







TEA & TASTES OF SRI LANKA
Sri Lanka
7 Nights/ 8 Days



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About &Beyond

&Beyond is a pioneering, experiential travel company that offers forward-thinking, global travellers an exclusive experience of the world as it should be; a world that is in balance with itself. We go beyond mere luxury to enrich your guests' experience through our core ethos of Care of the Land, Care of the Wildlife, and Care of the People. &Beyond has 30 exquisite safari lodges and camps across Africa and South America, and we also design personalised, high-end tours in 15 African countries, India, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Chile, Argentina, Ecuador and Peru.

Welcome to Sri Lanka

The tear drop shaped island of Sri Lanka lies in the Indian Ocean just off the southern tip of India. With its golden sandy beaches, azure blue waters and warm tropical climate, Sri Lanka is a year round destination for holidaymakers seeking sun, sand and sea.

The island has a rich cultural heritage that dates back over 2,000 years which is linked to the origins of Buddhism in the country with magnificently constructed stupas and the ruins of ancient kingdoms. Controlled from the 16th century onwards by the Portuguese, Dutch and finally the British prior to gaining full independence in 1948, the influences of colonial powers remain visible in architecture and a number of forts across the country.

Sri Lanka is recognised as a global biodiversity hotspot with a rich variety of endemic flora and fauna, and incredibly for a small island, can boast of large iconic animals such as the Asian Elephant, Leopard and the largest animal to have inhabited our planet, the Blue Whale. From palm fringed beaches to scrub jungles and numerous man-made lakes in the lowlands to tropical rainforests, cloud forests and highlands laden with waterfalls at its centre, this resplendent isle is abundant in natural beauty.

Highlights of the Itinerary:

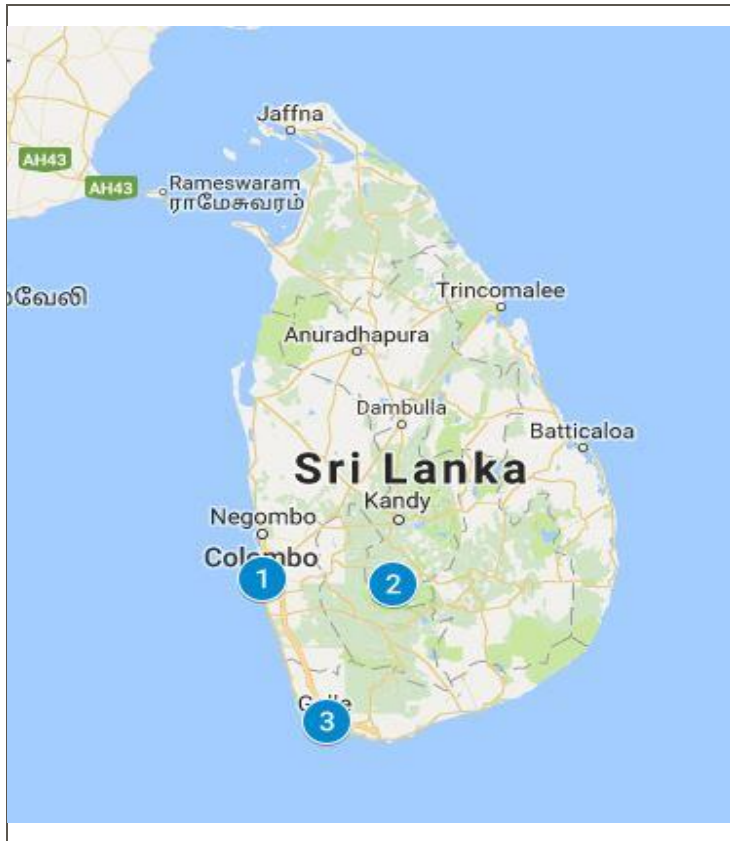
- Local cooking experience in Colombo & Galle
- Tea experience in the Hills
- Explore the Old Dutch Fort in Galle

Specially created for

Tea and Tastes Enthusiasts



At a glance



7 nights / 8 days

1 - Colombo (Day 1,2)

