



India & Sri Lanka





INDIA AND SRI LANKA

DISCOVER TWO OF SOUTH ASIA'S MOST
COLOURFUL NATIONS

29 DAYS

TEMPLES, TEA AND TIMELESS WONDERS



DEPARTS FROM:
NEW DELHI



MAX GROUP SIZE:
14 PEOPLE



PHYSICAL LEVEL
MODERATE

From India's iconic landmarks to Sri Lanka's emerald landscapes, immerse yourself in this captivating Byroads odyssey, blending ancient history, age old traditions, and breathtaking landscapes. Discover the rich tapestry of life on this amazing two-country adventure.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Red Fort & India Gate
- Jama Masjid Mosque
- Salaam Balak Trust Walk- Old Delhi
- Qutab Minor Sikh Temple
- Agra Fort & Taj Mahal
- Fatehpur Sikri Moghul City
- Keoladeo Bird Sanctuary
- Karauli Walled Town
- Ranthambore Tiger Park
- Jaipur, Amber Fort & Palace of the Wind
- Jodhpur & Mehrangarh Fortress
- Narlai Game Safari
- Ranakpur Jain Temple
- Udaipur & the City Palace
- Eklingji Temples
- National Museum Colombo
- Dambulla Cave Temples
- Polonnaruwa & Sigiriya Fortress
- Spice and Tea Plantation Visit
- Kandy & Temple of the Tooth
- Kandy Botanical Gardens
- 'Little Adam's Peak' Walk
- Ella Market & Cooking Class
- Buduruwagala Giant Buddha
- Udawalawe NP & game drive
- Game Drive in Uda Walawe
- South Coast Beach Retreat
- Galle Fort
- Ambalangoda Mask Museum

MEET YOUR HOST



Every Byroads tour is supported by an experienced Byroads Escort – a true travel professional with a genuine passion for travel and people. They take care of all the nitty-gritty details to ensure your trip runs smoothly – and you can focus on enjoying the moment.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: MON 1NOV27 - NEW DELHI

Arrive at Delhi Airport and transfer to your hotel. Settle in and meet up with your group in the evening.

DAY 2: TUE 2NOV27 - NEW DELHI

Take a guided walking tour with the Salaam Balak Trust through the narrow alleyways of Old Delhi. The Trust is an organisation dedicated to the care and support of street and working children. Visit the Jama Masjid Mosque, one of the largest mosques in India, and completed in 1656 AD. View the Red Fort, a testament to the architectural genius of the Mughal Empire and visit Delhi's largest Sikh Temple. Stop to take a photo at India Gate, a landmark tribute to fallen soldiers and symbol of India's historical journey. (B)

DAY 3: WED 3NOV27 - AGRA

This morning drive to Agra to take time to wander around its most famous landmark, the astonishing Taj Mahal. Considered one of the most beautiful buildings in the world, it is a symbol of eternal love. The allure of the Taj Mahal continues to captivate visitors from all around the globe. Be prepared to be overwhelmed with awe and wonder.

Later, stop in and explore the UNESCO listed Agra Fort, which overlooks the River Yamuna. Known as the Red Fort of Agra, it was the main residence of the emperors of the Mughal Dynasty until 1638. (B)

DAY 4: THU 4NOV27 - FATEHPUR SIKRIM - BHARATPUR - KARALI

After breakfast travel to and uncover the mysteries of World Heritage Site, Fatehpur Sikri, the fabled deserted city of a Moghul Emperor. At Bharatpur visit the historical Keoladeo Bird Sanctuary. UNESCO listed, the sanctuary's unique blend of biodiversity and beauty makes it one of the most visited bird reserves in India. Arrive at the heritage town of Karali and check-in for two nights. (BLD)

DAY 5: FRI 4NOV27 KARALI

Discover Karali, one of the holiest cities in Rajasthan, renowned for its ancient, ornate palaces. Be guided through the City Palace, dating back to the 14th century, it is a real highlight with its intricate frescoes and ornamental features. Stop by the Lord Krishna temple and later in the day enjoy a stroll through the village and mingle with the locals. (BLD)

DAY 6: SAT 6NOV27 - RANTHAMBORE

Take a leisurely drive to the renowned wildlife sanctuary of Ranthambore. The park provides a unique opportunity to observe wildlife in their natural habitat and serves as a crucial conservation and ecological study area. Buckle in for an afternoon game drive, searching for Royal Bengal tiger, leopard, hyena, indigenous deer and sloth bear. (BLD)

