SRI LANKAN *Luxury* COLONIAL CIRCUIT



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19 DAYS | 18 NIGHTS
17 NOVEMBER - 5 DECEMBER 2027

HI THERE G&T CLUBBERS!

WELCOME TO YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE
G&T'S NEW AND REFRESHED
'SRI LANKAN LUXURY COLONIAL CIRCUIT'

We have run this tour **4 times already** in the past and it is certainly one of our favourites. Due to some of our **Clubber's feedback**, we have **designed** a **new** and refreshed itinerary with **several amazing tweaks**. Our **exceptional accommodation** has gone up a notch as Nishad (our operator in Sri Lanka) has been able to negotiate **excellent rates** at some of the **very best** Hotels, Resorts and Retreats throughout our **19-day action-packed itinerary**.

Sri Lanka, known as the **'Pearl of the Indian Ocean'** is an enchanting island that captivates the **heart & soul** of every lucky traveller. With its stunning **landscapes**, rich & vibrant **culture**, diverse **history**, sensational **food** and warm **hospitality**, it's no wonder Sri Lanka has become that **mesmerising destination** that can offer so many **unique experiences.**

Come with G&T and embark on a **captivating** journey through **COLONIAL SRI LANKA!**

Whether you're a **nature lover**, **adventurer**, **history enthusiast**, **foodie**, or simply enjoy a little **relaxation** and **luxury**, Sri Lanka has **something for everyone**!

The amazing diversity is what makes Sri Lanka **'The True Wonder of Asia'!**

Sri Lanka has 2 distinct and different monsoon seasons, 1 in the Southwest and 1 in the Northeast. **Travelling in** the second part of **November is perfect** because we can avoid both these monsoon times. November is also **just before peak season** so we can **avoid the crazy crowds**. We then travel in a **clockwise** direction to take advantage of finishing in the south in early December to enjoy the **best coastal climate**.

G&T have **designed this program** to give you, our Clubbers the **Ultimate Experience** in this sensational little Country. We have included **more 2-night stops** so that the pace remains **relaxed** and gives you time back for a **little indulgence**. Our signature **3-night stop** is towards the end, and the **Galle Fort** area is the **perfect location** for this longer stopover.



THINGS JUST KEEP GETTING BETTER

G&T have now extended the program from 15 days to 19 days adding more activities while still slowing the pace down to be able to enjoy a little more indulgence. We have upgraded the accommodation throughout to reflect a new Luxury Experience and offered 2 optional walks/hikes for those looking for more adventure!

NEW AWESOME ACCOMMODATION!

All our first-choice accommodation preferences have now all been locked in and already allocated for the G&T Travel Club and we are very excited to present the list here below (click on the links to view each property).

Colombo – The Granbel (2-nights Deluxe Boutique Hotel)
Wilpattu – Big Game Camp (2-nights Eco Safari Camp)
Anuradhapura – Uga Ulagalla (2-nights Pool Villa Retreat)
Sigiriya – Heritance Kandalama (2-nights Luxury Forest Retreat)
Kandy – Kandy Myst (2-nights 5 Star Resort)
Nuwara Eliya – The Grand Hotel (2-nights Luxury Colonial Hotel)
Ella – 98 Acres (2-nights Luxury Tea Plantation Resort)
Galle- Fort Bazaar (3-nights Deluxe Dutch Boutique Hotel)
Colombo - Galle Face Hotel (1-night Luxury Colonial Hotel)

NEW MORE ACTION-PACKED ITINERARY!

We are offering Section 1 of 'The Pekoe Trail' optional which starts just outside Kandy.
We are offering the 'Horton Plains' National Park Hike optional which starts from Nuwura Eliya.
Both are 'optional' for those who wish to include a little extra adventure!

NEW CULINARY DELIGHTS!

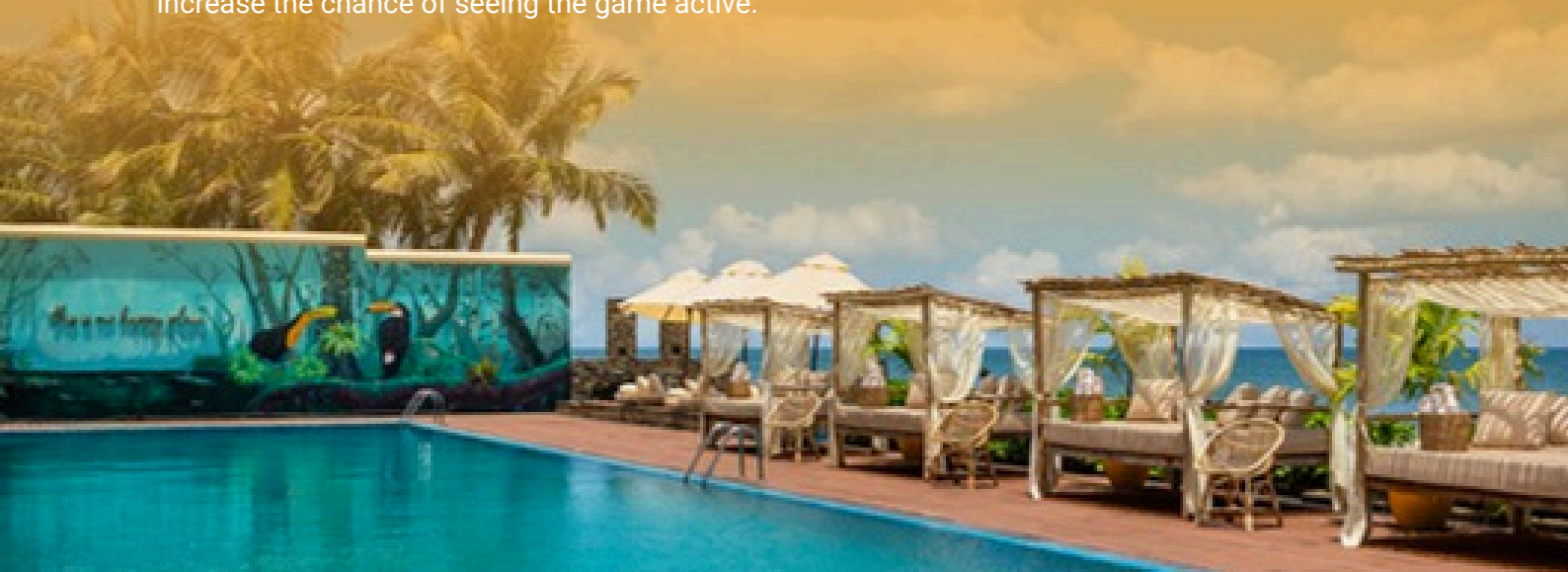
We have searched out some new fantastic restaurant options to add to the experience and also found a Cooking Class / Demonstration opportunity for those who are interested.