2 - Hatton (Day 3,4)

3 - Galle (Day 5,6,7)

| AN &BEYOND CUSTOM-DESIGNED ITINERARY | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| DATE | SERVICE | ACCOMMODATION |
| Day 1 | Met on arrival by an &Beyond representative and transfer to Colombo (approx. 1 hour drive) | |
| | Check in to your hotel and relax | |
| | Overnight at Uga Residence, Colombo - 02 nights | Park suite - BB |
| Day 2 | After breakfast explore the city of Colombo | |
| | Engage in a traditional cookery demonstration at a private home in Colombo | |
| | Overnight at Uga Residence, Colombo | Park suite - BB |
| Day 3 | After breakfast proceed to Hatton (approx. 4 hour drive) | |
| | Check in to your hotel and relax | |
| | Overnight at Ceylon Tea Trails, Hatton - 02 nights | Garden suite - AI |

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| Day 4 | This morning engage in a Tea experience tour with the resident planter of Ceylon Tea Trails | |
| | Rest of the day at leisure | |
| | Overnight at Ceylon Tea Trails, Hatton | Garden suite - AI |
| Day 5 | After breakfast proceed to Galle (approx. 5 hour drive) | |
| | Check in to your hotel and relax | |
| | Overnight at Amangalla, Galle - 03 nights | Bedroom - BB |
| Day 6 | After breakfast proceed with your chef to engage in a cooking class in the rice paddy | |
| | Enjoy the lunch you have cooked | |
| | Rest of the day at leisure | |
| | Overnight at Amangalla, Galle | Bedroom - BB |
| Day 7 | After breakfast stay leisure | |
| | Late afternoon proceed and explore the old Dutch Fort in Galle | |
| | Overnight at Amangalla, Galle | Bedroom - BB |
| Day 8 | After breakfast proceed to Colombo Airport in order board your departure flight. | |
| | We suggest you be present at the airport at least 03 hours prior to your flight. | |

GLOSSARY

BB = Bed and breakfast

HB = Room + Breakfast + dinner

FB = Full Board basis (please check itinerary for specific includes & excludes per property)

AI = All Inclusive (Lunch, Dinner and Breakfast with accommodation with extras)

ENTRY/VISA REQUIREMENTS

- As for all international travel, the visitor to Sri Lanka is required to be in possession of a valid passport and visa. Travellers from all countries need a visa.
- We highly recommend you to apply for online visas (US \$ 35 for Tourist Visa) to avoid unnecessary delays in trying to obtain Visa on arrival, which can take an hour or so of waiting in line. SAARC Nationals pay US \$ 20 online, and US \$ 25 if applying on arrival. Please [click here](#) to apply online.
- A valid passport not less than 6 months, a confirmed return or onward air ticket and sufficient funds for the stay are the entry requirements to the country. If obtaining a visa on arrival, please pay by cash (US \$ 40 for Tourist Visa) since payment by credit cards can take longer to process. You must carry a passport sized photograph if obtaining a visa on arrival.
- Please note that the above details are subject to change, when the government authorities revise their policies. To keep yourself updated, please [click here](#).

- **SATELLITE PHONES ARE NOT ALLOWED IN SRI LANKA**

Expect the extraordinary

Day 1

Met on arrival by an &Beyond representative and transfer to Colombo (approx. 1 hour drive).

Check in to your hotel and relax.

The Uga Residence, Colombo:

Located in walking distance to the Gangarama temple and the picturesque Seemamaalakaya, one of Colombo's principal Buddhist shrines, the Uga Residence is a unique boutique hotel in the heart of Sri Lanka's capital city.

Built in the late nineteenth century by Sheikh Salehboy Moosajee, it is one of the few remaining buildings of its kind in Colombo. Originally a family home, the house was designed to host receptions and entertainment on a grand scale, with great halls, expansive gardens and stables for visitors' carriage horses. Today, the Residence is a luxurious 11 suite city hotel owned and managed by Uga Escapes. Its design is glamorous, contemporary and comfortable, but recalls the rich history of the building and the surrounding area. With a large garden, swimming pool, gym, bar and 'great room', the Residence offers plenty of spaces to meet, relax or celebrate.

