



Perfect Romance In Sri Lanka And The Maldives
10 Nights/ 11 Days



Let your imagination soar

Welcome to Sri Lanka

The tear drop shaped island of Sri Lanka lies in the Indian Ocean just off the southern tip of India. With its golden sandy beaches, azure blue waters and warm tropical climate, Sri Lanka is a year-round destination for holidaymakers seeking sun, sand and sea.

The island has a rich cultural heritage that dates back over 2,000 years which is linked to the origins of Buddhism in the country with magnificently constructed stupas and the ruins of ancient kingdoms. Controlled from the 16th century onwards by the Portuguese, Dutch and finally the British prior to gaining full independence in 1948, the influences of colonial powers remain visible in architecture and a number of forts across the country.

Sri Lanka is recognised as a global biodiversity hotspot with a rich variety of endemic flora and fauna, and incredibly for a small island, can boast of large iconic animals such as the Asian Elephant, Leopard and the largest animal to have inhabited our planet, the Blue Whale. From palm fringed beaches to scrub jungles and numerous man-made lakes in the lowlands to tropical rainforests, cloud forests and highlands laden with waterfalls at its centre, this resplendent isle is abundant in natural beauty.

Highlights of the Itinerary:

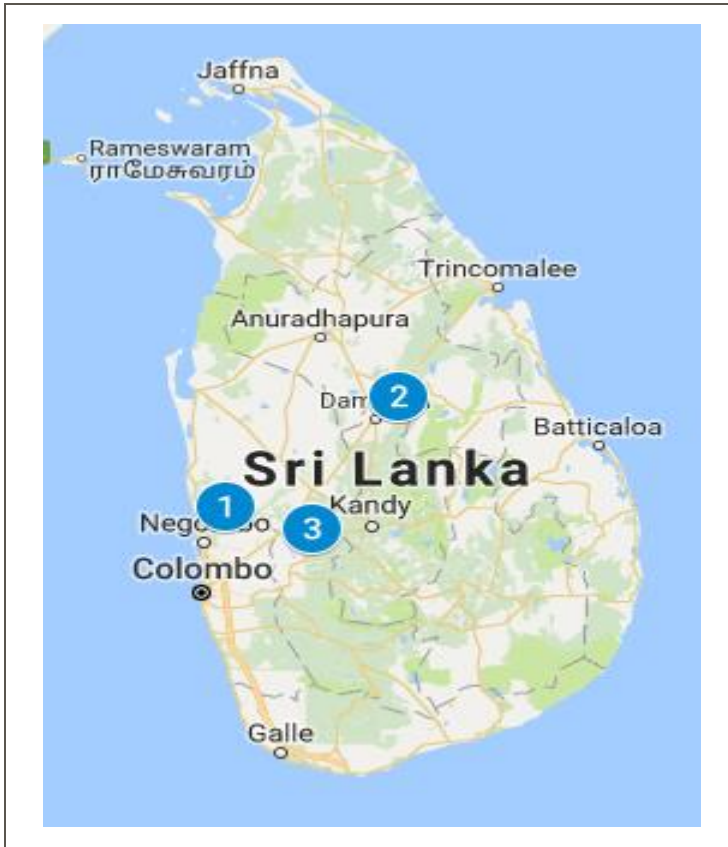
- See Asian Elephants in the wild
- A Hot Air Balloon Ride
- Climb & visit the awe inspiring Sigiriya Rock Fortress
- A visit to the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic
- Accommodation in a unique collection of boutique properties
- The un-realistic beach island Maldives

Specially created for

Honeymooners



At a glance



7 nights / 8 days

1 - Wadumunnegedara (Day 1,2)

2 - Sigiriya (Day 3,4)

3 - Kegalle (Day 5,6)

AN & BEYOND CUSTOM-DESIGNED ITINERARY		
DATE	SERVICE	ACCOMMODATION
Day 1	Met on arrival by an &Beyond representative and transfer to Horathapola Estate, Wadumunnegedara (approx 1 hour drive) Spend rest of the day relaxing	
	Overnight at Horathapola Estate, Wadumunnegedara - 02 Nights	DBL Standard Room - HB
Day 2	Breakfast at Hotel At leisure	
	Horathapola has many activities on offer: (Village walk, a traditional cooking experience Cycling , visit to the local "pola" (farmers market) & Bird watching Overnight at Horathapola Estate, Wadumunnegedara	DBL Standard Room - HB
Day 3	After breakfast travel to Sigiriya (3 ½ hour drive) Afternoon visit either Minneriya / Kaudulla National Park.	