DAY 7: SUN 7NOV27 - RANTHAMBORE

Rise for an early morning safari through the National Park, and witness the variations marked by a different time-of-day viewing. Marvel at the UNESCO listed, and majestic Ranthambore Fort, which stands as a testament to India's rich historical past. The fort dates back to the 10th century and offers wonderful panoramic views of the park. (BLD)

DAY 8: MON 8NOV27 - AMER - JAIPUR

Drive to arrive at the fabulous 'Pink City', Jaipur. First painted in pink (the traditional colour of hospitality) to welcome the then Prince of Wales in 1876, today the unique terracotta pink hue is maintained in its old city area. Upon arrival, soak up one of India's most memorable sights: the Amber Palace. Known for its artistic Hindu-style elements, it's a beautiful blend of Rajput and Mughal architecture and showcases intricate carvings, precious stones and mirrors embedded into the walls. Immerse yourself in the colour and vibrancy of this fabulous city and enjoy an evening walk to explore Jaipuri art and crafts. (B)

DAY 9: TUE 9NOV27 - JAIPUR

Following breakfast investigate the incredible, unique Palace of the Wind. Continue on to the Old Palace, now a museum showcasing artifacts and antiques from the royal heritage of Jaipur. After, delve into the history of the ancient astronomical observatory at Jantar Mantar. Immerse yourself in the colour and vibrancy of this fabulous city and enjoy an evening walk to explore Jaipuri art and crafts. (B)

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DAY 10: JODHPUR

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A travel day, so take the road to Jodhpur – and witness the changing landscapes, from the bustling urban scenery of Jaipur leading into the more arid, desert-like region as you approach the ‘Blue City’. Traditionally, Brahmins in Jodhpur started painting their houses blue to signify their status as the highest Hindu caste and to set themselves apart from the other classes. Gradually this trend spread across the city. Check-in to your hotel for your two-night stay. (B)

DAY 11: THU 11 NOV 27 - JODHPUR

Take the morning to amble through the remarkable Mehrangarh Fort, one of the most spectacular in all of India. Built in 1459 it is not only a historical monument but also a cultural treasure trove. The fort’s museum houses a splendid and comprehensive collection garnered from the opulent lifestyle of the Maharajas. Perched on top of a hill, enjoy the panoramic view from Fort and take a lot of photos. In the afternoon, lose yourself in the bazaar- known for its handicrafts, embroidered shoes, metalware, silver and paintings. (B)

DAY 12: FRI 12 NOV 27 - NARLAI

Journey to the beautiful, serene village of Narlai, known for its ancient temples and step wells. There is a large granite hill that dominates the village, and atop is a colossal white elephant statue. The hill and the statue are visually striking and hold religious significance for the local community. Climb to the top for a closer look and a wonderful panoramic view.

Check-in to the stunning Rawla Narlai heritage hotel, a restored 17th-century royal retreat. (B)

DAY 13: SAT 13 NOV 27 - RANAKPUR - UDAIPUR

Leaving Narlai, embark on an open jeep safari in search of leopard, antelope, hyena and jackal. Drive to Ranakpur and call in to the Jain Temples, located in a tranquil valley of the Aravalli Range. Built in the 15th century here are one of the most significant and exquisite Jain temple complexes in all of India. The temples are considered one of the top five Jain pilgrimage sites. Arrive to Udaipur and settle in for your three-night stay. (B)

DAY 14: SUN 14 NOV 27 - UDAIPUR

Welcome to beautiful Udaipur, often referred to as the ‘Venice of the East’ or the ‘City of Lakes’. Be guided through the city’s highlights, including the City Palace and Jagdish Temple. The City Palace is a complex of several palaces famed for their intricate peacock mosaics, and its location provides a panoramic view of the city and its surroundings. The impressive Jagdish Temple was built in 1651 AD and is dedicated to Lord Vishnu. Stroll through the lovely Saheliyon-Ki-Bari gardens or ‘Garden of the Maidens’. This evening take an optional sunset boat ride to Lake Pichola, and enjoy views of the Lake and City Palaces. (B)

DAY 15: MON 15 NOV 27 - EKLINGJI - UDAIPUR

Start the day with a drive to Eklingji, and roam one of Rajasthan’s most famous Hindu Temple complexes. First built in 734 AD by the founder of the Mewar dynasty, it has been expanded and modified over the years. Dedicated to Eklingji – a form of Lord Shiva, it is a pilgrimage place for followers of Lord Shiva, and is revered by the royal family of Mewar.