NEW ELEPHANT TRANSIT HOME VISIT!

We have added an Elly Experience, which is enroute, so no further driving required, and we will see how the orphans are released back to the wild.

NEW 2-NIGHT STOP IN WILLPATU (INSTEAD OF 1) WITH AN EXTRA GAME DRIVE!

After seeing how much our Clubbers enjoyed the early morning safari in Africa, we have decided to add an early morning game drive in Willpatu to witness the gorgeous colours of daybreak and increase the chance of seeing the game active.





HOW WE DIFFER

The following are some of the considerations we made, while developing our Luxury Sri Lankan program.

1. G&T always develop an **exciting itinerary** with natural flow to maximise our time and experience. We choose our tour dates with regard for the best possible weather and less crowds. Importance for Sri Lanka was given to the appreciation of the abundance of **UNESCO World Heritage Sites** but not forgetting the Culture & Lifestyle aspects.
2. G&T **handpicked superb accommodation** with the concept of **adding to your overall experience.** Several multi night stops have been added along with our signature 3-night stop towards the end. Our choices were made with consideration of location and proximity to the action, spectacular views, style, feel and facilities, not just a star-rating. We love to use experience accommodation that adds to the wow factor!
3. G&T always make choices that allow easy access to **excellent food.** Whether it be our daily breakfast or the proximity to great restaurants and cafes nearby. We also like to check that the obvious dietary requirements can be catered for. We have included several experience dinners in Sri Lanka to ensure that you don't miss out on the very best.
4. **G&T always host every Club Tour.** This gives you something no one else can match. We will be with you the entire time, assisting with your needs and looking after you personally. On top of that we will always employ our own National Tour Guides along with localised city guides to better understand the local areas.
5. G&T most importantly make sure that the product is **'Great Value'.** Not necessarily the cheapest but well worth the few extra dollars to ensure an amazing experience! The value will be evident in our chosen hotels and diverse itinerary.
6. G&T always design a tour program with the Clubbers in mind. The concept of the Club remains the same and that is, our Club is **invite only and not open to the general public.** Clubbers are always encouraged to bring along their immediate family and or friends as we feel that they too will be a good fit for the G&T Travel Club. The Club attracts many well-travelled and fun guests.

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On our tour we will focus on the amazing diversity that does make Sri Lanka 'The Wonder of Asia'! We begin in the modern city of Colombo before venturing northwest towards the cultural triangle. Here we find a treasure trove of ancient ruins and the birthplace of Sri Lankan Buddhism. Here we will also focus on the best of Sri Lankan wildlife. We will witness the life of the colonial tea plantations as we rise out of the plains into the lush mountains. Experiencing a cooler climate, we will learn about the pioneer's legacy that is now left in the architectural style of the homes and buildings. Leaving the largest population of Asian elephants behind we eventually descend to the coast to find the beautiful palm fringed beaches that are the epicentre of a thriving fishing and tourism industry. Here we explore the fortressed old city of Galle Fort still standing much like it did in its day. Come with us to see and feel what truly is 'The Wonder of Asia'!

Day 1 COLOMBO

'Ayubowan' - Welcome to Sri Lanka!

On arrival at the airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel in **Colombo.** The balance of the day is free for you to explore the city or simply enjoy the fantastic facilities of the hotel. Maybe a relaxing spa treatment after your long flight or a splash in the infinity pool!

Note: Tuk-Tuk drivers and/or their touts may approach you outside of the hotel. Many suggest that they are employees of the hotel and will offer you some sightseeing ideas. We will cover everything they offer and more tomorrow so please politely decline any offers they make. Generally, they are overpriced and may not even be tour guides 😉 If you do need transport independently just ask concierge to assist.

Note: Gools & Thommo will already be 'in country' and we will have some suggestions for dinner tonight**.**

ACCOMMODATION – 2 nights
Granbell Hotel Colombo (or similar)
MEALS - None

Day 2 COLOMBO SIGHTSEEING

NB: Temple clothes required today.

This morning you will enjoy a relaxing and delicious breakfast at the hotel.