	Spend 02 nights at Water Garden Resort, Sigiriya	DBL Deluxe Villa - HB
Day 4	Morning experience a hot air balloon ride in Sigiriya (Excursion is usually held between 20th October to end of April.)	
	Spend afternoon at leisure	
	Overnight at Water Garden Resort, Sigiriya	DBL Deluxe Villa - HB
Day 5	After a leisurely breakfast, drive to the Rosyth Estate House, Kegalle via Kandy (approx. 4-hour drive)	
	On arrival in Kandy, visit the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic	
	Overnight at Rosyth Estate House, Kegalle - 02 nights	DBL Deluxe Room - HB
Day 6	At Leisure	
	Overnight at Rosyth Estate House, Kegalle	DBL Deluxe Room - HB
Day 7	Transfer to Colombo Airport in time for your connecting flight to the Maldives (Approx. 2 hours) (We recommend that you be at the airport at least 03 hours prior to departure flight) Meet and Greet at Male Airport Transfer a Speed Boat to Cocoa Island Approx 40 Min	
	4 nights at Cocoa Island by COMO, Maldives	DBL Dhoni Suite- Bed & Breakfast & Complimentary Upgrade to Half Board
Day 8 to 10	Day at Leisure to do independent activities	
Day 11	Transfer by a Speed Boat to Male Airport (Approx 40 Min).	

GLOSSARY

BB = Bed and breakfast

HB = Room + Breakfast + dinner

FB = Full Board basis (please check itinerary for specific includes & excludes per property)

Maldives - Bed & Breakfast & Complimentary Half Board = Bed and Breakfast + one 3-course dinner per person, per day

Meals may be taken in Ufaa Restaurant - Beverages are not included and charged

ENTRY/VISA REQUIREMENTS

- As for all international travel, the visitor to Sri Lanka is required to be in possession of a valid passport and visa. Travellers from all countries need a visa.
- We highly recommend you to apply for online visas (US \$ 35 for Tourist Visa) to avoid unnecessary delays in trying to obtain Visa on arrival, which can take an hour or so of waiting in line. SAARC Nationals pay US \$ 20 online, and US \$ 25 if applying on arrival.
- A valid passport not less than 6 months, a confirmed return or onward air ticket and sufficient funds for the stay are the entry requirements to the country. If obtaining a visa on arrival, please pay by cash (US \$ 40 for Tourist Visa) since payment by credit cards can take longer to process. You must carry a passport sized photograph if obtaining a visa on arrival.

- Please note that the above details are subject to change, when the government authorities revise their policies.
- **SATELLITE PHONES ARE NOT ALLOWED IN SRI LANKA**
- **Visas for Male** - There are no specific requirements for entry and everyone gets a visitor's visa on arrival. A few items are not allowed to carry like alcohol; drugs; pornography and idols of worship. Prefer to check with the concerned department to check if there are any revised Government policies

Expect the extraordinary

Day 1 - Airport - Wadumunnegedara

Met on arrival by an &Beyond representative and transfer to Horathapola Estate, Wadumunnegedara (approx 1-hour drive)

Horathapola Estate, Wadumunnegedara

Hidden amidst the beautiful lush landscapes of rural Sri Lanka lies Horathapola Estate, a plantation bungalow surrounded by a working organic coconut plantation. A hour and a half's drive from the Bandaranaike International Airport, this grand plantation bungalow dates from the early 1900. It has been beautifully restored to host five spacious luxury guestrooms and is a fully functioning organic coconut estate of roughly 50 acres. It sustains the livelihoods of about 30 families living in the neighbouring village. An ideal place to break journey after your long flight in to Sri Lanka, Horathapola Estate will help you relax and unwind before you set out to explore the rest of the Island.

Spend 02 nights at Horathapola Estate. Accommodation is in a standard room. Your stay is on Half Board basis.