Return to Udaipur for an afternoon at leisure and enjoy last minute shopping, sight-seeing or just relaxing. (B)

DAY 16: TUE 16 NOV 27 - UDAIPUR - NEW DELHI - COLOMBO

Following breakfast transfer to the airport for the flight to Colombo. On arrival in Colombo transfer to your beachside hotel. Take some time to unwind after your journey and settle into your surroundings. In the evening, meet your fellow travellers and Byroads Tour Leader for a casual briefing and welcome to your Sri Lankan adventure. (B)

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DAY 17: WED 17NOV27 - COLOMBO

Begin your day with a visit to St. Anthony's Catholic Church, a revered pilgrimage site known for its peaceful atmosphere and reputation for miracles. This cherished place of worship is beloved by locals of all faiths and offers a moment of quiet reflection in the heart of the city. Nearby stands the striking Jami Ul-Alfar Mosque, a Colombo icon with its candy-striped red-and-white façade and unique Indo-Saracenic design. Built in 1909, it remains one of the most distinctive religious landmarks in Sri Lanka.

Next, explore the fascinating National Museum, home to a superb collection of royal regalia, ancient artefacts, and artwork that traces the island's long and complex history—from ancient kingdoms to colonial rule. Afterwards, enjoy a leisurely drive through Colombo's colonial quarters, where grand buildings and historic landmarks reflect the city's Portuguese, Dutch, and British influences. Your guide will share stories of Colombo's past and point out key sites that shaped the city's unique character.

This afternoon, take time to relax or explore on your own in the historic Fort district, with its colonial charm, seaside views, and lively mix of shops, cafes, and heritage buildings. (B)

DAY 18: THU 18NOV27 - DAMBULLA

Travel northeast to Dambulla, home to the spectacular Golden Temple of Dambulla. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is the largest and best-preserved cave temple complex in Sri Lanka, dating back to the 1st century BC. Step inside the temple's cool stone chambers to discover a series of caves richly adorned with murals and over 150 statues of the Buddha, as well as Hindu deities. The serenity and artistry of the site make for a memorable visit.

After exploring, continue to your nearby hotel and settle in for a relaxing two-night stay, surrounded by the natural beauty of Sri Lanka's Cultural Triangle. (B)

DAY 19: FRI 19NOV27 - POLONNARUWA - DAMBULLA

This morning, journey to the ancient city of Polonnaruwa, Sri Lanka's second capital after Anuradhapura. A UNESCO-listed site, Polonnaruwa flourished from the 11th to 13th centuries and remains one of the best-preserved historical cities on the island. Wander among ruins of royal palaces, ancient shrines, monastic buildings and enormous stupas, all reflecting the advanced engineering and artistic brilliance of the ancient Sinhalese. Highlights include the Gal Vihara, with its beautifully carved Buddha statues in various postures.

On the return to Dambulla, stop at a local woodcarving workshop, where skilled artisans continue a time-honoured craft, producing intricate creations from fragrant native woods. (B)

DAY 20: SAT 20NOV27 - SIGIRIYA - KNUCKLES RANGE - KANDY

After breakfast, head to Sigiriya, one of Sri Lanka's most iconic landmarks. This dramatic 200-metre-high rock fortress, often referred to as the 'Lion Rock', was once a royal citadel and palace. Climb to the summit, stopping en route to view the famed Sigiriya frescoes and the Mirror Wall. At the top, be rewarded with stunning panoramic views and insights into the architectural ingenuity of this 5th-century marvel.

Continue your journey through the misty Knuckles Mountain Range, enjoying a scenic drive and picnic lunch en route. Before arriving in Kandy, stop to explore a spice plantation, where fragrant cinnamon, pepper, and cardamom grow in the fertile highland soil. (B)

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DAY 21: SUN 21NOV27 - KANDY

Nestled in the central highlands and ringed by mountains, Kandy is one of Sri Lanka's most charming and historically significant cities. Begin your day with a guided exploration of this UNESCO World Heritage-listed city, once the final capital of the ancient Sinhalese monarchy. Visit the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic, the island's most revered Buddhist site, believed to house a tooth relic of the Buddha himself. The temple's spiritual atmosphere and ornate architecture leave a lasting impression.