After breakfast **we will explore the fascinating city of Colombo**, taking in its historic, religious and cultural landmarks, bustling streets, colonial architecture, and vibrant atmosphere.

Before we depart, we will have a **pre-departure meeting in the hotel** (time TBC). We will then discuss the next exciting 19 days ahead. Please arrive at this meeting with your **'tipping kitty cash'** and be ready to depart on our Colombo sightseeing tour.

NB: Today you will need to be dressed in the appropriate clothing for the temple/mosque. When we need temple clothes, we suggest covered shoulders and perhaps a sarong to cover your legs instead of long pants, we remove our shoes as well.

Granbell Hotel Colombo (or similar)
MEALS - Breakfast



Day 3 COLOMBO TO WILPATTU NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast we will leave the city behind and head north to Wilpattu National Park. **Wilpattu translates to 'Land of Lakes'**. The unique feature of this park is the existence of many 'willus' (natural lakes or sand-rimmed water basins).

En route, we may spot **the traditional art of 'Toddy Tapping'** – a toddy tapper climbs a tall coconut tree to collect sap from the flowers, which is used to make Arrak – a local popular **'age-old local brew'** like a whisky type of spirit.

Wilpattu is in the northwest coastal lowland dry zone of Sri Lanka. The park is approximately 131, 693 hectares in size.

With nearly sixty 'willus' and tanks spread throughout the park, **Wilpattu is the largest** and one of the **oldest National Parks in Sri Lanka.** It is also among the top national parks world-renowned for its '**Elusive Leopard'** population.

Wilpattu NP also has an **abundance of birdlife** (many of which are endemic to Sri Lanka), **Sambar Deer, Barking Deer, Wild Pig, Asiatic Buffalo, Mugger Crocodiles and Sloth Bears and Elephants.**

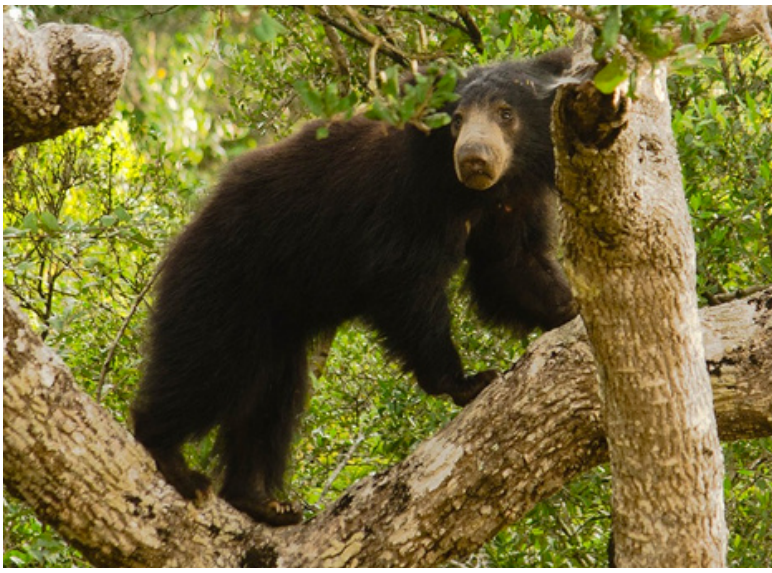
Our **first exciting safari** starts on arrival this afternoon. Please wear comfortable clothes and bring a hat, sunscreen, sunglasses and a bottle of water with you. Long sleeves are a good idea as the sides of the jeep are open.

We return to camp just before dark for a sundowner or two and a shower before enjoying our **fine dining dinner experience under the night sky.**

ACCOMMODATION – 2 nights
Big Game Camp Wilpattu
(safari eco camp in a private jungle reserve)
MEALS - Breakfast / Dinner









Day 4 FULL DAY WILPATTU

After a **peaceful sleep** in your eco tent we will head out for our **early morning safari.** You will be practiced now for what we are searching for and where to look. We will take a **packed breakfast box** with us this morning to **take advantage of the morning light.**

After our game drive we will return to camp for lunch.

The **afternoon is at leisure** to simply relax and read a book or manage your many photos before another delicious **dinner under the stars.** This evening you may be interested in a **night walk** or simply enjoy the evening with a **calming cup of Sri Lankan tea.**

Big Game Camp Wilpattu
(safari eco camp in a private jungle reserve)
MEALS - Breakfast / Dinner







Day 5 MIHINTALE ROCK

After a leisurely breakfast we will take a short drive to see, and climb (if you wish) the **Mihintale Rock.** It is believed by Sri Lankans to be the site of a meeting between the Buddhist monk Mahinda and King Devanampiya Tissa which **inaugurated** the presence of **Buddhism in Sri Lanka.** It is now a pilgrimage site, and the site of several religious monuments. It is revered as the **Cradle of Buddhism in Sri Lanka** and enjoys **spectacular sweeping views** from its summit.

Afterwards we have another short drive to our nearby **Luxury Retreat,** and the afternoon will be **yours to spend leisurely** in your **very own Ulagalla Pool Villa** or maybe enjoy one of the many activities around the resort.

Dinner tonight will be a real treat as the very best restaurant in the region is at our resort.

NB: The rock climb is very achievable but not compulsory and you will need good sturdy footwear.

ACCOMMODATION – 2 nights
Uga Ulagalla (or similar)
MEALS - Breakfast / Dinner

Day 6 ANURADHAPURA & ANCIENT CITY SIGHTSEEING

NB: Temple clothes are required today.