Day 2 - Wadumunnegedara

This morning you can either spend day at leisure or engage in leisure activities. Horathapola has many on offer.

Activities range from a guided walking tour through the nearby village. The walk is an ideal opportunity for meeting and chatting with the friendly locals, bird watching and visiting an organic coconut oil manufacturing plant & a Village Temple)

You may also experience a traditional cooking experience, some Cycling - Take a ride around the village trails on a bicycle, Make a visit to the local "pola" (farmers market) - (active only on Saturdays) & a Bullock Cart Ride.

Overnight at Horathapola Estate. Accommodation is in a standard room. Your stay is on Half Board basis.



Day 3 - Wadumunnegedara - Sigiriya

After breakfast, transfer to Water Garden, Sigiriya (approx. 3 ½ hours)

Water Garden, Sigiriya

Spread across 35 acres with the magnificent Sigiriya Rock Fortress as the backdrop, Water Garden was designed by renowned Sri Lankan architect Channa Dasawatte as a tribute to the ancient water gardens that once surrounded Sigiriya Rock Fortress. The hotel has been built using some of the finest materials in the world and is furnished tastefully, highlighting several creative pieces done by local artists. Take refuge from the sun in the open-plan reception area before you are taken to your respective villa in a buggy. Water Garden offers accommodation in 30 villas in three categories - 13 Standard Villas (950sqft), 13 Deluxe Villas (1282sqft) and 4 Duplex Villas (2135sqft).

Afternoon visit minneriya /Kaudulla or Hurullu Eco Park depending on the movements of the elephants.

Minneriya / Kaudulla National Park

'The Gathering of Elephants', which is ranked among the world's top wildlife viewing spectacles runs from June - October each year. Each afternoon, around 150 - 200 individual elephants come out of the forest in to the open to graze on the fresh green pasture by the water's edge at Minneriya and Kaudulla national parks. You have excellent opportunities here to observe the social dynamics of the Asian Elephant as the large bulls in musth compete among each other and seek the females within the herd, while young calves with carefree abandon get up to their mischievous antics often to the displeasure of its alert mothers within the herd.

Other large animals found here include Jackal, Spotted Deer, Grey Langur and Toque Macaque are the other large animals found here, while flocks of Painted Stork, Spot-billed Pelican, Asian Open bill and Indian Cormorant are found at the water's edge by the tanks. Grey-headed Fishing Eagle and White-bellied Sea Eagle soar above the tanks preying on fish and other small animals.

Spend 02 nights at Water Garden, Sigiriya. Accommodation is in a Deluxe Villa. Your stay is on Half Board basis.



Day 4 - Sigiriya

Early this morning, engage in a hot air ballooning ride.

(Usually conducted between 20th October to end of April.)

The flight takes approximately 1 hour (plus or minus 10 minutes) depending on landing sites.

Hot air ballooning provides visitors panoramic views of the Sri Lankan countryside. The balloon takes off from Sigiriya, and goes over the cultural triangle where you can see the splendour of the Lion Rock, the dense expanses of monsoon forests and the stunning man-made reservoirs built in ancient times that hold rain water, used to irrigate paddy fields and vegetable plots.

(Hot air ballooning is totally weather dependent; flights will be cancelled by the Pilots for safety reasons)

Visit Sigiriya thereafter.

Sigiriya Rock Fortress

Referred to as 'The Lion Rock' by locals, Sigiriya became the capital during the reign of King Kashyapa in the 4th century A.D. After slaying his own father, King Dhatusena of Anuradhapura to take the throne and fearing a retaliatory attack from the rightful heir Moggallana who fled to neighboring India, the new King constructed his royal palace on the summit of this 200 meter high rock with a fortress for his own protection. Walk through the meticulously landscaped Royal Gardens and ascend towards the summit where only ruins of the royal palace now remain. A visit to the fresco gallery with its ancient paintings of the King's maids in waiting and the Mirror Wall with ancient transcripts that closely match the modern-day Sinhalese language should also not be missed. In 495 A.D, Moggallana returned from his exile and defeated the King re-instating Anuradhapura as the capital. Sigiriya was then used as a Buddhist monastery until the 14th century prior to being mysteriously abandoned.