Later, stroll through the Royal Botanical Gardens of Peradeniya, famous for its collection of orchids, towering palms, and medicinal plants. If time permits, visit a gem workshop to learn about Sri Lanka's legendary sapphires and semi-precious stones. (B)

DAY 22: MON 22NOV27 - NUWARA ELIYA - ELLA

Today, delve into Sri Lanka's tea heritage. Visit the Ceylon Tea Museum to learn about the evolution of tea cultivation, processing, and export—one of the cornerstones of the nation's identity. Ascend into the cool highlands to Nuwara Eliya, a colonial-era hill station affectionately known as 'Little England' for its cool climate and British-style architecture. Enjoy a traditional lunch at the charming Hill Club, a relic of the British Raj with its old-world charm.

In the afternoon, pass through tea plantations and misty mountain passes as you travel to the laid-back town of Ella, where you'll spend the night surrounded by lush greenery. (B)

DAY 23: TUE 23NOV27 - ELLA

Wake to the breathtaking views from your hotel, overlooking Ella Gap, a dramatic cleft in the hills that opens out to the southern plains below. This morning, browse for fresh ingredients at the local market, then head to a traditional kitchen for a hands-on Sri Lankan cooking class. Learn to blend spices and prepare local favourites, followed by a delicious lunch featuring your creations.

After lunch, enjoy free time. You might choose to hike to Little Adam's Peak, an easy and scenic 45-minute walk with sweeping views from the summit. Or simply relax at the hotel with a pot of Ceylon tea, soaking in the tranquil highland air. (B,L)

DAY 24: WED 24NOV27 - BUDURUWAGALA - UDAWALAWE NATIONAL PARK

Today you descend from the hills to the southern plains. En route, stop at Buduruwagala, where a towering 15-metre-high rock-carved Buddha stands serenely amidst jungle surrounds, flanked by six other mysterious figures.

Arrive at Udawalawe National Park, one of the best places in Sri Lanka to see elephants in the wild. After lunch, hop aboard a jeep safari and head into the park in search of elephants, deer, water buffalo, wild boar, and numerous bird species. Later, visit the Elephant Transit Home, a respected rehabilitation centre for orphaned elephant calves, where the focus is on returning them to the wild. (B)

DAY 25: THU 25NOV27 - SOUTH COAST RETREAT

After breakfast, travel to the south coast and check in to a charming beach retreat nestled along a stretch of white sand and turquoise water. This afternoon is yours to unwind. Swim in the ocean, enjoy a relaxing Ayurvedic massage, or simply soak up the sun with a book and a fresh coconut in hand. Today is about relaxation, wellness, and reconnecting with nature. (B)

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DAY 26: SUN 21NOV27 - KANDY

After a leisurely breakfast depart your beach retreat and travel along Sri Lanka's picturesque southern coastline to the historic city of Galle, arriving later in the afternoon. En route, pass fishing villages, coconut groves, and glimpses of the glittering Indian Ocean.

Having checked in to your hotel inside the old fort or nearby, enjoy some free time to settle in, relax, or take a short stroll through this character-filled town. As evening falls, the fort's golden-hour light and sea breeze make for an especially atmospheric welcome. (B)

DAY 27: SAT 27NOV27 - GALLE

This morning, explore Galle in depth on a guided walking tour of the UNESCO-listed Dutch Fort, the best-preserved colonial sea fortress in Asia. Stroll along the ramparts, admire the elegant architecture, and visit key sites such as the Dutch Reformed Church, the 19th-century Clock Tower, and the Old Dutch Hospital, now transformed into a stylish shopping and dining precinct.

Later, enjoy a leisurely afternoon to discover more at your own pace. Options include visiting the National Maritime Museum, exploring the Japanese Peace Pagoda, relaxing at the beach, or enjoying a long lunch at one of Galle's excellent cafes and restaurants. With its artistic vibe and laid-back charm, Galle is the perfect place to unwind before your journey north. (B)

DAY 28: SUN 28NOV27 - AMBALANGODA - MADU RIVER - COLOMBO

This morning begin the journey back to Colombo. En route, stop at the Mask Museum in Ambalangoda, where the intricate world of Sri Lankan mask-making comes to life. Learn about traditional performances and the spiritual meanings behind these vivid creations.

Afterward, take a tranquil boat ride on the Madu River, an estuary known for its biodiversity. Cruise past mangrove forests, small islands, and local fishermen, gaining insight into the region's ecosystem and traditional livelihoods. Arrive in Colombo late afternoon and enjoy a final evening in the capital. (B)

DAY 29: MON 29NOV27 - DEPART COLOMBO

The Secrets of Sri Lanka tour comes to an end after breakfast today. Taxis to the airport are available, or Byroads can arrange a private transfer on request. We hope you leave with rich memories and a deep appreciation for the beauty and diversity of Sri Lanka. (B)

WHAT'S INCLUDED

GUIDES

- ✓ Byroads tour host and national and local guides

TRANSPORT

- ✓ Arrival transfer, private air-conditioned vehicle, jeep, flight ticket Udaipur to Colombo.

