

A luxury trip across Sri Lanka

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Travel needn't always be a ride that takes you on miles of self-discovery, sometimes it could be a simple indulgence in luxury. An island set like a tear drop in the Indian Ocean Sri Lanka is blessed with a topographical diversity that has mesmerized travellers throughout centuries.

One way to explore Sri Lanka is to take to the roads, on your own. It would be advisable to opt for a [car hire](#). Sri Lanka has a number of trusted services that make road trip easy and affordable. [Kings Rent A Car](#) is a popular choice among locals and tourists alike.

Located amidst beaches, Negombo is an ideal starting point for your trip across Sri Lanka. You can have a chauffeur drive you to Dambulla, or you can take control of the wheels from here. You can relax at Aliya Resort & Spa in Dambulla before Sigiriya rock climb. While you wait until the morning, you can be lost in the breathtaking view that the hotel offers of this monumental rock. Dambulla is at the crux of Sri Lanka's cultural triangle with no less than seven UNESCO recognised World Heritage Sites spread across Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa.

At a distance of around 120 kilometres from Dambulla is Trincomalee. Trinco is popular for its beaches and vast expanses of clean blue that travels beyond the horizon. You can visit the hot springs at Kannya mythically linked to the ten-headed demon king of Lanka or snorkel at the coast of Kuchchaveli. Jungle Beach by Uga Residences is an artful hotel that has incorporated live trees and plants into its architecture. With its proximity to Nilaveli Beach, it is an ideal location to set up camp while you are here.

Two days would be sufficient to let the sun seep into your skin. Then it would be time to retreat into the mountains of Kandy. Madulkelle Tea and Eco Lodge nestled in a tea plantation on the Knuckles Mountain Range offers a traditional warmth lathered in hospitality. Kandy is known best for the Temple of the Tooth Relic, but apart from that it also offers the opportunity to sight several endemic birds or hike among the wilderness. It's here, in Kandy the popular Ceylon Tea is produced. You can pay a visit to the tea plantations and see for yourself how your favourite morning beverage is manufactured.

Galle awaits you at a five hours distance from Kandy at the southern tip of Sri Lanka. Heavily influenced by the Dutch and Portuguese, Galle offers a glimpse into the colonial past of Sri Lanka. Whale watching is one of the most popular attractions in Mirissa which is another 39 kilometres from Galle. Casa Colombo in Mirissa, offering world class facilities, is a stylish hotel where you can retire to after a long day at the sea.

When it's time to wind up, it would be time to return to Negombo. You can lodge in at Jetwing Blue which is conveniently located 20 minutes from the Bandaranaike International Airport. Negombo calls you to slow down while you walk along its beaches. However it is more than just beaches, it is the hub of hi-life in Sri Lanka. When you would be leaving Sri Lanka, or departing for home, you would know that the ride across this island is one that you would remember with a broad grin for a long time. Like Irving Wallace said, "Every man can transform the world from one of monotony and drabness to one of excitement and adventure." Happy travelling.