Spend two nights at Uga Residence, Colombo in a Park suite and your stay is on Bed & Breakfast basis.



Day 2

After breakfast explore the city of Colombo.

Colombo:

Colombo is an open and attractive city with a fascinating mix of 19th and 20th century colonial buildings, and more recent modern architecture. In the last few years, considerable renovation and restoration work has been undertaken in the capital. During your stay in Colombo we suggest driving through and visiting the Galle Face Green, Ganga Raama Temple Viharamahadevi Park and Independence Square.

Engage in a traditional cookery demonstration at a private home in Colombo.

Your cooking experience that takes place outdoors in a private kitchen will give you a rich insight into the islands' culture of cooking. Our host, along with the assistance of her staff will show you how to make a typical Sri Lankan curry and determine the colour of the curry based on the ingredients at hand. You may even pick curry leaves from her tree and use them to season a few vegetable or seafood dishes. Your hands-on cooking class will last about two hours before you enjoy the meal you helped prepare with our host at her dining table. You may even learn to scrape fresh coconut and use a grinding stone to make sambol. Your menu may include dishes such as chicken curry, vegetable gravies, sambol, mallung (greens seasoned with coconut), lentils and rices.

Overnight at Uga Residence, Colombo



Day 3

After breakfast proceed to Hatton (approx. 4 hour drive).

Check in to your hotel and relax.

Ceylon Tea Trails:

Sri Lanka's first Relais & Chateaux resort, comprises five luxurious colonial era tea planters' bungalows, connected by walking trails through stunningly beautiful Ceylon tea gardens. Each of the five bungalows is different. Summerville with an air of a country cottage, Castlereagh with an eclectic style of its own, the high colonial Tientsin, one of the first planter's residences to be built in Ceylon, the more modern Norwood abounding with 50's character and Dunkeld, the new bungalow offering spectacular views of Castlereagh Lake and the Great Western mountain range .

Built between 1888 and 1950, the bungalows offer a taste of gracious living thanks to butler service & period furnishings, accompanied by gourmet meals. Follow the Tea Trail from one unique bungalow to the next, staying a night or two at each or just laze in one. Trek, bike or picnic at spectacular locations each day in cool comfort. You can book a room or the entire bungalow and relish a luxury holiday in the heart of Sri Lanka's breathtaking Ceylon tea country.

Spend two nights at Ceylon Tea Trails, Hatton in a Garden suite and your stay is on All-inclusive basis.



Day 4

This morning engage in a Tea experience tour with the resident planter of Ceylon Tea Trails.

The Tea Experience at Ceylon Tea Trails:

After breakfast, go on the Tea Experience tour which is a must-do activity when staying here. Take a leisurely walk to experience the varied landscapes, exotic flora, abundant birdlife and the sweet rhythm of life along the walking trails around the tea estate. The Resident Tea Planter at Tientsin will show you first hand the age-old tea making process. First, follow the trail of the planters of old Ceylon, as they trekked through the dense jungle looking for the best slopes on which to plant tea. Then on to watch the tea pluckers pick two leaves and a bud with deft hands. Then to the factory where the all-important conversion to “made” black tea happens. The machinery used is of very traditional British design, some as old as 100 years. The process is a very artisanal one, unchanged for a century. The tour ends with a tasting of different grades of this great brew.

Rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight at Ceylon Tea Trails, Hatton



Day 5

After breakfast proceed to Galle (approx. 5 hour drive).

Check in to your hotel and relax.

Amangalla, Galle Fort:

Amangalla comprises of an amalgamation of buildings dating back over 400 years, used as a headquarters for the Dutch commander and his officers in the 17th century and later as a lodging for British soldiers.

Named after the Sanskrit word for 'peace', and galla, the Sinhalese word for the town of Galle, the resort reveals the Fort's daily activities and its rich legacy; the narrow streets lined with buildings from the Dutch and British colonial eras. Offering views of the resort's 200 year old gardens and of the Fort and harbour beyond, Amangalla provides for the leisurely exploration of this historic trading port and the surrounding countryside.

