha statues. When visiting temples and other religious places is therefore expected that you wear appropriate clothing. It may therefore be useful to bring a shawl.

We drive through the Kalawewa reservoir to Polonnaruwa. The city took on the status of capital of Anuradhapura (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anuradhapura>) in the 10th century. The city lies on one of the largest reservoirs (artificial lakes) of Sri Lanka. These tanks dating back from the 12th century are quite shallow reservoirs, in which the monsoon rains are collected and used as water storage for irrigation. At Gal Vihara, the most famous place of Polonnaruwa, there are four huge Buddha statues, one lying, two seated and one standing. As in Anuradhapura, bike is the best way to explore.

Kandy

Day 6 Polonnaruwa - Sigiriya - Kandy

Day 7 Kandy, excursion botanical gardens and Temple of the Tooth

Before we arrive in Kandy ([http:// http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kandy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kandy)) we first make a stop in Sigiriya where a huge rock rises perpendicularly from the landscape. This was the location of the hidden kingdom of King Kassapa, where there are still some ruins, and the world famous frescoes and mirror are found on his wall. It is a tough walk up, mainly by stairs, but the outstanding views make it worthwhile. During a visit to a spice garden you can get an idea of the growth and processing of local herbs.

Kandy, the second city of Sri Lanka, the last capital of the Sinhala kings, was and is today the cultural and spiritual center of the country. The cozy center is a hive of activity. Kandy is set situated by a large lake at an altitude of 1640 ft, making it, even in summer, a pleasant temperature. You can make some nice walks. Around sunset, there is a ceremony at the "Temple of the Tooth" in which a tooth of Buddha is the focal point. In the evening you can visit a spectacular dance performance.



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From Kandy we visit the Royal Botanic Gardens, where you find some very rare plants and flowers, for example, a tree with a crown of more than 131 ft in circumference.

Nuwara Eliya

Day 8 Kandy - Giragama tea plantation - Kithulgala - Nuwara Eliya

Day 9 Nuwara Eliya, optional excursion to Adam's Peak or Horton Plains

Before we drive to Nuwara Eliya we first visit the Girigama tea factory, where you can learn all about the process of harvesting and processing tea. Of course you can taste the real Sinhalese tea. Those who enjoy active adventures can go rafting in Kithulgala.

On arrival it becomes clear why Nuwara Eliya is also called "Little England"; the buildings create a typical English atmosphere, such as the red painted post. It is over 6561 ft and even in summer it is a refreshing area. A part of the year, weather permitting, it is possible to climb Adam's Peak (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adam%27s_Peak) . High on the mountain with some imagination, there is a recognizable footprint, which is attributed by different religions to St. Thomas, Buddha and Shiva! A good alternative is a walk on Horton Plains to World's End. You first walk a while on a sort of heath, then through a forest and then to a precipice of about 2296 ft. Hence off you have a fantastic view over the lowlands of Sri Lanka.

Udawalawe National Park

Day 10 Nuwara Eliya - train to Ella - Udawalawe National Park

Day 11 Udawalawe NP from Nuwara Eliya (Nanuoya Station)

We ride the train from the central mountain down to Ella. We arrive at our special night place where we visit the "Elephant Transition Home," where young and injured elephants are collected from all over Sri Lanka and nurtured to re-enter life in the wild.

We stay close to the impressive Udawalawe National Park in a luxury tented camp with private bathrooms. Our friendly host provides here a delicious barbeque and a breakfast, which is included in the price. From the camp you have the opportunity to take a jeep safari where you can spot elephants, wild boar, crocodiles and birds.

Ahangama

Day 12 Udawalawe National Park - Ahangama

Day 13 Ahangama, tour Galle

Day 14 Ahangama - Colombo

Day 15 Colombo (land ends)

During the ride to the south you will probably see the typical Sinhalese stilt fisherman. In Ahangama we stay in a nice hotel on the beach. Enjoy your well deserved rest on the beach or pool or sample the relaxed atmosphere in one of the beach towns along the coastline. You can easily take a tuk-tuk to explore the south coast.



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Also, between November and April there is also a possibility to make a boat tour to spot whales and dolphins. Whale watching is still relatively unknown in Sri Lanka so now is the time to do it!

