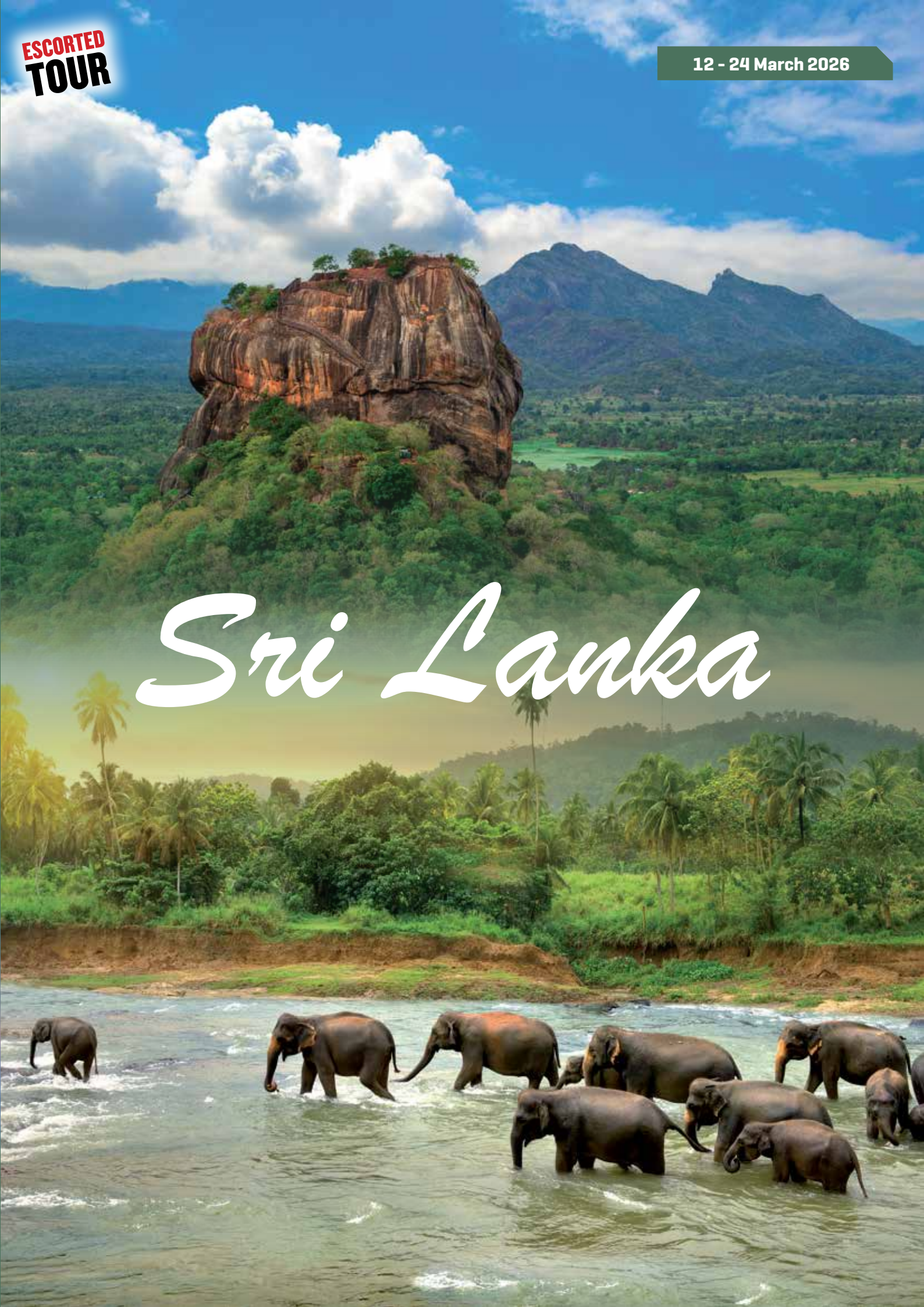


**ESCORTED
TOUR**

12 - 24 March 2026

Sri Lanka



NESTLED IN THE INDIAN OCEAN, SRI LANKA OFFERS AN AUTHENTIC AND UNFORGETTABLE ADVENTURE WHERE ANCIENT TRADITIONS SEAMLESSLY BLEND WITH NATURAL WONDERS IN ONE COMPACT ISLAND.