Amangalla offers excellent old-world luxury, superb food, one of the best spas in the island and exceptional service with 28 spacious and luxurious room and suites equipped with all modern amenities. The suites are decorated in tasteful colonial style with glorious antiques, from Para Mara four-poster beds to pettagama chests, and high quality reproductions on polished Burma teak floorboards that shine on after 300 years. The bedrooms, chambers and suites offer a variety of views from Galle Fort itself to the hotel's mature gardens. A large swimming pool, surrounded by palms, is centred within the resort's established gardens. A cool respite from exploring, the courtyard and pool area has several wooden sun loungers and five serene shaded ambalamas, or rest pavilions. The classical hotel also offers remedial pleasures from 'The Baths', the resort's relaxing, holistic, and traditionally inspired Spa, which creates bespoke programmes for guests, while hydrotherapy pools, saunas, steam rooms and a cold plunge pool, provide a sanctum for whole body rejuvenation.

Spend three nights at Amangalla, Galle in a Bedroom and your stay is on Bed & Breakfast basis.



Day 6

After breakfast proceed to engage in a cooking class in the rice paddy.

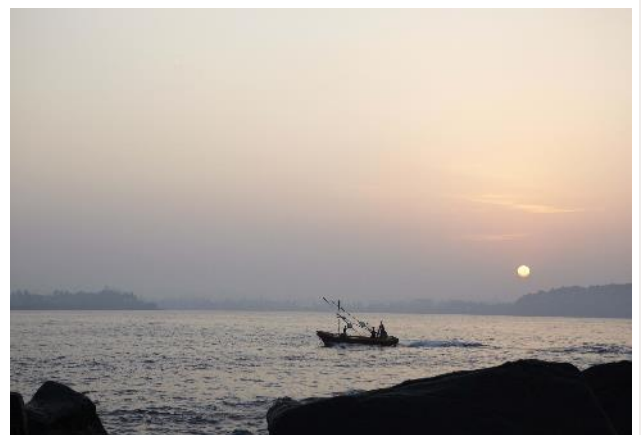
Cooking Experience in Galle:

Travel inland from Galle to the secluded Paddy Island where you will meet the resident chef, where you will learn how to cook a traditional Sri Lankan rice and curry lunch in a fully equipped outdoor kitchen (Approx. 20 mins drive from Galle). You will learn on how to best utilise the wide array of spices and ingredients used when preparing the dishes which will be cooked in clay pots. Freshly fried pappadam, a sambal, chutney and a variety of vegetarian side dishes and a meat curry will be prepared along with the rice for a Sri Lankan style lunch, which you get to dig into at the end of it. You will also receive a copy of the recipe so you can try your hand at preparing a rice and curry when back at home.

Enjoy the lunch you have cooked.

Rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight at Amangalla, Galle



Day 7

After breakfast stay leisure.

Late afternoon proceed and explore the old Dutch Fort in Galle.

Galle Fort:

Spend your day to explore the Galle Fort UNESCO World Heritage Site taking a leisurely stroll along the Ramparts with its panoramic views. The once sleepy Galle Fort is now a vibrant and bustling area with a distinctively Mediterranean feel to it and is abuzz with activity. You can explore its narrow streets and laneways bustling with jewellery shops, numerous cafes, restaurants and luxurious villas. The Galle Fort Mosque, the Lighthouse, the Anglican and Dutch-reformed Churches and the Maritime Museum are must-see sites.

Overnight at Amangalla, Galle

Day 8

After breakfast proceed to the Airport in order board your departure flight. (approx. 3 hour drive)

We suggest you be present at the airport at least 03 hours prior to your departure flight.