After a delicious **breakfast with a view,** we take a short drive to the historical township (sacred city) of Anuradhapura. **Sri Lanka's first ancient capital** renowned for its well-preserved ruins, sacred stupas, and centuries-old Buddhist heritage. The first of our **UNESCO World Heritage** sites. Today is a remarkable journey through time with several engineering marvels that continue to inspire awe. **Excavations** on this site have revealed a very **substantial human settlement.** It was not until the **4th Century**, under King Pandukabhaya (the first monarch of the kingdom) that **Anuradhapura became the capital** of Sri Lanka and began to gain fame and recognition. Among the many buildings & monuments still standing is the **Brazen Palace** built in the **2nd Century** as a monk's residence. **The Thuparamaya Stupa,** the **oldest Dagoba in the country** and believed to enshrine the collarbone of Buddha.

This afternoon you will have some **free time to explore Uga Ulgalla** and enjoy the surrounds of this **magnificent property.**

Uga Ulagalla (or similar)
MEALS - Breakfast / Dinner







Day 7 MINNERIYA NATIONAL PARK ELEPHANT SAFARI

After breakfast you will have the **morning at leisure.** The hotel has ample complementary and chargeable activities available for you to choose from.

We will **check out around midday** and travel to **Minneriya or Kaudulla National Park** for an **exciting afternoon Game Drive.** These national parks, which border each other, are **the largest known meeting place of Asian Elephants in the world!** Lucky visitors have reported spotting **large herds** (up to 100 at a time) across the **forests, grasslands** or right near the **lake.** The jeeps are **African Safari Style** generally so a long sleeve shirt with a collar is recommended to keep the sun off.

After our safari we make our way onto our wonderful accommodation that sits **within 211 acres of protected forest.**

ACCOMMODATION – 2 nights
Heritance Kandalama (or similar)
MEALS - Breakfast

Day 8 SIGIRIYA LION ROCK & VILLAGE TOUR

It is an **early start** this morning to **beat the crowds** as we **climb** and **discover** the iconic **Sigiriya Lion Rock.** A 5th Century **rock fortress**, Sigiriya is famed for its **ancient frescoes,** landscape **gardens,** and **breathtaking views.** Sigiriya contains the ruins of an ancient palace complex, built during the reign of King Kashyapa. It is one of the **8 UNESCO World Heritage** sites in Sri Lanka, and it is also one of the most popular tourist attractions. There are likely to be crowds of enthusiastic travellers here but for good reason! The Sigiriya site consists of a **180m tall granite rock,** whose sides are so steep that at some points the top appears to overhang the base. At the very top of the site (for those who wish to do the climb) we can **wander amongst the ruins** and enjoy the **spectacular views.**

The ruins of various chambers, stairways and pools can be seen here. There is a **stone stairway leading from the base** to the top of the mountain. Somebody told us that there were 1200 steps, but we did not count them 😉 **Do not let the number of steps concern you too much.** We have plenty of time to **take them slowly!** About halfway to the top, there is a **giant pair of lion paws** which served as the entrance to the **Royal Palace.**

From here you choose if you wish to continue to the toppy top 😉 **Surrounding the palace complex** at the base are the **ruins of a lush garden** consisting of two ancient moats and various pools.

If you don't wish to climb to the actual summit, then the area around **the base** offers a **great alternative.** It is an interesting place to relax and imagine what once existed here. **There is something for everyone whatever your fitness level** and well worth the early start.

NB: Either Gools or Thommo can stay at the bottom of the complex with those who choose not to climb the rock at all. But most guests so far have at least managed to reach halfway and absolutely loved it.

Once we return to the hotel you will have some time to freshen up before heading off on a **Local Village Tour.** This is a relaxed and **authentic** immersion into **traditional rural life** and warm **Sri Lankan hospitality.** Travel by **tuk-tuk** and an agricultural **tractor,** take a ride across the lake in a traditional **canoe**, wander through **lush rice paddies** and meet **warm-hearted local villagers.** We will experience Sri Lankan **Village Cooking** and enjoy our lunch with the family.

Heritance Kandalama (or similar)
MEALS - Breakfast / Lunch



Day 9 DAMBULLA CAVE & KANDY

NB: Temple clothes are required today.

After breakfast we will drive to Dambulla town and visit **Dambulla Rock Cave Temple,** a sacred complex of **beautifully preserved rock temples** adorned with **ancient mural paintings** and over **150 Buddha Statues.** The temple is reached via an easy climb (stairs/ramps) that rewards you with sweeping views. **The caves** of Dambulla **sheltered King Walagamba** during his 14 years of exile from Anuradhapura; after gaining the throne he built the Rock Temples, and they are the **most magnificent** to be found in Sri Lanka. They too are **UNESCO World Heritage.** You will have time to wander through the many caves.

After exploring the caves we will **continue onto Kandy,** the 'Hill Capital' and 'Cultural Heart' of Sri Lanka. Fantastic **colonial buildings** can be found throughout this little city. Kandy was built around a **manmade lake** and is home to the most sacred Buddhist Temple on the Island. The **'Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic'** is believed to house the tooth relic of Lord Buddha.