We also pay a visit to Galle. Galle was an important stronghold of the Dutch East India Company. The massive fort, which was built in 1663, is in almost original condition at the entrance to the Bay of Galle. Within the thick walls the three hundred-year-old atmosphere seems unchanged. The huge structure, more like a village, gives a good idea of the power of the VOC in that period. You will see Dutch names like Great Church, Leynbaan, Utrecht bastion, Akersloot-Clippenberg Bastion. This recalls the time of the vibrant herb and spice trade between Ceylon and the Netherlands.

On the last day we visit Colombo (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colombo>), the city with one million inhabitants, the largest city of Sri Lanka. Colombo is roughly divided into a modern and an old part. The Fort District still contains some remains of the old city wall, but now it is the business district of the capital, which is filled with modern buildings. The Pettah district, which borders Polieers Fort, is a cozy and hectic neighborhood. Here are the markets, and older buildings. In the city is the Dutch Museum, the former Holland Hall. Throughout the city there are temples, churches and Buddha statues. Our trip ends in Colombo.



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Practical information

Accommodations & Meals

Accommodations - During the Sri Lanka tour we will stay in comfortable hotels, with air conditioning or a fan. Almost all hotels have a swimming pool so you can take a refreshing dip.

Some examples of our usual hotels (subject to change)

Negombo	Golden Star Beach Hotel (http://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel_Review-g297897-d1134752-Reviews-Golden_Star_Beach_Hotel-Negombo.html)
Anuradhapura	Heritage Hotel (http://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel_Review-g304132-d1955662-Reviews-Heritage_Hotel-Anuradhapura.html)
Polonnaruwa	The Village (http://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel_Review-g304140-d1759013-Reviews-The_Village_Polonnaruwa-Polonnaruwa.html)
Kandy	Casamara Hotel (http://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel_Review-g304138-d579222-Reviews-Casamara_Hotel-Kandy.html)
Embilipitiya	Athgira River Camp (http://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel_Review-g3577009-d3840548-Reviews-Athgira_River_Camp-Embilipitiya.html)

Single room - Djoser is single friendly! If you are traveling solo, we will match you with a same-sex roommate. If we cannot match you, there will be no additional room charge. For a reasonable charge, you may request single accommodations, subject to availability. Just indicate this preference on your booking form. You will find pricing for single accommodations on "Dates & Prices" page.

Hotel extensions - It is always great to be well rested when you begin a journey such as this. If you would like to book an extension hotel night upon arrival in the city where the land program begins, let us know on your booking form. You will find the prices for extension nights listed on the "Dates & Prices" page.

Meals - The meals on the Sri Lanka tour are not included except during the stay at the tented camp in the Udawalawe National Park. Here you are ensured a delicious dinner and breakfast. You are also free to decide what, where and when you eat. The tour leader will advise you on restaurants where the food is tasty and good. During this trip, however, on some stops there are not many options for places to eat out, but all the hotels have their own restaurant. The breakfast in the hotels is good and varied from toast and eggs to a truly Sri Lankan breakfast with rice. The main ingredient of food in Sri Lanka is rice. A traditional Sinhalese meal also consists of curries. You get small dishes with many various contents: spicy pickles to heat softening coconut rasmalai. There are both fish, meat and vegetarian curries. The menus in the restaurants are varied so that everyone can eat what they want. Sri Lanka is also known for its delicious and various fish dishes, ranging from shrimp to shark.

Flights & Transportation

Booking your international flight - We provide the land package and transportation within the program



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as described. We do not arrange international flights from or to the United States or Canada. The land program will begin approximately two hours after the arrival of the Netherlands (NL) participants who will arrive from Amsterdam. The land program will end about 4 hours prior to their scheduled departure time, which allows for time to get to the airport. The proposed flights for the Dutch participants and the land beginning and end times are listed in this section. They are subject to change based on flight delays or changes. We will keep you posted of any flight changes that we are aware of prior to the trip. When scheduling your flights, keep the following times in mind:

Dutch participants' proposed flights: (subject to change)

Airline: Emirates

NL participants arrive: Colombo 08:40 AM

NL participants depart: Colombo 10:05 AM

Please note that you should book your flight arrival to Colombo but you will need to take a taxi or book a transfer to Negombo (this is where the land program begins). (4.6 miles)

Before you book your flight - To avoid flight change or cancellation costs get email confirmation from our office that the trip has enough participants to be a "GO".

