



Itinerario

Detalles del viaje: 14 días



Ida

● Día 1 · UK - Colombo

· Arrival at UK departure airport ready to check-in for flight to Colombo.

● Día 2 · Colombo

· Arrival at Colombo airport and transfer to your accommodation. Overnight in Colombo.

● Día 3 · Colombo - Dambulla

· Breakfast and city tour of Colombo: Vibrant, bustling and colourful Colombo offers a stunning contrast to the rest of the country. Here skyscrapers grow out of historic colonial era districts near the port yet this modern metropolis never loses its old world charm. Visit the famous Pettah bazaar, Hindu and Buddhist temples such as the Gangarama and Sri Kailawasanathan Swami Devasthanam Kovil, and some of the city's residential areas such as Cinnamon Gardens, where you find prestigious addresses such as the Prime Minister's Office, Independence Hall, Colombo Town Hall and the National Museum as well as the stately homes of the affluent. Afterwards proceed to Dambulla and overnight.

● Día 4 · Dambulla - Sigiriya - Polonnaruwa - Dambulla

· Breakfast . Begin on a high with a climb to the fifth century Sigiriya fortress, which sits atop a rock that dramatically rises almost 200 metres above the rainforest King Kashyapa built a citadel at the top of this giant boulder known as the 'Lion Rock', which was the innermost stronghold of a vast fortified city. Pass through the lion's 'belly' and climb to the top via a spiral staircase that snakes its way around the rock. From the summit, enjoy breathtaking views over the surrounding landscape and beyond into horizon. In the afternoon, discover the well-preserved ruins of the ancient city of Polonnaruwa. Built about 1,000 years ago, it features a large artificial lake, which is still in use and feeds a network of irrigation canals, the remains of a royal palace and a number of temples and administrative buildings. Admire the Gal Viharaya with its four statues of the Buddha carved out of rock, the Audience Hall, the Lotus Bath and the statue of King Parakramabahu. Contemplate also the Shiva Temple, the Lankathilake, the Watadage and the Galpotha. Overnight in Dambulla.

● Día 5 · Dambulla - Matale - Peradeniya - Kandy

· Breakfast. Continue to the Golden Temple of Dambulla to explore this 2,000-year-old sacred pilgrimage site carved deep inside a mountain. This awe-inspiring complex of five caves is a UNESCO World Heritage Site that features thousands of metres of painted walls and ceiling, and contains more than 150 images of the Lord Buddha as well as a few of deities and Sri Lankan kings. Enjoy a visit to a spice and herb gardens in Matale. Sri Lankan spices such as turmeric, nutmeg, cardamom, cinnamon and lemon grass are considered among the best in the world. Witness a cookery demonstration and learn about the culinary and therapeutic values of these products. Proceed to Kandy for a visit to the Peradeniya Royal Botanical Gardens, whose origins can be traced back to the 14th century. Overnight in Kandy.

● Día 6 · Kandy

· Breakfast . Kandy renowned for its beautiful lakeside location, framed by lush hills, and an all-pervasive divinity but the jewel in its ever-resplendent crown is surely the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic. This stunning complex, the holiest of all for Sri Lankan Buddhists, was built in the 16th century solely for the purpose of housing a relic of one of the Lord Buddha's canine teeth. Other notable structures include the Golden Canopy, the New Palace and the Royal Palace, the old courthouse, the Queen's Bathing House, the National Museum and the sanctuary. Take to the road onwards for a day discovering Sri Lanka's wildlife and heritage, the enchanting Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage, which was founded in 1975 with just five calves and has more than 100 today. Catch sight of them at feeding time and then watch these gentle giants frolicking in the waters of the River Maha Oya at bath time. Cap off the day with a night at a dramatic cultural show and prepare for a sizzling fire walking performance that will have you on the edge of your seat. Overnight in Kandy.

● Día 7 · Kandy - Tea Plantation - Nuwara Eliya

· Breakfast . Savour Sri Lanka's most famous product with a visit to a tea plantation and factory. Observe the tea production process from the picking of the leaves to their grading and selection, and finally the manufacture of dried tea leaves for drinking. Cap off this experience with a tasting of genuine Ceylon tea in the factory. Continue to Nuwara Eliya, the picturesque lakeside town that is Sri Lanka's proud 'tea capital' and which is also known as 'Little England' because of the preponderance of tidy bungalows with rose lawns, not to mention a Victoria Park, a racecourse and an 18-hole golf course that is considered one of the best in south Asia. Other attractions near this charming relic of empire include the evocatively named Lovers' Leap waterfall and Sri Lanka's highest mountain, the 2,500-metre Pidurutalagala, which overlooks the town. Overnight in Nuwara Eliya.

● Día 8 · Nuwara Eliya - Buduruwagala - Yala

· Breakfast . Drive in a south-easterly direction passing through tea plantations, verdant landscapes and remote highland towns such as Ella. Continue towards the temple of Buduruwagala, near where more than 1,000 years ago seven statues of Buddha and other revered figures were carved into a rock. At 15 metres, the middle sculpture is the tallest Buddha statue in the island. Begin the descent from the central highlands and continue to Yala National Park for a Jeep safari. Explore this vast natural wilderness, which goes all the way to the sea, giving it a scenic ocean frontage and a truly wild and exotic aura. It features

terrains of grassy plains, deciduous forests and sand dunes, which combine to make ideal habitats for thousands of species in Yala. The park is home to hundreds of elephants, boars, buffalo, sloth bears, deer, crocodiles and the endangered Sri Lankan leopard. Overnight in Yala.

● **Día 9** · Yala - Galle - Kosgoda - Kalutara

Breakfast . Drive to Galle with the waves of the Indian Ocean crashing against south coast for much of the route. Straddling a beautiful bay, Galle is a multicultural city with a rich colonial heritage, having been colonised by the Portuguese, Dutch and British. The Dutch-built fort is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and it features a labyrinth of tightly packed alleys and lanes of historic homes and buildings. Continue north along the coast to Kosgoda, which is famed for its turtle hatchery. Several species of turtles, including the endangered hawksbill are protected in this refuge. Overnight in Kalutara.

● **Día 10** · Kalutara

Breakfast . Spend the day at your leisure. Relax whilst enjoying the beach and or one of the two pools available at the hotel. Overnight in Kalutara.

● **Día 11** · Kalutara

Breakfast . Continue to enjoy the facilities at the hotel. Relax with a spa treatment or enjoy some of the sports activities available. Overnight in Kalutara.

● **Día 12** · Kalutara

Breakfast . Relax on your last day or maybe take an early morning whale watching trip from nearby Mirissa. Overnight in Kalutara.

● **Día 13** · Kalutara - Colombo - UK

After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to Colombo airport and return flight back to the UK. Night on board.

● **Día 14** · UK

Arrive in UK and end of your trip.