Upon arrival in Kandy, we will head into **the centre of town** and take the opportunity to explore with **some free time.** You can enjoy a walk around the **compact and interesting streets** (or around the lake) and have a relaxed lunch (at own expense). We will then meet up at a designated point and **proceed to our hotel.**

We will have time then to **freshen up** before heading across to the **Sri Dalada Maligawa** (the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic) for our guided tour a little later in the afternoon. The temple showcases some **exquisite architecture and interesting rituals.**

We will then make our way back to the hotel for our dinner.

ACCOMMODATION – 2 nights
Kandy Myst by Cinnamon (or similar)
MEALS - Breakfast / Dinner









Day 10 KANDY SIGHTSEEING

This morning, you can choose to either have a **relax by the pool or a 'little lay in'** or venture out on a **local walking trail.**

OPTIONAL MORNING HIKE:

National geographic voted **The Pekoe Trail** as 'ONE OF THE BEST' in the world for 2024. It is 300+km long and consists of 22 stages. Today you can do the very first stage as it starts right near Kandy.
Length: 12.84 km / Duration: 4 hours / Elevation Gain: 537m / Elevation Loss: 470m.
Classed as EASY.

The Pekoe Trail begins on the **scenic Hantana Estate.** The trail winds gently through the **lush landscapes,** offering **stunning views** of Kandy and the **iconic seven peaks** of the **Hantana Mountain Range.** At the **highest part** of the trail, you will have **views of Knuckles Range** and **Victoria Reservoir.** The trail passes through some dense towering **pine forest, quaint villages** and **'Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom'** was partially shot in this area. You will **enjoy this first stage** of the **Pekoe Trail** as it **offers** an unforgettable blend of **cultural landmarks, natural beauty,** and **historical intrigue.**

COST TBA and depends on group numbers.

Once the walkers return, we will visit the **Royal Botanical Gardens,** originally conceived as the Queen's pleasure garden in 1371. Today, it is Sri Lanka's premier botanical gardens famed for its **vast collection of orchids,** towering **royal palms** and beautifully landscaped **tropical gardens.** The stroll around the gardens is truly amazing. **Many of our guests** have commented in the past that **'you do not need to be a plant lover to enjoy these beautiful gardens'.**

Kandy Myst by Cinnamon (or similar)
MEALS - Breakfast / Dinner





Day 11 NUWARA ELIYA & HILL COUNTRY

After breakfast, we travel to **Nuwara Eliya, a 'hill station'** known for its **cool climate, colonial charm,** misty **tea plantations,** and **picturesque countryside,** and often called the **'Little England' of Sri Lanka.** It can be one of the coolest places on the island, often just like an English spring day! The temperature does drop at night so a warm fleece may be required if venturing out after dark.

Stopping for lunch along the way (at own expense) we will then visit a **tea factory** to see the manufacturing process of world famous **'Ceylon Tea'.** Tea was first planted in Sri Lanka in 1824, when a few plants were brought in from China. More were introduced from Assam, India in 1839. In 1867, a **Scottish planter named James Taylor** planted tea seedlings on 8 hectares of forest land, in the **Loolkandura Estate.**

In 1873, the tea export industry of Sri Lanka began with a modest amount being shipped to London. Tea will grow only on **rolling terrain** and is classified into 3 main groups of elevation as low grown, medium grown and high grown. We will get a chance to **see the plantations** up close and you may **spot some tea pickers** along the way. You will see evidence of the **British influence** all around the **quaint town of Nuwara Eliya.**

Once **checked into the hotel** you will be free to **leisurely enjoy your afternoon,** perhaps around the **gorgeous gardens** surrounding of the Grand Hotel or take a gentle stroll up the many **little country lanes.**

ACCOMMODATION – 2 nights
Grand Hotel Nuwara Eliya (or similar)
MEALS - Breakfast







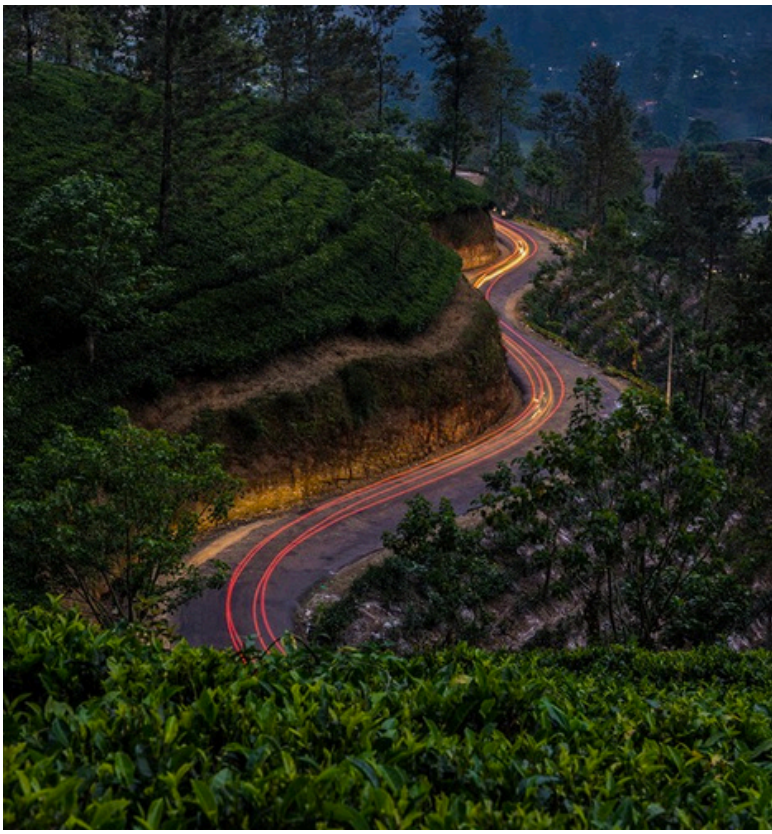
Day 12 FULL DAY NUWARA ELIYA

Enjoy a **lazy start** today and a 'bountiful breakfast graze' as you have **a full day at leisure** in Nuwara Eliya. A morning in the garden or take advantage of the Spa Treatments available inhouse, or maybe play a round of golf, you can decide. For those who wish to add an exciting walk to the itinerary you may do that today with an optional excursion.