Verify the spelling of your name-within 24 hours - When you book your flights, double check your flight records to confirm that your name is spelled on your ticket exactly as it appears on your passport. Some companies (for example, ORBITZ) will only allow a 24 hour window to correct any errors without penalty. You may incur heavy fees for changes, forfeiture of your flight ticket, or even worse, you could be denied entry to a border upon arrival.

Send us a copy of your flight itinerary - We will forward to the tour leader so they will know when to expect you at the hotel and when you will be departing.

Keep in mind hotel extensions - If the Dutch travelers arrive early in the morning, we recommend that you arrange to fly in the day or night before so you will be meet the group. Some trips involve an immediate transfer from airport to the next town so make sure you will arrive before the others so you don't miss the first meeting or transfer to the next location. We can arrange an extension hotel night for you. Prices for hotel extensions can be found in the "Dates & Prices" section

If the Dutch participants arrive in the late evening - Should they arrive very late in the evening, the group will have their first meeting in the morning in the hotel lobby. You can check in earlier and relax or explore on your own.

Airport transfer to/from hotel – not Included - If you will be arriving and or departing on the same flight as the Dutch travelers let us know. Then you can join them on the bus for the group transfer at no additional charge. Notify us in advance so we can alert the tour leader. If you schedule your flight at the same time as theirs, or later, you can join them on the group transfer to the airport at no additional charge. Otherwise, you can take an authorized taxi to the first hotel on the list we have provided for



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you. Private airport transfers can be very costly . If your flight is delayed, they are difficult to reschedule or cancel. With a taxi, you are not charged for waiting time or cancellations.

Useful Links for booking your flights

Orbitz.com (<http://www.orbitz.com/>)

Expedia.com (<http://www.expedia.com/>)

Kayak.com (<http://www.kayak.com/>)

Local transportation - We use our own comfortable, air-conditioned bus the whole trip. The distances are not great, and we can stop wherever and whenever we want. On most travel days you travel no more than five or six hours, excluding stops.

We also travel a bit by train from Nuwara Eliya to Ella. That way you can see how the locals move around. Moreover, en route you will be treated to the best views of the tea plantations.

Money Matters

A summary of all trip costs can be found on our "Dates & Prices" page. Prices may fluctuate throughout the year depending on currency exchange, gas costs, etc.

Included in price of our Sri Lanka tour package

- Land package (begins & ends at hotel)
- Tour leader (logistics coordinator, not a lecturer), speaks Dutch & English
- Accommodation in comfortable hotels
- Special night in a luxury tent with private facilities near Uda Walawe National Park, including dinner and breakfast
- Transport by comfortable air-conditioned bus
- Scenic train ride through the tea plantations
- Bicycle to explore Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa
- Tour Mihintale
- Visit to the rock temples at Dambulla
- Visit to a spice garden '
- Visit to Sigiriya, a fortress atop a gigantic rock
- Visit from Kandy to the Royal Botanic Gardens in Peradeniya and the Temple of the Tooth
- Visit a tea plantation in Giragama
- Possibility for climbing Adam's Peak or stroll on the Horton Plains from Nuwara Eliya
- Ability to spot wildlife during an optional jeep safari
- Possibility for the optional excursion; rafting at Kithulgala
 - Visit to the "Elephant Transit Home" at Uda Walawe
- Visit to Galle



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When you book a trip

- \$500 deposit is due upon booking to hold your place
- Payments by charge card or check are accepted
- Balance is due 60 days prior to departure date

While you are traveling

In your pre-trip information we will send you more information about money matters such as information about local currencies, charge cards, ATM's, currency exchange, etc.

Local Currency : Rupee
Cash accepted: Dollars accepted. Smaller denominations. Undamaged bills and no older than 10 years old
ATMs: Widely available
Credit Cards: Accepted most places

Tipping - It is customary to tip for services rendered. The tour leader will organize a tip jar at the beginning of the trip, from which tips to drivers, guides, hotel staff are paid. Depending on the size of the group, each participant will be asked to contribute \$40 to \$50. This does not include a tip for your tour leader. Tipping the tour leader is appreciated and the amount up to your discretion.