There is a lot to see and explore at the lower levels of Sigiriya and for those wishing to climb, please note that there are occasional seasonal visitations from Hornets at the higher levels. This is usually during the middle of the day and in response to noise and other disturbances. We therefore schedule early morning visits for those wishing to climb to the top.

Overnight at Water Garden, Sigiriya. Accommodation is in a Deluxe Vila. Your stay is on Half Board Basis.



Day 5 - Sigiriya - Kegalle

After a leisurely breakfast, drive to the Rosyth Estate House, Kegalle via Kandy (approx. 4-hour drive)

Kandy

Kandy was established as a city by King Wikramabahu III from the Kingdom of Gampola in the 13th Century AD and was given the name 'Senkadagalapura Siriwardhana Maha Nuwara' which was shortened to 'Maha Nuwara' which means 'Great City' or 'Capital'. Today, Kandy is Sri Lanka's second largest city after Colombo and is given a UNESCO World Heritage status as a sacred city due to the importance of the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic. Kandy was the capital of the last Sinhalese Kingdom under King Sri Wickrama Rajasinghe which finally succumbed to British rule in 1815 after repelling several other invasions from the Portugese and the Dutch. The King was also responsible for building the Kandy Lake which sprawls across the central area of the city. Lying at an altitude of 500m above sea level and surrounded by Knuckles and Hunnasgiriya mountain ranges, the temperatures around Kandy are slightly cooler and conditions more pleasant than in the lowlands.

On arrival in Kandy, visit the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic

Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic Kandy

Referred locally as the Sri Dalada Maligawa, the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic is the most revered site in the country. The Temple was built in the 16th century AD and is located adjacent to the Royal Palace complex of the former Kingdom of Kandy and overlooks the expanses of the Kandy Lake. Housing the sacred tooth relic of the Lord Buddha, the building has held a significant role in local politics since ancient times, with a belief that whoever holds the relic has the right to govern the country. The sacred tooth was smuggled in to Sri Lanka from India by a princess in the 4th century AD and was initially kept in Anuradhapura and then moved across the country over time before being housed in Kandy. This sacred temple attracts thousands of white-clad pilgrims on a daily basis bearing lotus blossoms and frangipani for their offerings which are known as pujas. Ensure that you dress appropriately, wearing clothes that cover your legs and shoulders and please do remove your shoes before entering the holy temple.

Continue to Kegalle.



Rosyth Estate House, Kegalle

Rosyth Estate is a 1926 colonial planter's bungalow set in a 62-acre private tea and rubber estate offering outstanding accommodation, exceptional food and extraordinary experiences. The Rosyth Estate House provides guests with the opportunity to experience the beauty and culture of rural Sri Lanka. Explore the estate, visit the local tea factory, chill by the pool or take in the stunning views.

Spend 02 nights at the Rosyth Estate, Kegalle. Accommodation is in a Deluxe Room. Your stay is on Half Board basis.



Day 6 - Kegalle

Breakfast at the Estate.

Spend full day at leisure

Overnight at the Rosyth Estate, Kegalle. Your stay is on Half Board basis.



Day 7 - Kegalle - Airport - Male

Transfer to Colombo Airport in time for departure flight to Male (Flight schedule to be advised which vary from season to season).

(We recommend that you be at the airport at least 03 hours prior to departure flight)

On arrival at Maldives airport the resort/hotel host will be awaiting with a placard with your name and then you will be escorted to speed boat which will take 40 minutes to reach Cocoa Island.



Cocoa is imbued with a sense of light, purity and serenity. Every aspect of the design, the cuisine and the organization of the island aims to enhance emotional and spiritual health. You can just wallow in the sheer beautiful luxury. It is most suited for couples. This understated luxury experience includes holistic wellness treatments at COMO Shambhala Retreat, South Indian-influenced cuisine and world-class diving. Cocoa is a luxury resort regarded for its private locale as well as some of the best diving in the Indian Ocean

Note: Check-in time is of 1400 hrs.