OPTIONAL MORNING HIKE:

A spectacular morning hike in **Horton Plains** National Park, a **UNESCO World Heritage** listed highland plateau of **rolling grasslands** and **cloud forests,** culminating at the dramatic **World's End** cliff with breathtaking **panoramic views.**



The hike departs early as you need to complete the walk before the clouds roll in. You will **be back at the hotel with free time around lunchtime.**

COST TBA and depends on group numbers.

NB: If you are interested in a round of Golf today (availability pending). Please advise in advance, so we check in direct with the Club.

Grand Hotel Nuwara Eliya (or similar)
MEALS - Breakfast



Day 13 NUWARA ELIYA TO ELLA BY SCENIC TRAIN

We will enjoy a **relaxed breakfast** this morning and a **late checkout** combined with a **morning at leisure** in Nuwara Eliya where you can explore the **charming little town** at your own pace. Many homes and hotels around town are like **country cottages** or '**Queen Ann Style' mansions** found across England. Enjoy your walk with the quiet streets, **colonial architecture,** and **local markets.** Maybe find a bakery for a delicious snack or try a **traditional Kottu Roti.** You will hear this dish being prepared before you see it. It really is **quite unique.** There are plenty of options for lunch (own expense). Keep an eye out for the **old Post Office** as it stands boldly on the **edge of town.**

We will proceed to **Nanu Oya railway station** by coach to take the **Scenic Train to Ella**, a popular 'hill country' town, known for its **dramatic viewpoints,** gentle **hiking trails, cool climate** and **café culture.**







This little train passes through **spectacular countryside** and many of our past Clubbers have suggested that this was **'one of the highlights'** of their Sri Lankan journey.

NB: Our coach will continue to Ella by road along with our large luggage and anything you don't need for our train journey. Train times can change so we will be flexible.

NB: Please ensure you have something warm to wear as it can be a little cool on the train.

ACCOMMODATION – 2 nights
98 Acres Resort Ella (or similar)
MEALS - Breakfast



Day 14 FULL DAY ELLA

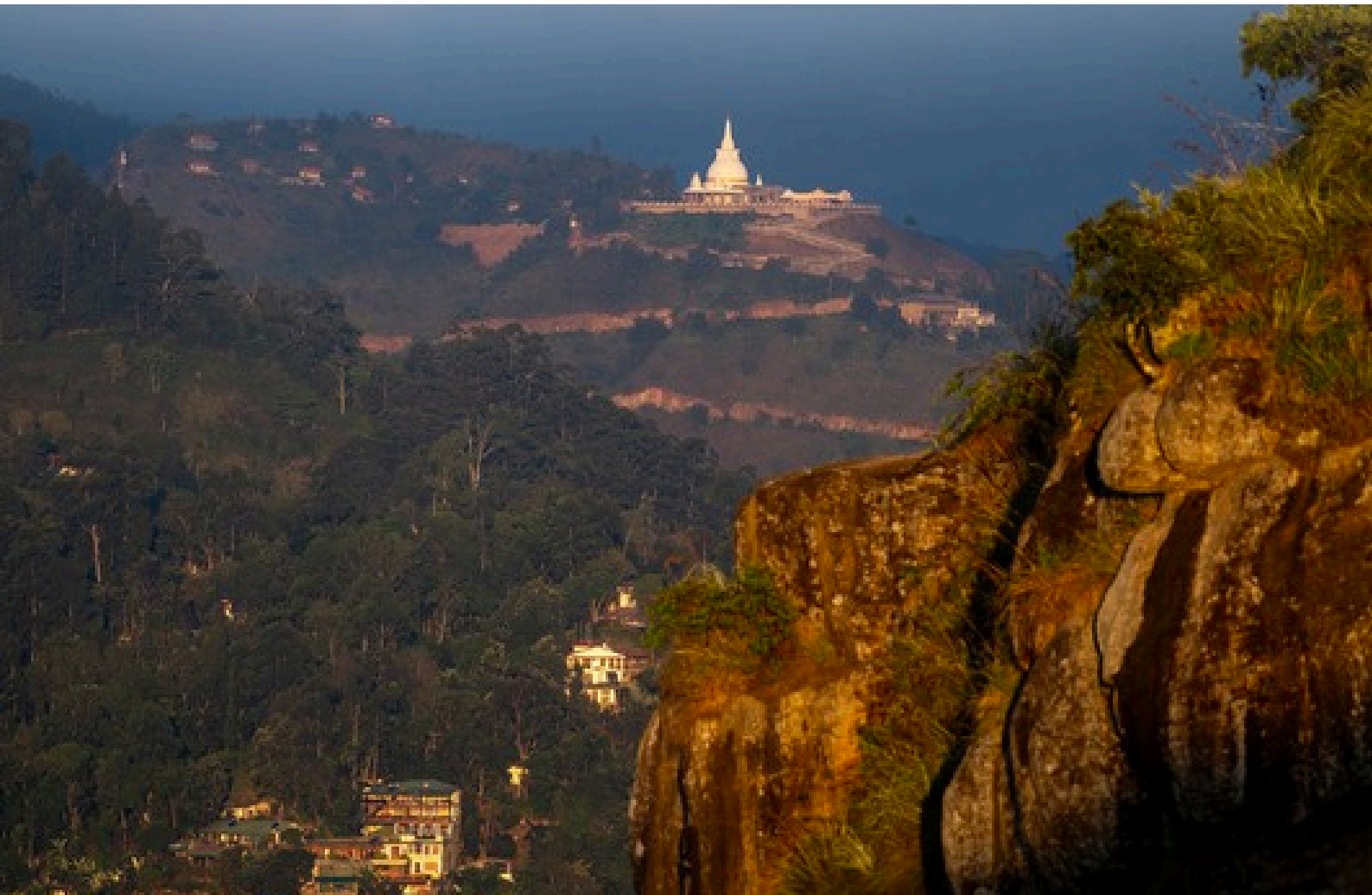
Enjoy a leisure day in and around Ella.