** You will find a list of all trip costs in the "Dates & Prices" section, including your estimated out of pocket costs.

Excursions

Freedom and choice are important elements of a Djoser trip. In addition to scheduled group activities, wherever possible, you may decide which attractions you wish to visit, and with whom. Unless otherwise indicated, entrance fees are not included in the price, so you have the freedom to make your own choices. One person may prefer to stroll through the market in search of bargains, while someone else may want to relax by the pool, go to a museum, or take a bike ride. Join the guide or break off with others in the group to explore on foot or with the local transport. Some attractions should not be missed, or they are not easily accessible, or are en route to our next overnight location and are therefore built into the program. In the 'Dates & Prices' section you will find the estimated out-of-pocket, weekly expenses that have calculated in typical entry fees in addition to meals and other costs.

During our Sri Lanka group tour, the following excursions are included in the program:

- Day 3; excursion to Mihintale, the sanctuary where Mahinda, son of the legendary Indian emperor



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Ashoka, Buddhism preached to the king of Anuradhapura

- Day 7; excursion from Kandy to the Botanical Gardens in Peradeniya and the sacred Temple of the Tooth, where a tooth of the Buddha is kept
- Day 13; excursion to Galle, offering a great walk through the streets of the district "Fort", filled with monuments from the VOC period

Along our Sri Lanka group tour, our bus stops at a number of places:

- On day 4 we make a stop at the cave temples of Dambulla
- On day 6, we stop in Sigiriya, where a huge rock rises perpendicularly from the landscape. We also visit a herb and spice garden
- On day 10 we stop in Giragama on a tea plantation and Kithungala where couples can make a spectacular rafting trip. We also visit the Elephant Transit Home, where young and injured elephants are captured before they are released back into the wild

Locally more excursions will be offered by the tour leader. So you can take a boat trip in Negombo by the Dutch Canals. You can also take an optional excursion to Adam's Peak, but you have to wake up early. You can opt to do a safari in Uda Walawe National Park to go in search of elephants. You can also take a dolphin and whale safari from Ahangama,

Travel Documents

When you book a trip we will provide you with more details about necessary documents. Passports should be current and valid for at least 6 months beyond your departure date. If a visa is required, you may need extra pages in your passport for your stamps. Check all visa requirements carefully and leave yourself plenty of time to send and receive documents before your trip.

Travel documents needed

Sri Lanka tourist visa needed - NO Consulate link (<http://sri-lanka.travisa.com/>)

Visa expeditor - If you are anxious about the visa process, or if you are short of time, you can pay an additional fee for an expediting service. They will look over your paperwork and should be able to guaranty a swift return of your visa or passport. We can recommend TRAVISIA. (<http://www.travisa.com/>)

Health Issues & Insurance

Health - Check for the Center for Disease Control – Travelers information

(<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel>) for recommendations. Keep in mind that they may recommend an inoculation or medication such as malaria pills, which may be necessary for one specific part of a



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country but not another, or for a particular season. Shots are expensive. Make sure to get only what is needed. We recommend asking your doctor for a prescription to combat a more serious intestinal disorder.

When you book a trip we will provide you with information regarding the usual recommendations for the region we will visit. You will be responsible to check with your travel clinic or physician to review your plans and to find out the most up-to-date recommendations and needs for your particular situation. Plan to get your inoculations four to six weeks in advance of your trip. Some offices may need to preorder the medicines so call in advance. It is wise to pay careful attention to what you eat. Also, we recommend you bring medicines such as pain-killer and for remedy for intestinal disorders (such as IMMUDIUM). Bring a small first aid kit. Tweezers, band-aids, antiseptic cream, insect repellent, salt rehydration tablets. The tour leader will have a first aid kit.

Climate and altitude changes can sometimes cause illness. Be sure to drink plenty of water. Bottled water is readily available. Excessive alcohol intake contributes to dehydration and makes you more vulnerable to illness. Make sure that you get plenty of rest and enough food and drink during the trip.

Most people are recommend to get
- Routine vaccines, Hepatitis A, Typhoid

Insurance - For piece of mind, we recommend that you procure travel insurance. In the event of an illness or injury, an emergency evacuation can be incredibly expensive and you would want access to the best possible facility. Also, lost baggage or missed flights can mean added expenses, Even events at home may prevent you from taking a trip, such as a lost job or ailing family member. It is important to get travel insurance immediately after booking. Most companies have a brief window (within 10 days of booking) for coverage for a preexisting condition. You will be asked to provide us with travel insurance contact information before your departure.