Ancient temples and colonial fortresses dot the landscape as you travel from the capital city of Colombo through to the misty tea-covered highlands of Kandy.

Visit the famous Sigiriya Rock Fortress, a UNESCO Heritage Site and described by locals as the eighth wonder of the world.

Food lovers can delight in Sri Lankan cuisine and spices in the markets; and wildlife enthusiasts have the opportunity to spot elephants and leopards on safari through Yala National Park. Finish the tour in Galle which reflects the country's long history with the Portuguese, Dutch and British colonialists.

Explorer Marco Polo dubbed Sri Lanka as the finest island in the world. Experience this diverse country - rich in history, religion and culture alongside a myriad of natural wonders - returning home with this country forever holding a special place in your heart.

March 2026

Thursday 12 Auckland – Singapore – Colombo, Sri Lanka

Depart Auckland on Singapore Airlines. Change planes in Singapore, arriving in Colombo late evening and transfer to our inner city hotel.

Friday 13 Colombo B D

After breakfast, enjoy a city tour of Colombo's harbour and Fort area – home to the country's administration and banking sector. Visit various vibrant markets and enjoy some street food that Colombo is famous for. Explore the unique Red Mosque and the Gangaramaya Temple complex before a welcome dinner tonight.

Saturday 14 Colombo – Dambulla B D

Our journey takes us north-east, through countryside, to Dambulla. Here, we visit the impressive Dambulla Rock Cave Temple, a World Heritage site. This five-cave temple is one of the largest and best-preserved temple complexes in the



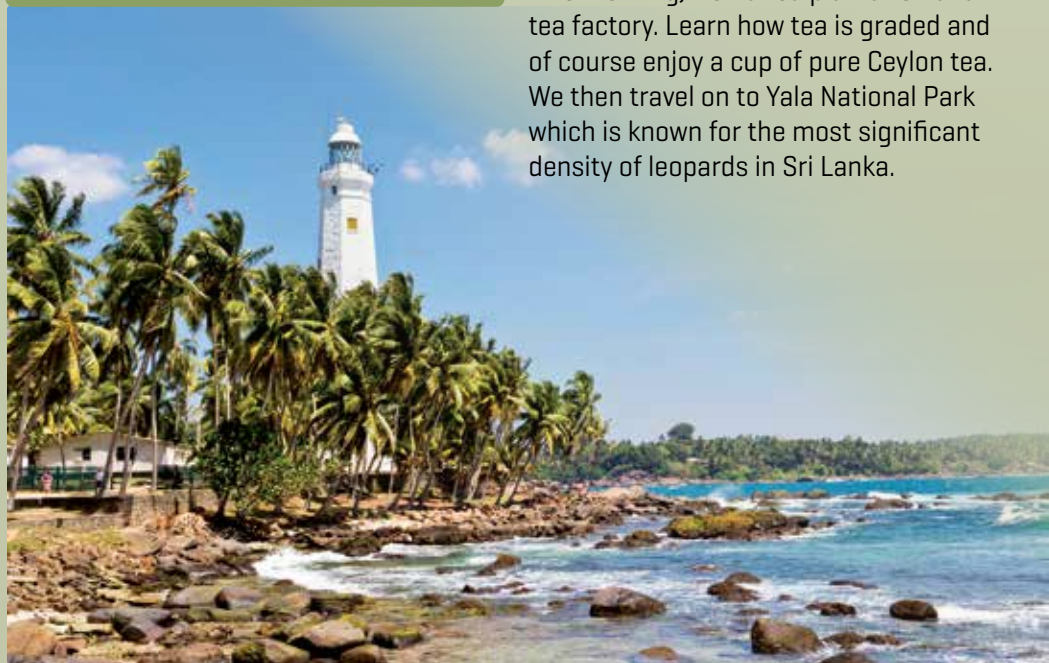
country. Housing over 150 Buddha statues, including the reclining statue of Lord Buddha, and exquisite murals, all nestled within a series of caves carved into a massive granite outcrop.

