

SL Itinerary 2 - Sri Lankan Highlights - 6 nights

COLOMBO/GALLE → UDAWALAWE → ELLA → KANDY →> CULTURAL TRIANGLE → COLOMBO

This 1 week, journey covers the highlights of Sri Lanka, from jungle safaris and the central highlands, to the gems of Sri Lanka's famed cultural triangle.



D1: UDAWALAWE - Pick up from Colombo or Galle and transfer (3 ½ hrs. or 2 hrs.) to jungle lodge in Udawalawe.

Embark on an exciting **afternoon safari in Udawalawe National Park (3-6 pm)**, to witness majestic elephants, playful wildlife, and vibrant birdlife against the backdrop of stunning open landscapes and the setting sun.

Return to jungle lodge for dinner.

Overnight Udawalawe

D2: BUDURUVAGALA & ELLA - Optional morning safari (6-9am).

After breakfast, travel (2 ½ hrs.) from Udawalawe to Ella, stopping en route to **explore the ancient Buduruvagala Temple**, renowned for its impressive rock-cut Buddha statues and a **highland tea plantation**.

Enjoy a relaxed evening in **Ella**, a charming hill town with stunning views, tea plantations, waterfalls, and hiking trails, perfect for nature lovers and adventure seekers.

Overnight Ella

D3: ELLA - Start your morning with a refreshing **hike in Ella**, choosing from a variety of trails that cater to all difficulty levels and durations, surrounded by lush greenery and scenic hilltop views.

Visit a local home for a **Sri Lankan cooking lesson**.

Evening at leisure in Ella.

Overnight Ella

D4: KANDY: After breakfast travel (4-5 hrs.) to Kandy with a **combination of road and rail**, enjoying the flexibility of a scenic drive alongside the charm of Sri Lanka's iconic hill-country train journey.

Enjoy an **afternoon exploration of Kandy**, Sri Lanka's hill capital, with its lakeside charm and rich heritage, including a **visit to the sacred Temple of the Tooth**, the island's most revered Buddhist shrine.

Overnight Kandy

D5: DAMBULLA: After breakfast, travel (2 ½ hrs.) to **visit the Dambulla cave temple**, a sacred complex of beautifully preserved rock temples adorned with ancient mural paintings and over 150 Buddha statues.

Check into hotel nearby and evening at leisure.

Overnight Dambulla

D6: SIGIRIYA & POLONNARUWA: In the morning, **climb and discover the iconic Sigiriya Lion Rock**. A 5th-century rock fortress, Sigiriya is famed for its ancient frescoes, landscaped gardens, and breathtaking views.

In the afternoon, travel (1 hr.) to **explore the ruins of Polonnaruwa**. Polonnaruwa houses ancient ruins of palaces, temples, and statues, remnants of ancient Sri Lanka's second capital city, offering a glimpse into the island's golden medieval era.

Transfer (1 hr.) back to hotel in Dambulla.

Overnight Dambulla

D7: FAREWELL: Transfer (3 ½ hrs.) to Colombo.

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