

## Itinerario

### Detalles del viaje: 17 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 at the hotel and city tour of Colombo: vibrant and bustling, 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 prestigious residential areas such as Cinnamon Gardens. Afterwards proceed to Dambulla and overnight.

##### ● **Día 4** · Dambulla - Sigiriya - Polonnaruwa - Dambulla

· Breakfast at the hotel. 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. Overnight in Dambulla.

##### ● **Día 5** · Dambulla - Matale - Peradeniya - Kandy

· Breakfast at the hotel. 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 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. Overnight in Kandy.

##### ● **Día 6** · Kandy

· Breakfast at the hotel. Head towards 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. 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 at the hotel. 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. 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 at the hotel. 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 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. 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 at the hotel. 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. The Dutch-built fort is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and features a labyrinth of tightly packed alleys and lanes of historic homes 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 - Colombo - Maldives

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to Colombo airport for your flight to Male, the capital of the Maldives. Transfer to your hotel for an all-inclusive stay. Overnight in Maldives.

#### ● **Día 11** · Maldives

All-inclusive. Spend the day at your leisure and take the opportunity to discover the local market or simply unwind with a beach side massage. Overnight at your hotel.

#### ● **Día 12** · Maldives

All-inclusive. Immerse yourself in the sealife of the Indian Ocean by snorkelling or, better yet, we recommend taking a submarine tour of the vibrant waters. Overnight at your hotel.

#### ● **Día 13** · Maldives

All-inclusive. Spend another relaxing day in paradise. If you feel like leaving the beach, we recommend a visit to the Tsunami Monument, which commemorates the lives lost in the 2004 tsunami disaster, or the National Museum. Overnight at your hotel.

#### ● **Día 14** · Maldives

All-inclusive. Spend another relaxing day in paradise. Overnight at your hotel.

#### ● **Día 15** · Maldives

All-inclusive. Spend another relaxing day in paradise. Overnight at your hotel.

#### ● **Día 16** · Maldives - UK

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the airport for your return flight back to the UK. Night on board.

#### ● **Día 17** · UK

Arrive in the UK and end your trip.