Sunday 15 Dambulla B D

An early morning visit to Sigiriya Rock Fortress, the UNESCO World Heritage Site. If you are not up to climbing the rock for spectacular views, the ancient landscaped gardens (5AD) and frescoes are worth seeing. Enjoy a visit to one of the local villages as well as a canoe ride.

Sigiriya Rock Fortress

Considered one of Sri Lanka's most remarkable attractions, Sigiriya Rock Fortress rises nearly 200 metres above the surrounding plains. The site dates back to the reign of King Kasyapa [477-495 AD], who chose this site as his new capital. He decorated the walls with frescoes, and built an impressive palace right on top of the rock column, accessible only through the mouth of an enormous carved lion which gives the fortress its name ["Sinhaagiri" or Lion Rock].



Monday 16

Dambulla – Matale – Kandy B D

Today we journey to the last kingdom of Sri Lanka, Kandy. Enroute, we stop at Matale to explore a spice garden to learn about Sri Lankan spices, their usage, medical significance and how they add colour to Sri Lankan cuisine.

Tuesday 17 Kandy B D

Today we explore the city of Kandy including a visit to the Temple of the Tooth Relic, another World Heritage site. We continue to the spectacular botanical gardens for a tour before an afternoon of leisure, where you can enjoy some shopping. Later we take in a tuk-tuk ride to experience the sights and sounds of the city.

Wednesday 18 Kandy – Nuwara Eliya (by train) B D

After breakfast, transfer to Kandy railway station for a scenic train journey through tea plantations and scenic waterfalls to Nana Oya. Continue by coach to your hotel in Nuwara Eliya.

Thursday 19 Nuwara Eliya – Yala B D

This morning, visit a tea plantation and tea factory. Learn how tea is graded and of course enjoy a cup of pure Ceylon tea. We then travel on to Yala National Park which is known for the most significant density of leopards in Sri Lanka.



Friday 20 Yala B D

A day to enjoy Yala National Park where morning and evening jeep safaris to spot elephants, crocodile, the elusive leopard and a myriad of birds await.

Yala National Park

Yala National Park offers visitors an unforgettable safari experience that showcases Sri Lanka's remarkable natural heritage. Originally established as a wildlife sanctuary in 1900 and designated a national park in 1938, the park covers nearly 130,000 hectares and boasts one of the highest leopard densities in the world. The park features diverse ecosystems including scrub forests, grasslands, lagoons, and coastal areas, supporting a rich biodiversity of wildlife such as elephants, crocodiles, and over 200 bird species.

Saturday 21 Yala – Galle B D

After breakfast we continue by coach to the coastal city of Galle. Check in at the hotel and tonight enjoy al fresco dining at one of the local restaurants.

Sunday 22 Galle B D

After breakfast at the hotel enjoy some sightseeing. Explore the UNESCO-listed Galle Fortress built by the Portuguese in 1588 and later extended by the Dutch. See the lighthouse on the southernmost tip and the car free streets which reflect Portuguese, Dutch and British rule. A farewell dinner tonight.

Monday 23

Galle – Colombo – Singapore B

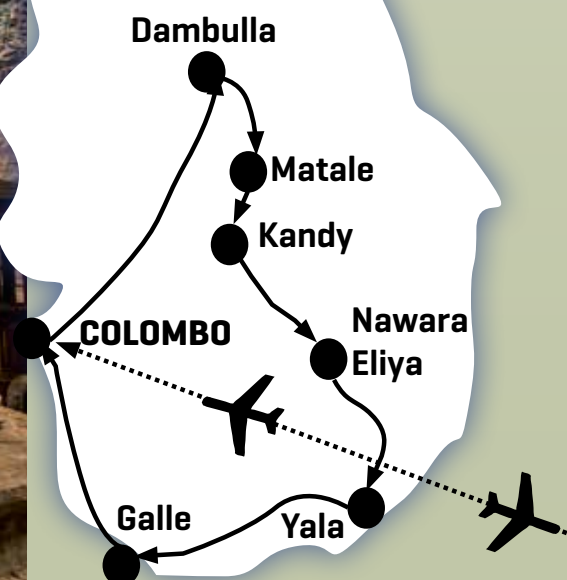
After a leisurely breakfast we travel north to visit The Tsunami Museum, which holds a great collection of artefacts and photographic accounts from the 2004 disaster. Enjoy a boat trip through the estuarine river system before travelling by coach to the airport in Colombo. A room will be available at an airport hotel to freshen up before your late flight to Singapore.

