CEYLON TOUR + BEACH

14-night tour plus beach holiday

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One of our most popular tours, this classic tour of Sri Lanka includes many of the major sights of archaeological historic and scenic interest. To include all the sightseeing, some days require early starts but the sightseeing and fabulous scenery make these long days more than worthwhile!

- **DAY 1** Fly from Gatwick to Colombo, arriving the next day.
- **DAY 2** Transfer to the colonial Mount Lavinia Hotel in a Standard room. Afternoon at leisure (approx. 31 miles, 1½ hours drive).
- **DAY 3** Morning start for the popular Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage. After lunch continue on to Habarana for two nights (approx. 130 miles, 4½ hours drive).
- **DAY 4** In the morning, optional sightseeing is available at extra cost to Polonnaruwa the 12th Century Sinhalese capital. Later, visit the rock fortress of Sigiriya. A climb to the top (only for the energetic!) will reveal a spectacular view. The gallery of frescoes half way up is a definite highlight (approx. 135 miles, 3 hours drive).
- **DAY 5** Drive to Kandy for two nights visiting the magnificent Dambulla rock caves, a spice plantation and batik workshop en route. This afternoon visit the famous Temple of the Tooth. Enjoy an evening visit to see a Kandyan dancing and culture show (approx. 80 miles, 2½ hours drive).



DAY 6 A full day to marvel at Kandy's sightseeing. Visit the Royal Botanical Gardens ablaze with colourful exotic

plants. This afternoon enjoy a tour of the market square, a gem showroom and Upper Lake Drive (approx. 20 miles, 1 hours drive).

- **DAY 7** Drive toward the hill country, with a stop en route to visit a tea plantation and factory. Then travel on to Nuwara Eliya, most celebrated of the hill stations set in a stunning mountain valley some 6,000 feet above sea level. Afternoon sightseeing, with spectacular views of the beautiful green hillsides, rushing waterfalls and tea plantations (approx. 65 miles, 2½ hours drive).
- **DAY 8** Leave for the beach. En route a typical Sri Lankan lunch is served at a charming local restaurant in Kithulgala where the Bridge over River Kwai was filmed (approx. 300 miles, 6 hours drive). Alternatively extend your tour to Udawalawe National Park to enjoy a jeep safari, famed for its herds of elephants.
- PRIVATE TOURING For only £90 per vehicle (maximum 2 persons per car) enjoy the Ceylon tour in your own car with driver-guide. Your private car only applies following the main tour group from Day 3 to 8.
- MEAL PLAN Prices include full breakfast / dinner days 3, 4, 5 and 8 (except dinner on day 4), plus lunch on Days 3 and 8.

ACCOMMODATION A choice of 3 or 4 star hotels.

- TOUR INCLUDES Air-conditioned transport throughout. The Tour is accompanied by a local guide from departing Colombo on Day 3 to arrival at your beach hotel on Day 8.
- TRAVEL TIPS The itinerary may be subject to change at the discretion of your tour guide. Be prepared for some early starts but the sightseeing will more than make up for this.

GROUPS Max group size 30. This tour is subject to minimum numbers, please ask for details.

For more details or to book call **020 8989 0970** or visit us at <u>www.escapeworldwide.co.uk</u>







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BENTOTA BEACH HOTEL

With a river bank on one side, a sandy sea shore on the other and a freeform pool in between spacious gardens, this is a very popular hotel with great facilities and exceptional value.

- LOCATION: Between the river and the beach, close to Bentota village shops and restaurants, about three hours drive from the airport.
- FACILITIES: Float in the freshwater pool, try watersports on the lagoon in the hotel gardens and learn to dive at the PADI school (open from December to March). Dine at a choice of restaurants before sipping a nightcap at the airconditioned lounge bar.

Other facilities include floodlit tennis and squash courts, table tennis, archery, badminton, beach volleyball, a fitness centre and a spa.

- ALL INCLUSIVE Optional All Inclusive (£25 per person per Night) includes all meals and unlimited selected drinks – beer, soft drinks, selected spirits, plus wine with lunch and dinner
- ROOMS: 133 rooms, each with air-conditioning, television, telephone, tea and coffee making facilities, minibar, shower and balcony or terrace with river or partial ocean views. Standard rooms are as above. Deluxe rooms are on upper floors with river or sea views, superior furnishings and double bed only. Suites are more spacious and have large balconies.
- TRANSFERS: Approximately 3 hours drive from the airport.







OFFER DETAILS - CEYLON TOUR + BENTOTA BEACH HOTEL

12 September - fly Gatwick to Colombo Met on arrival for the 6 night 'Ceylon Tour' as described

19 September - arrive at the Bentota Beach Hotel for an 8 night stay on a Bed & Breakfast basis Optional Half Board £10 per person per night, All Inclusive £25 per person per night

27 September - return transfer to the airport - fly Colombo to Gatwick **£1155 per person**

All special offers are subject to availability, which is very limited at these prices. Special offers may be withdrawn at any time, and prices are subject to change without prior notice. Selected offers are subject to special terms & conditions, which may include full payment at the time of booking - ask for details at the time of booking. Last update 15/06/2011.



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