This resort is built on a working Tea Estate. It's an awesome place for a **gentle stroll** around the **tea plantations** and get some **great photos** as the **pickers go about their picking.** If you wish, you can take a short walk to view **Ella Rock** before climbing up **Little Adams Peak** (relatively easy). A great place to view the **deep green valleys** and the surrounding area.

Or if you prefer you can have a **leisurely breakfast before heading down to Ella town.** There are many **charming little local cafes** and bars in Ella town, and you will be able to explore and find a spot to **enjoy a lazy lunch.** The **lunch at 98 Acres is good** so be sure to make a reservation if that is your preference. You may wish to venture into town in the **late afternoon** and find a **delightful spot for dinner.** The choices are many! **Perhaps Chill or 360 Ella (2 great options).**



98 Acres Resort Ella (or similar)
MEALS - Breakfast



Day 15 ELLA TO GALLE VIA ELEPHANT ORPHANAGE

Today, after breakfast we will make our way down the hill to the beautiful **Southern Sri Lankan Coast** and settle in for a **3-night stay in gorgeous Galle.** G&T love to have a **relaxed 3-night stop** towards the end of the itinerary and in **'true G&T style'** Galle is the perfect place to do this.

Enroute to Galle we will **visit** an **Elephant Orphanage.** The Udawalawe Elephant Transfer Home was established in 1995 by the **Sri Lanka Department of Wildlife Conservation.** Supported by the **Born Free Foundation,** the primary objective is to **rehabilitate** orphaned elephant calves for their ultimate release **back into the wild.** After **rehabilitation,** many are **released** into the nearby **Udawalawe National Park.**

The elephants are never chained but are **free to roam** around **and play** as they wish. Human contact is kept to a minimum to maximize their chance of survival. There is no touching, washing or posing alongside them for selfies, but you can **watch them being fed.**

Leaving the playful babies behind, **we will continue** to our **Beautiful Boutique Hotel** located inside the historic **Galle Fort,** a spectacularly preserved **17th Century Dutch Fort,** were **history** and **vibrant local life** come together along **charming cobblestone streets.** Tonight, you are free to wonder and **choose one of the many dining experiences** all within **walking distance** of the hotel.

ACCOMMODATION – 3 nights
Fort Bazaar Galle (or similar)
MEALS - Breakfast







Day 16 BENTOTA CRUISE & GALLE



After breakfast we will **depart for Bentota** where we will find Madu Ganga, a **complex coastal ecosystem** which supports **mangroves** and up to **64 islands**. It may be one of the last remaining tracts of **pristine mangrove forests** in Sri Lanka. We will join the **Madu Ganga Boat Safari** and cruise along the Madu River system where we will have the opportunity to **spot monkeys,** water monitors, and a variety of **busy waterbirds** all eyeing off the water for their lunch.



Following the cruise, we will visit a **Turtle Hatchery and Conservation Center** to learn about the efforts to **protect endangered sea turtles.** The projects were **established in 1988** and are operated by the **Wildlife Protection Society** of Sri Lanka. They protect Sri Lanka's turtle population from extinction as they release millions of **baby turtles** into the wild. **Sri Lanka is home to several species of sea turtles,** including the green, hawksbill, and leatherback turtles, which nest along its pristine beaches.

We will then make our way **back to Galle Fort** and the evening is **yours to explore** either within the Fort Walls where loads of **tiny restaurants hide.** You may even want to walk up to the **lighthouse for a sunset** vantage point. You may want to **book a table** at the fabulous **Jetwing Lighthouse Restaurant** for sunset and dinner. **NB:** You must book ahead to get a table.

Fort Bazaar Galle (or similar)
MEALS - Breakfast



Day 17 FULL DAY GALLE

Sightseeing in Galle is fantastic and **super easy**, so we have left it to be an **experience of self-exploration** as the compact old town is a **living, walking museum.**

You can explore the Fort Walls before heading down into the narrow streets where you can choose to visit one of the **many museums.** The Dutch Museum, or the National Maritime Museum are two of the best or simply walk and explore the **Old Dutch Church or local Post Office.**

You could hit the **local art galleries** nearby, find a **coffee & cake** in one of the **cute cafes** or pop in and out of the **many little shops** looking for something special to take home.