Tuesday 24 Singapore – Auckland B D

Change planes in Singapore and arrive home late this evening in Auckland.



SRI LANKA



Cost Per Person*	Twin	Single
	\$7,779	\$10,395
Premium Economy [Singapore Airlines flights only]		+\$2,351
Business Class Supplement [Singapore Airlines flights only]		+\$5,055
Early Booking Discount [If deposit paid by 01 August 2025]		\$150 per person
Previous International Tour Client Discount		\$100 per person

* This is a cash or internet banking price. Credit cards will incur a 1.5% fee

* Price is subject to currency fluctuations, airline surcharges and utilising the flights on the dates of the tour



Inclusions

- Return economy airfares Auckland – Singapore – Colombo // Colombo – Singapore – Auckland
- Travel in air conditioned coaches
- Accommodation in 4 star hotels with private facilities
- Breakfasts daily, lunches and dinners as specified
- Entrance fees at monuments as outlined
- Yala jeep safari trip
- All transfers on tour
- Spice Garden visit
- Train fare Kandy to Nuwara Eliya
- Government Service Tax
- English-speaking local guide throughout the whole tour
- Pukekohe Travel tour escort (subject to 15 people travelling)

Exclusions

- Airport and security taxes (approx. \$300 per person)
- Items of a personal nature
- Camera / video fees at monuments
- Sri Lankan Visa [NZD70 per person] for NZ Passport holders
- Travel Insurance [Please ask us for a quote]
- Gratuities and tips

Booking Conditions

- A non-refundable deposit of \$1000 per person will secure a place on the tour
- Full payment due no later than 20 December 2025

Cancellations and Refunds

- From the date of booking until 20 December 2025 – loss of deposit
- After 20 December 2025 – no refund

Documentation

- A current New Zealand passport is required valid six months beyond the date of travel.
- New Zealand passport holders require a visa for Sri Lanka Visa (approx. NZD70 per person).
- All other passport holders please ask.

Health and Mobility

- There are no obligatory inoculations required.
- The tour stays in 4 Star hotels and included meals will be at recommended restaurants which will minimise health risks.
- Hepatitis should not be an issue but precautionary measures are your personal choice.
- Update your tetanus and polio.
- Malaria prevention varies considerably. Check with your medical professional.
- A good standard of health and mobility are required with the ability to climb steps and walk up hills.

Temperatures °c Max Min

Colombo	30	25
Nuwara Eliya	22	11
Kandy	32	20

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Terms and Conditions

For full terms and conditions please visit our website www.pukekohetravel.co.nz/termsandconditions or please ask our tour consultant for a copy.

Clothing

Comfortable clothes are the order of the day – the laundry service in the hotels is inexpensive and efficient. Hats, sunglasses and comfortable sandals are a must. A scarf or pareu is handy for temples etc. or for sun protection. A small umbrella is great for rain showers or sunshade. Photographic opportunities are plentiful – respect the local people and ask before taking photos.

Currency / Money

- Sri Lanka – Sri Lanka Rupee
- Cash is king in Sri Lanka. Take USD, Euro or Pounds Sterling to change into Rupees.
- ATMs are available in the cities and it is advisable to use ones located inside a bank – this can be time-consuming!
- Credit Cards, Visa and Mastercard are accepted in all the hotels we will be staying in and larger more up-market restaurants and shops.

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is essential – please ask for a quote.



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