

COLOURS

SUN, SEA AND CEYLON SANDS

Quite simply a two week beach holiday on the southern coast of Sri Lanka. Five nights in a stylish villa with breathtaking views, a night in the historic town of Galle and five nights in a boutique hotel on the banks of the Bentota River. A perfect antidote to winter blues.

Day 01 Depart London for Colombo with Sri Lankan Airlines.

Day 02 Arrive Colombo. You will be met on arrival in Colombo and transferred to your hotel.

Colombo is a highly underrated city with a vibrant artistic community and some excellent galleries, shops and restaurants.



Day 02 - 03 **GALLE FACE HOTEL, COLOMBO – 1 NIGHT.** Breakfast included
As one of the oldest colonial hotels in Asia, this charming and romantic property has an air of faded elegance and is located beside the sea, in the heart of Colombo, overlooking Galle Face Green.



Day 03 You will be transferred along the coastal road to Dikwella. There are plenty of interesting shops along the way and if you look carefully, you can see them tapping the coconut trees that grow alongside the road for toddy – a highly intoxicating drink made from the fermented sap.

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Day 03 - 08

CLAUGHTON VILLA, DIKWELLA – 5 NIGHTS. Half Board included.

Built by the renowned Sri Lankan architect Geoffrey Bawa, this private residence occupies a spectacular position amongst 5 acres of landscaped gardens, overlooking 2 sandy bays. The freshwater pool is cleverly built into the rocks above the beach. A high-roofed, split-level lounge and dining area is open to the elements on 3 sides and the rooms are luxuriously simple with ensuite bathrooms and a private courtyard, complete with outside shower.



Day 08

You will be met at Cloughton and transferred back around the coast to Galle.

Thought to be the Biblical city of Tarshish, Galle is one of Sri Lanka's most historically interesting coastal towns, having been occupied by the Portuguese, Dutch and British. The impressive 17th century Dutch fort, now a UNESCO World Heritage site, encloses the quaint and charming old town.



Day 08 - 09

LIGHTHOUSE HOTEL, GALLE – 1 NIGHT. Half Board Included.

A chic, elegant, luxury hotel, designed by Geoffrey Bawa, overlooking the ocean and with all the benefits of a cool sea breeze. The rooms are classically understated, with white furnishings, wooden floors and lots of natural light. Beautiful original antique reproductions and originals adorn the public areas whilst the gardens are interspersed with natural watercourses leading down to the beach. The spa is reputed to be the best in Galle, there are two large swimming pools and an excellent 'fine dining' restaurant in addition to the main restaurant and pool bar.

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Day 09 You will be transferred up to Balapitiya, near Bentota.

Day 09 - 14 **RIVER HOUSE, BALAPITIYA – 5 NIGHTS.** Breakfast included.
A stylish, luxurious boutique hideaway set in seven acres of lush land on the banks of the Bentota River. The designer, one of Sri Lanka's most renowned, has used natural materials such as wood, stone and tiles in warm, earthy colours and incorporated locally acquired antique doors, windows and furniture. The wide ranging menu is reasonably priced and guests are invited to dine wherever and whenever they wish. Although the river is not safe to swim in (crocs!), there is a fabulous pool overlooking the gardens and a deserted beach is just a five minute drive. Guests are (should they so wish) accompanied by a waiter armed with a coolbox.



Day 14 You will be transferred back up to the airport in time to check in for your flight back to London with Sri Lankan Airlines.

END OF OUR SERVICES

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**PRICE: FROM £2167 PER PERSON SHARING
(SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY AND CHANGE)**

PRICE INCLUDES:

International flights with Sri Lankan Airlines in Economy class.

Transfers as per itinerary in a private, air-conditioned car, with the services of an English speaking chauffeur guide.

Hotel Accommodation on Half Board basis, except for the Galle Face Hotel and the River House, which are on Bed and Breakfast basis.

PRICE EXCLUDES:

Meals and Services not detailed.

Airport tax upon departure

Items of a personal nature (Laundry, telephone calls, photographic permits, tips, medical bills, visa charges and travel insurance etc.)

Anything not included in the 'price includes' section.