The Galle Fort area is sensational for just **wandering and feeling the groove!**

If you are adventurous **you may wish to hail a Tuk-Tuk** to take you down to Unawatuna Beach. There are loads of **beach cafes** and **restaurants** of which most serve a **seafood dinner** right **on the sand.** A little laneway just back from the beach is called **Temple Road** and it is another cool area for both **eating and shopping.**

Fort Bazaar Galle (or similar)
MEALS - Breakfast



Day 18 GALLE TO COLOMBO

There is no rush this morning so you can **relax and enjoy a lazy breakfast** or get up early and **watch the sunrise** from the Fort Walls. We don't need to check out until midday. **Once checked out** we will simply make our way **back to Colombo.**

Tonight, we have our **'Farewell Gala Dinner'** in house as we are staying in the **magnificent Galle Face Hotel** where the food is a **gastronomic event.** Prior to our dinner we can sit out in the garden and watch the sunset over the Indian Ocean. **Perhaps with a tall refreshing G&T with ice and a slice.** 😉

ACCOMMODATION – 1 night
Galle Face Hotel Colombo (or similar)
MEALS - Breakfast / Gala Dinner





Day 19 DEPARTURE DAY

After breakfast, depending on your **flight schedule,** there may be time to **go shopping** or **enjoy a swim** before your **transfer to the Airport** in time for **your flight home.**

Today we will leave this **Magical Island** behind, taking with us so many **fond memories** of so many **amazing experiences!** And a tummy full of **delicious cuisine.** Who knows you may just want to buy yourself a **Sri Lankan Cookbook** to discover more delicious recipes when at home.

NB: Let us know if you wish to **extend your stay** at this fabulous hotel for an extra night or two. (own expense)

MEALS - Breakfast

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SRI LANKAN 'LUXURY COLONIAL CIRCUIT'

Colombo to Colombo
Departs 17 November and returns 5 December 2027

Price per person Double or Twin Share	**$9,620.00 AUD**
Solo Traveller Single Supplement	**$3,896.00 AUD**

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 18 nights' accommodation on twin/double share basis
- 2 Dinners included at Big Game Camp Wilpattu
- 2 Dinners included at Uga Ulagalla Anuradhapura
- 2 Dinner included at Kandy Myst Kandy
- 1 Gala Farewell Dinner included at Galle Face Hotel Colombo
- English speaking local Sri Lankan Guide
- Transport by air-conditioned coach (depends on group size)
- Professional Driver and Assistant
- All historic monument entry fees as per the itinerary
- Train Journey from Nanu Oya to Ella / Dambulla Cave / Temple of The Tooth / Kandy Royal Botanical Gardens / Tea Plantation visit / Sigiriya Rock Climb / Local Village Visit / Madhu River Boat Cruise / Turtle Hatchery / Elephant Transit Home – all as per the itinerary
- 2 Safaris in Wilpattu National Park including Entrance fees
- 1 Elephant Safari in Minneriya (or Kaudulla) National Park including Entrance fees
- Hill trek/climb at 98 Acres Resort in Ella (graded easy)
- All current applicable taxes. NB: The Sri Lankan government can increase taxes

PRICE EXCLUDES:

- Lunches or Dinners except those listed in the inclusions
- Drinks are not included with our included meals
- Optional activities as listed in the itinerary
- Expenses of a personal nature such as laundry, massage, spa treatments
- Camera fees may apply to some monuments
- Travel Insurance and Visas (Compulsory)
- Tips and Gratuities for guides ,drivers, porters, etc – a "Tipping Kitty applies"
- Prices are subject to change if there are any government tax increases on hotels & transportation

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Note: *Tipping in Sri Lanka is customary. We have found from experience that the best way to deal with this is to generate a 'tips kitty' which takes away the guess work and the need for constant small change which can be embarrassing. Please budget USD$280.00 cash for this kitty. Small denominations are best ($5 $10 $20 $50) Please have this cash ready for collection at our pre departure meeting on the morning of day 2 of the tour. This will cover all tipping required as per our group itinerary.*

AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR DEVALUATION REPRICE CLAUSE:

G&T price our tours on a very narrow margin to give you, our Clubbers, the best possible value for money. In the event of a major currency fluctuation/devaluation, we reserve the right to recalculate the price until the final payment due date. If AUD / USD rate drops below AUD 1.00 = USD 0.58, we reserve the right to reprice the tour.

Note: This USD 'trigger rate' of AUD 1.00 = USD 0.58 is not the 'official rate' you see advertised by the bank, but our 'buy' rate when we purchase the currency through our bank which is the National Australia Bank (NAB).

G&T NUTS AND BOLTS:

We are not a Tour Company, we are a Travel Club. This means this tour is not open to the general public at all. This invitation is only for those of you who have travelled with us before and extended to your family and friends.

GRAB YOUR SPOT:

We do require a minimum of 10 guests on each tour to guarantee the departures.

Many of our chosen accommodations are in highly sort after locations and we have a maximum of 13 rooms blocked for us. This means, as we secure single room occupancy for our solo travellers our group sizes will decrease as we fill our maximum 13 rooms.

NB: Group size will then be a maximum of 18-20 guests on each tour

NB: Our average group size historically has been 13-16, depending on the number of solo travellers.

PLEASE CLICK HERE to go to our online booking form.

Once we receive your form, we will check availability and confirm with you asap.