Journey overview

| RATES | |
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| VALIDITY | Per person sharing |
| 01 st November to 15 th December 2018 | US\$ 3750 |
| 16 th January to 30 th April 2019 | US\$ 4050 |
| 01 st May to 30 th June 2019 | US\$ 3650 |
| 01 st July to 31 st August 2019 | US\$ 3900 |
| 01 st September to 31 st October 2019 | US\$ 3650 |

Flights/ Trains

| DATE/DAY | FROM/TO | FLIGHT NUMBER | TIME |
|----------|---------|---------------|------|
| N/A | | | |
| N/A | | | |

Accommodation

| DATE | DESTINATION | ACCOMMODATION | DETAILS |
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| Day 01 | Colombo | Uga Residence | Park suite Bed & Breakfast |
| Day 02 | Colombo | Uga Residence | Park suite Bed & Breakfast |
| Day 03 | Hatton | Ceylon Tea Trails | Garden suite All-inclusive |
| Day 04 | Hatton | Ceylon Tea Trails | Garden suite All-inclusive |
| Day 05 | Galle | Amangalla | Bedroom Bed & Breakfast |
| Day 06 | Galle | Amangalla | Bedroom Bed & Breakfast |
| Day 07 | Galle | Amangalla | Bedroom Bed & Breakfast |

What's included:

- Accommodation at the Hotels and as per the meal plans mentioned above.
- All transport services using 01 Air-conditioned Car based on options provided.
- All sightseeing and related entrance charges as mentioned in the itinerary.
- We will be providing an English speaking Chauffeur Guide throughout the tour.

- Bottle water during sightseeing tours and long drives.
- All presently applicable government taxes.

What's not included:

- Sri Lankan Visa
- Lunch and Dinner unless stated otherwise
- Beverages, unless stated otherwise
- Items of a personal nature such as laundry, phone calls etc.
- Any hotel early check ins or late check outs unless stated otherwise.
- Any Insurance
- International and domestic airfare unless stated otherwise.
- Tips to guides, airport and hotel porters and restaurants. (Tipping is expected!)
- Any change in tax structure resulting from the hike in published tariff.
- Any other item not explicitly mentioned under included price.

The Details are in the fine print

- Hotel Check-In 1400 hours, Check-out time 1200 NOON
- Prices are subject to change as per change in Government / Hotel / Airline policy without prior notice.
- All rates are inclusive of taxes, any further changes in taxes / levies will be charged extra as applicable.
- Rates include only those items specified in your itinerary.
- Please note, the names of hotels mentioned above only indicate that our rates have been based on usage of these hotels. It is not to be construed that accommodation is confirmed at these hotels until and unless we convey the confirmations to you on receipt of your acceptance. However in the event of any of the above mentioned hotels not becoming available at the time of initiating the reservations, we shall book alternate accommodation at a similar or next best available hotel and shall pass on the difference of rates (supplement/reduction whichever is applicable) to you.
- In case of any currency fluctuations or amendments in local Government taxes, or any fuel hike, we reserve the right to adjust the tour price accordingly. The due increase or decrease will be communicated accordingly.
- Approximate drive times given in the itinerary are direct drive times and do not take into account any traffic situations, road repairs or stops along the way which might increase the time it takes to arrive at the destination.
- Please note that in most properties, the normal check in time is 14:00 Hrs and normal check out time is 12:00 Hrs (noon). Please let us know if your flight is arriving prior to your normal hotel check in time or if your departure flight is schedule to depart later than the normal hotel check out time, so that an early or late check out facility can be arranged.
- The rates quoted are subject to change without prior warning, should there be any increases in Park Fees, Fuel, Sales Tax or VAT, third party services, or any other circumstances beyond our control in the regions featured in this quote/booking.
- It is recommended that all guests take out a comprehensive travel insurance covering them for personal effects, personal accident, medical and emergency travel expenses, medical evacuation, cancellation and curtailment.
- In order to comply with international airline requirements, all airline tickets must clearly show the passenger's title, surname, name and initial (as indicated in their passport). As this applies to both scheduled and charter flights, we would be grateful if you could provide us with this information at the time of confirmation, should your itinerary incorporate domestic travel by air. We would request a scanned copy of your passport for this purpose.
- In order to comply with International Insurance requirements & Beyond Lanka can only reserve seats, be it on a provisional or confirmed basis, on domestic scheduled or charter flights.