WHY & Beyond recommends it:

- Barefoot Luxury
- Uniqueness of House Reef
- COMO Shambhala Retreat for Spa lovers
- Organic Cuisine

Activities:

- Catamaran Snorkelling Trip
- Guided Snorkelling (House Reef)
- Night Snorkelling
- Aquarium Snorkelling
- Night Diving (House Reef)
- Parasailing
- Turtle Expedition (Snorkelling)

Dhoni Suite

These split-level bedrooms have king-sized or twin beds. The spacious living area leads onto a private sun deck with two chaise lounges, a dining table and direct access to the lagoon. The bathroom contains a single vanity unit with separate bath, shower stall and WC. (75sq m/807sq ft):

Spend four nights at **Cocoa Island by Como**. Accommodation is in a **Dhoni Suite** with ensuite facilities. Your stay is on bed & breakfast basis + a Complimentary Upgrade to Half Board.



Day 8 to 10 - Male

Maldives is famous for:

- Luxurious resort in its own private Island
- Magnificent coral walls
- Deep Sea divers paradise
- Delightful snorkelling experience around the house reef
- Amazing marine life

Spend the days relaxing and enjoying the resort's facilities or treat yourself at the different spa treatments being offered by each resort; chose excellent choice of foods, great range of activities from diving to snorkelling to sunset cruise to surfing.

Note: Please contact resort manager at the time of check-in to discuss the options available with them as they have daily schedules and recommended activities.

Day at Leisure to do independent activities.



Day 11 - Male - Airport

Transfer to the Male Airport by Speed Boat to connect to your onward flight.



Accommodation

DATE	DESTINATION	ACCOMMODATION	DETAILS
Day 1	Wadumunnegedara	Horathapola	1 x Standard Double Half board
Day 2	Wadumunnegedara	Horathapola	1 x Standard Double Half board
Day 3	Sigiriya	Water Garden	1 x Deluxe villa Half board
Day 4	Sigiriya	Water Garden	1 x Deluxe villa Half board
Day 5	Kegalle	Rosyth Estate	1 x Deluxe room Half board
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Day 7	Maldives	Cocoa Island by Como	1 x Dhoni suite Bed & Breakfast & Upgrade to Complimentary Half Board
Day 8	Maldives	Cocoa Island by Como	1 x Dhoni suite Bed & Breakfast & Upgrade to Complimentary Half Board
Day 9	Maldives	Cocoa Island by Como	1 x Dhoni suite Bed & Breakfast & Upgrade to Complimentary Half Board
Day 10	Maldives	Cocoa Island by Como	1 x Dhoni suite Bed & Breakfast & Upgrade to Complimentary Half Board

What's included:

SRI LANKA

- Accommodation at the Hotels and as per the meal plans mentioned above.
- All transport services using 01 Air-conditioned Car based on options provided.
- All sightseeing and related entrance charges as mentioned in the itinerary.
- We will be providing an English-speaking Chauffeur Guide throughout the tour.
- Bottle water during sightseeing tours and long drives.
- All presently applicable government taxes.

MALDIVES

- Accommodation in one Double room
- Includes Breakfast & Complimentary Upgrade from Half board
- Return airport transfers by a Shared Speed Boat.

Complimentary Honeymoon Amenities

Bottle of Champagne

Daily Fruit Platter

Gift from Cocoa Island

A \$60 spa credit per person

Honeymoon amenities are available upon the presentation of a recent marriage certificate, dated within 6-month period and a copy is to be sent to the resort at the time of booking

What's not included?

SRI LANKA

- Sri Lankan Visa
- Lunch and Dinner unless stated otherwise
- Beverages, unless stated otherwise
- Items of a personal nature such as laundry, phone calls etc.
- Any hotel early check ins or late check outs unless stated otherwise.
- Any Insurance
- International and domestic airfare unless stated otherwise.
- Tips to guides, airport and hotel porters and restaurants. (Tipping is expected!)
- Any change in tax structure resulting from the hike in published tariff.
- Any other item not explicitly mentioned under included price.

MALDIVES

- Maldives Visa.
- Any International Airfare to Sri Lanka & from Maldives onwards.
- Alcoholic Drinks & Soft drinks & Beverages at all times even during meals.
- Any change in tax structure resulting from the hike in published tariff.
- Items of personal nature like tips, laundry, phone calls etc.
- Cost of any activities in Maldives.
- Any meals other than those specified as above.
- Any Beverages (to be charged directly based on actual consumption).
- Any other item not explicitly mentioned under price includes.
- Any Insurance