

OUTLINE ITINERARY for the

ARCHITECTURAL AND CULTURAL TOUR of SRI LANKA

Commencing 23 JUNE 2018

Day 1 (23 June) arrive Colombo. Stay at Galle Face Hotel.

Day 2 (24 June) From 10.00am familiarisation coach tour of the city of Colombo, including some stops for closer inspections. Tour to include (but not limited to)

- Cargills (art nouveau building 1906),
- Victoria Memorial Eye Hospital 1903 (now part of National Hospital of SL)
- College House 1912 (by de Soyza family, based on Victorian eclecticism and Gothic architecture). 93 Cumaratunga Munidasa Mawatha,
- Independence Arcade at Race Course,
- Seema Malakaya (on lake island) 1979 Geoffrey Bawa
- Colombo Town Hall, and Independence Memorial building

After lunch (al fresco, at own cost) return to our hotel. Afternoon free. Early evening an informal reception at an architect's office and home. Return to Galle Face Hotel for overnight.

Day 3 (25 June): By 8.45 ensure that the concierge has your main luggage for transfer by coach to Jaffna. Keep what you require for today and tomorrow in a small carry-on bag. At 9.00am we visit the office of a local architect, followed by inspection of Geoffrey Bawa's first house and office, no.11, 33rd lane. Lunch at Gallery Cafe (at own cost) and brief inspection of Paradise Road. pm – possible visit to the new Parliament House (Bawa), followed by inspection of Anjelendren's home and office. Back to Galle Face Hotel for dinner, maybe via roof-top drinks at Cinnamon Red Hotel.

Day 4 (26 June): Our train departs for Jaffna at 5.45am. Our hotel will provide a breakfast pack for the train. We arrive in Jaffna about midday, and after booking in to our hotel (and grabbing something to eat, own cost) we will have an afternoon tour of Jaffna, visiting important buildings and surrounding area. Dinner at our hotel. Evening at leisure.

Day 5 (27 June): This morning we continue our tour, extending it to the islands. Lunch somewhere a.o.c.)Back at our hotel while away the afternoon by further exploration by walking, a bike ride, or relax. Dinner at our hotel. Evening at leisure.

Day 6 (28 June): Morning departure Jaffna for Anaradhapura, arriving early afternoon. (lunch en route, a.o.c.) Inspection of this, the most celebrated of Sri Lanka's ancient cities. Late afternoon transfer to our Resort for dinner and overnight.

Day 7 (29 June): A lazy day to-day, if you wish it. (There is much to explore in the resort.) But perhaps a safari in nearby Wilpattu National Park? (Cost of USD39 not included, but cost based on 6 per safari jeep. Please register your interest in this when booking the whole Tour). We all meet for dinner at the resort.

Day 8 (30 June): This morning we drive to Dambulla with lunch somewhere (a.o.c.) if required. Dambulla is famous for its extensive cave temples dating from 1stC BC. (shoes off). Worth the effort. Then to our hotel for dinner (included) and the night.

Day 9 (1 July): To-day we inspect and climb Sigiriya, a World Heritage site. An amazing rock with even more amazing palaces on top and extensive gardens below. Afterwards we have lunch at a nearby Eco resort (included) followed by an inspection. Late afternoon we return to our hotel. Dinner (included).

Day 10 (2 July): After breakfast we drive to Heritance Kandalama (Bawa) for morning tea and inspection. Then we drive to Polonnaruwa to inspect this ancient city. En route back to our hotel perhaps an elephant ride? Dinner at our hotel tonight (included).

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Day 11 (3 July): This morning we drive to Kandy, with a call at the famous spice gardens at Matale en route. After lunch (at own cost) we arrive in Kandy and check in to our hotel. A busy afternoon as there is much to see, including the famous botanical gardens and the Temple of the Tooth. Fortunately our hotel is very central, so later exploration can continue on foot (a walk around the lake?) Dinner tonight at our hotel included.

Day 12 (4 July): After breakfast and check-out we tour through the Hill Country via Nuwara Elyia. A look around the town (maybe lunch, at own cost), and an hour's drive to the Heritage Tea Factory hotel for our inspection and afternoon tea (included). Afterwards we drive through Ella to our nearby resort for dinner (included) and the evening.

Day 13 (5 July): Following a leisurely breakfast we explore this scenically remarkable area. An easy day, with less driving. Time to relax before dinner (included) at our resort.

Day 14 (6 July): Mid-morning we'll continue exploring this district. Maybe pick up lunch (a.o.c.) during our stroll around Ella. Back to our resort in time for a swim and relax before dinner (included).

Day 15 (7 July): The drive down the hills to the flatter land to the south is through villages and farmland. Lunch somewhere en route (a.o.c.), and arrive at our hotel near Galle mid-afternoon. Explore Galle Fort, or relax. Dinner at our hotel (included). **(NOTE: This Tour will be extended by 2 days from here if Yala National Park is included. The additional cost is USD210. This is strongly recommended. If not, continue -**

Day 16 (8 July): A short drive after breakfast to inspect some local projects of architectural interest, incl. Mirissa Hills, where we will lunch (included). Afterwards we can further explore Galle Fort, where there are many opportunities for dinner (a.o.c). Overnight at our hotel.

Day 17 (9 July): To-day we drive to Lunaganga, Geoffrey Bawa's country estate, where we'll be taken on a walking tour followed by lunch in his house (included). We then continue up the coast, visiting some of Bawa's buildings and resorts en route, e.g. in Bentota. Late afternoon we arrive at our hotel (dinner a.o.c.)

Day 18 (10 July): A free day to-day. Maybe a train into Colombo for last-minute shopping? Or wander around Mount Lavinia? Or chill? Dinner at our hotel (included).

Day 19 (11 July): Free time until late morning. After check-out drive through Colombo and beside the old Dutch canal to our hotel at Negombo. Lunch, if required, somewhere (a.o.c.). Our hotel is another Bawa development, now extended. Rest of the afternoon at leisure. Tonight we will be treated to a Special Banquet, a lovely finale to our time together.

Day 19 (12 July): Free day, but with the option to explore the town of Negombo, a short drive away. Dinner tonight included, then late check out for transfer to the airport for our night flights home.

Most breakfasts and dinners are buffet style, with opportunities for both local and 'world' tastes.

This Outline Itinerary will be confirmed, modified or not, when your booking is confirmed.

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NOTE: This Tour can be extended by 2 days at Day 15 by driving to Yala National Park for a safari (and the opportunity to see much of the southeast coast). At the additional cost of USD210 per person, twin share (incl. breakfasts and dinners), this is strongly recommended. The inclusion or not will be determined by the majority who nominate to take this option when confirming their intention to undertake this Tour.