ACCOMMODATION

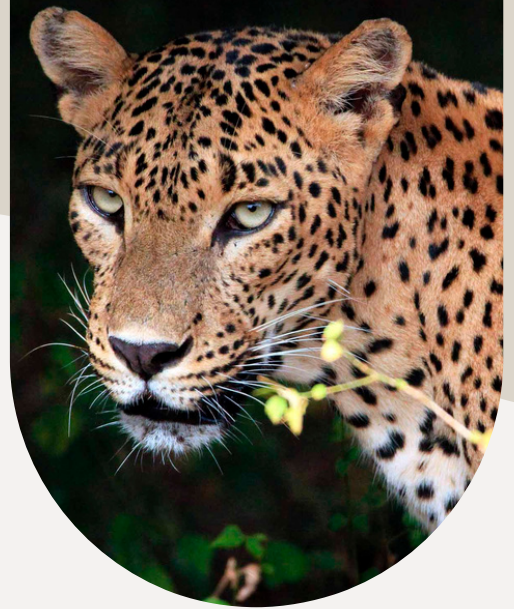
- ✓ 28 nights (3 to 4-star hotel average)

MEALS

- ✓ 28 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 4 dinners

TICKETS

- ✓ Entrance fees to indicated sites



GETTING THERE: FLIGHTS AND TRANSFERS

Your flights from Udaipur to Colombo via Delhi are included in the tour cost and will be arranged by Byroads.

Air India and Singapore Airlines fly from Australia to Delhi and out of Colombo. You can book your flights online or via your travel agent who may also offer you alternative airlines.

Your arrival transfer is included in your tour cost.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

We'd love to do it all for you. But there are a few things you'll need to arrange yourself. This includes you:

- Visa
- Travel insurance (compulsory)
- Departure transfer
- International flights except Udaipur to Colombo
- Additional meals and drinks
- Cash for tipping kitty
- Optional tours
- Spending of a personal nature
- Laundry

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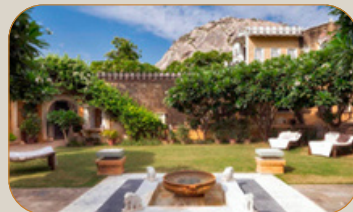
Byroads accommodation is a destination unto itself. We choose our hotels carefully to ensure a seamless transition from your day exploring to a night of relaxation. Think traditional architecture blended with modern comforts – and plenty of views.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:



Bhanwar Vilas Palace

Stunning heritage hotel in Karauli. Its restored and decorated period interiors, exquisite European tapestries, portraits and furniture ensure an authentic palace experience with a modern touch.



Rawla Narlai

A 17th-century royal hunting lodge, Rawla Narlai is a Rajasthani treat, with uniquely decorated rooms, frangipani-scented courtyards, lamplit terraces and curated dining experiences.



Grand Udawalawe Safari Resort

Discover a tranquil oasis designed for relaxation and comfort. Enjoy beautifully appointed rooms with a serene atmosphere. Take a refreshing dip in the pool and unwind in the lush gardens

THE FINER DETAILS

DATES AND PRICES

DATE	TWIN SHARE	FLIGHT TICKETS	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
1 November 2027	6835 USD	330 USD	2475 USD
Due to the volatility of international currencies, trip fees are calculated in US Dollars. However, you will be charged in Australian dollars. Currency conversion is based on Westpac Banking Corporation's buying rate on your balance due date.			

*Provisional 2027 Prices

Additional expenses

Tipping is customary, so please allow extra funds for the tipping kitty. This will pay your local and national guides, drivers and porters.

MEALS

Breakfast is included daily, as well as 5 lunches and 4 dinners. Elsewhere, you can enjoy the delicious variety of local food on offer. In India meals typically cost between 10-20 USD for lunch and 20- 30 USD for dinner. Sri Lanka is a little less.

DOCUMENTATION

Once we've received your final payment, we'll post you a comprehensive field guide. It's a physical document you can keep handy to inform your travels. It also includes all relevant tour and accommodation information you need to book your visa.

VISAS

Visas for India and Sri Lanka are required for most nationalities, including Australians and New Zealanders. Tourist visas can be applied for on-line.

Other nationalities should check with Byroads.

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