You are free to choose your own provider. Over the years, we have recommended TRAVELEX. They offer a variety of plans and most importantly, they are responsive. Should you choose to go with TRAVELEX, you will contact them directly and the cost of your coverage will depend on the plan you choose. The cost will be based over the total cost of your trip and flights, and the amount is also subject to your age. Ask about the TRAVEL PLUS plan and the more economical TRAVEL LITE plan.
* Arrange for insurance immediately after booking your trip so that you are covered for any pre-existing situation. TRAVELEX (<http://www.travelexinsurance.com>) 1-800-228-9792

Group Composition

Djoser travelers are active, enthusiastic travelers of all ages. Join an international group with travelers from the Netherlands, Belgium and North America, who will be the minority group on these trips. Most of our trips range from a minimum of eight participants to a maximum of 20 or 22. You will find couple



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and singles on our trips. Feel free to call us if you wish to know the demographic make-up of a particular trips (number of singles and age range).

Minimum group size: 8

Maximum group size: 20

What to expect when traveling with an international group - Djoser, Inc. (the United States office) has been a India tour operator for over 15 years. Djoser, B.V. (the Netherlands office) has been a Sri Lanka tour operator for over 25 years. So together we bring vast experience. Most of our trips are arranged in cooperation with Djoser, B.V. in the Netherlands. Because they cater to the voracious travel appetites of the Dutch, we can offer a vast number of programs around the world with hard-to-find itineraries, with numerous departure dates.

On our Sri Lanka group tour, you will travel with an international group, with most participants from Holland and Belgium. The international make-up of our groups is the attraction for many regular Djoser travelers and adds another cultural element to the trip. Typically, there are only one to five North Americans per group. You will find that almost all of your fellow travelers have an excellent command of English and most are very willing to socialize. It's a great idea to extend an invitation to a few travel mates for coffee or a drink early in the trip. They will appreciate your effort and this is a great way to break the ice. It will be easier for them to test out their English skills in a quiet, one-on-one setting. Group members tend to warm up to one another in a day or two. As with every tour group, compatibility has most to do with individual personalities.

The Dutch are experienced and hearty travelers. We attract travelers of all ages and we enjoy the mix! You will find our participants welcome opportunities for independent explorations in addition to group activities. No matter their age, Djoser travelers expect, and are up to lots of walking, hiking, biking, or whatever comes our way. The Dutch and Belgian travelers will fly as a group from Amsterdam. You will meet the group and tour leader at the hotel where you will begin the land program with the group.

Tour Leaders & Support Staff

Our trips are guided by an experienced Dutch guide who speaks Dutch and English. He or she will be responsible for the organizational and technical aspects of the trip. He/she coordinates with the driver, hotels, and other vendors along the way. The tour leader has extensive travel experience and expertise as well as a comprehensive training. On this trip a local Sri Lanka tour guide will also assist us in and will explain about the customs, religious influences and cultural aspects of the area.

Our experienced land representatives are situated in the destination country you will visit. We work closely with them and they function as the liaison between our office, the guide, drivers and hotels. They are also available in the case of an emergency and their number will be provided on your emergency contact list.



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Climate & Geography

Because Sri Lanka is close to the equator, the temperature differences between winter and summer in the lower areas are slight. Because of the high altitude the central highlands are cooler and in Kandy and Nuwara Eliya evenings cool off even in the summer. While traveling the daytime temperatures can range from 51 F° to 95 F°, respectively in Nuwara Eliya and Colombo. Sri Lanka has two rainy seasons. In the south and west the rainy period lasts from May to September. From October to January the rains fall in the north and east. The downpours are short but powerful and usually fall at the end of the day. The rains freshen the air and creates the beautiful flora. It never rains all day, In Sri Lanka tropical downpours are quickly replace with beautiful weather. The sea temperature is always pleasant, approximately 80° F. Because of the altitude difference found on the island of Sri Lanka, you find many different species of plants and animals. Along the coast there are tropical rainforests. In the north you will find savannas and in the central highlands, moors.

Our trips are organized with weather conditions in mind. On our website, we will provide you with a weather summary of the region: Check temperature and rainfall for specific cities on your trip, during your month of travel at worldweather.org (<http://www.worldweather.org>)