- &Beyond Lanka cannot be held responsible should airlines discontinue flights on certain routings or change scheduled timetables, resulting in missed connections etc. Should an amendment in a routing or itinerary be necessary, we will re-quote you accordingly.
- Please note that fares may increase between time of booking, time of payment and the ticket being issued. Any costs incurred due to amendments will not be borne by &Beyond Lanka.
- Where your domestic flights, train rides, balloon rides, White Water Rafting, Safaris, Whale or Dolphin Watching Charters, have been organized by us, and while we take the maximum care to ensure a safe and comfortable journey for you, &Beyond Lanka Private Ltd. is not responsible for the fitness of the operators or the safety standards of the operating company.
- Dietary Requirements: All dietary requirements can be catered for. When making your reservation, please advise us of any specific dietary requirements that you may have and these will be communicated through to the respective establishment.
- Gratuities: Tipping is at your discretion. However, your Chauffeur Guide will be able to assist with guidelines.
- &Beyond reserves the right to modify program itineraries, including arranged sightseeing, and substitute accommodations, including vessels and trains, at any time due to unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond &Beyond's control. Every effort will be made to operate itineraries as planned, but alterations may occur after the final itinerary has been issued.
- &Beyond strongly recommends that the guests insure themselves against loss of deposit, cancellation charges, medical expenses and loss of personal possessions, and any other foreseeable loss or expense.
- **Photography During Travel**
 - A. &Beyond reserves the right to take photographs or video during the operation of any program or part thereof and to use them for promotional purposes during the program and thereafter. By booking a program with &Beyond, guests agree to allow their images to be used in such photographs. Guests who prefer that their images not be used are asked to identify themselves to &Beyond representative at the beginning of their program.
- **Guest Obligations:**
 1. Medical Conditions - the guest must notify &Beyond of any pre-existing medical conditions that might reasonably be expected to affect the Travel Arrangements. The guest agrees and acknowledges that &Beyond will not be liable for any loss or damage incurred by the guest as a result of any pre-existing medical condition or health issue of the Customer that may preclude, delay, affect or interfere with the Travel Arrangements.
 2. Health Issues - It is the guests sole responsibility to
 - a) obtain any vaccinations or take any other health precautions applicable to the country of travel;
 - b) take all steps reasonably necessary (including, without limitation, the consultation of appropriate medical professionals) to identify whether they have any pre-existing medical conditions or health issues (whether known or unknown) that may preclude, delay, affect or interfere with the Travel Arrangements; and
 - c) notify &Beyond if the guest has any pre-existing medical conditions or health issues that may preclude, delay, affect or interfere with the Travel Arrangements.

PAYMENT & CANCELLATION POLICY

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| Booking made within 45 days of arrival | 100% payment at the time of booking (within 72 hours) (non-refundable) |
| Booking made more than 45 days prior to arrival | 25% payment at the time of booking (within 7 days) and balance 75% , 60 to 100 days prior to arrival |
| Cancellation 60 days or more prior to arrival | No cancellation/ retention charge, except for cancellation fee on air tickets/ train tickets or deposits made for Game drives in National Parks. |

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| Cancellation within 45 days of arrival | Retention of full deposit levied as cancellation charge |
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1. 25% Non-refundable advance payment to be remitted within 3 days on receiving confirmation for the hotels booked.
2. 75% of the balance payment to be remitted 60 days prior to arrival into India except for the periods of Pushkar/Christmas & New Year & February where 75% advance is required 100 days prior to arrival into India.

&Beyond South Asia reserves the right to cancel all services booked should full payment not be received 60 days prior to arrival date.

Should it be a last-minute booking, &Beyond South Asia will allow for 3 days from time of confirmation until payment (100%) reaches us before &Beyond South Asia will cancel any services booked. The amount is **NON- REFUNDABLE**.

Kindly note that payments may be processed with Visa and MasterCard credit cards. Payments may also be paid directly into &Beyond India or US bank account details.

- All payments received through credit card will attract an additional 2.50% transaction fee on the total invoice amount being paid.
- All payments received through PayPal will attract an additional 2.0% transaction fee on the total invoice amount being paid.