

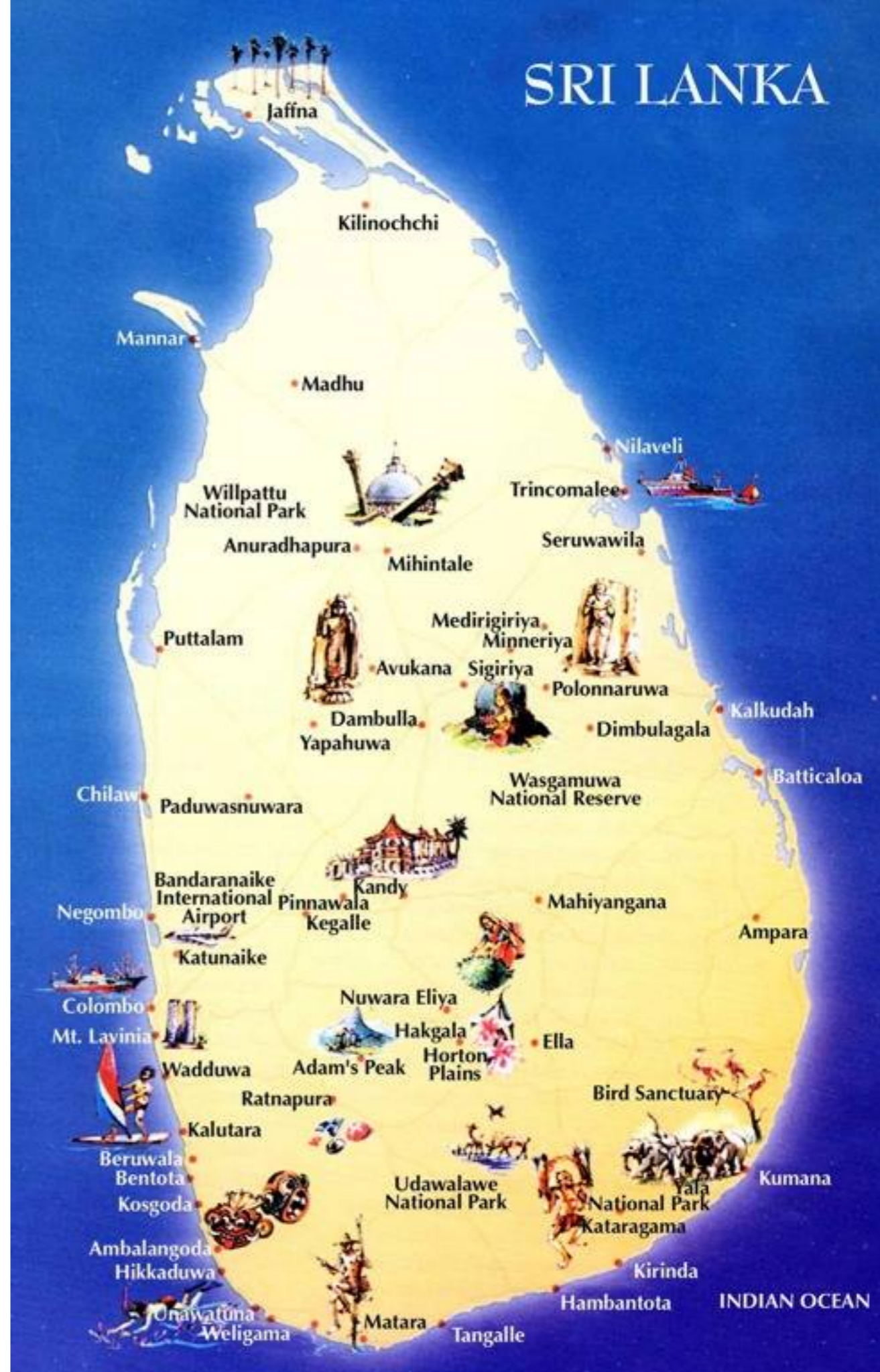
A scenic photograph of a sunset over a beach. The sky is filled with soft, orange and yellow clouds, with the sun low on the horizon. In the foreground, the dark silhouettes of palm trees frame the scene. On the beach, several people are walking along the water's edge. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

*Sri Lanka
2012*



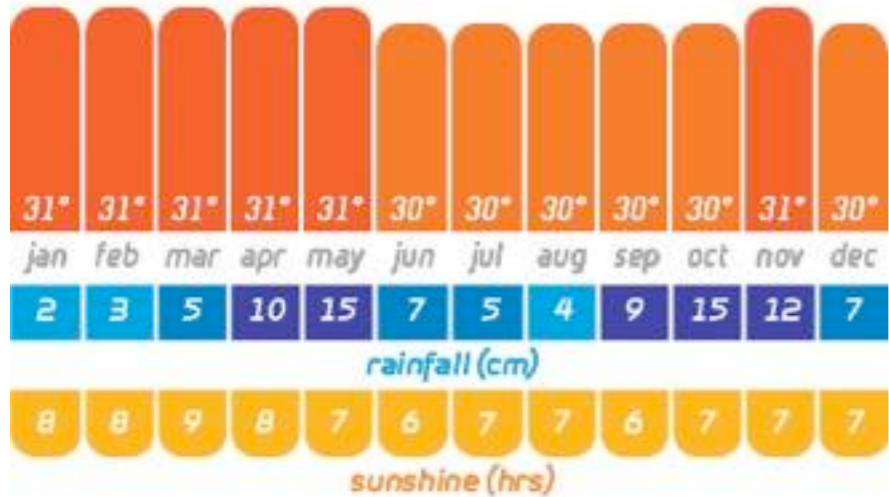
Sri Lanka

A land like no other





A Land of Contrasts



Set in the Indian Ocean in South Asia, the tropical island nation of Sri Lanka has a history dating back to the birth of time. It is a place where the original soul of Buddhism still flourishes and where nature's beauty remains abundant and unspoilt.

Few places in the world can offer the traveller such a remarkable combination of stunning landscapes, pristine beaches, captivating cultural heritage and unique experiences within such a compact location. Within a mere area of 65,610 kilometres lie 8 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, 1,330 kilometres of coastline - much of it pristine beach - 15 national parks showcasing an abundance of wildlife, nearly 500,000 acres of lush tea estates, 250 acres of botanical gardens, 350 waterfalls, 25,000 water bodies, to a culture that extends back to over 2,500 years.

This is an island of magical proportions, once known as Serendib, Taprobane, the Pearl of the Indian Ocean, and Ceylon. Discover refreshingly Sri Lanka!



Colomba

A blend of past and present

Whether or not this bustling, surprising, cosmopolitan city was named from the Sinhala Kola-amba-thota - "harbor with leafy mango trees" – it is apt. Strategically-placed in the Indian Ocean, this port has been a wide open door to visitors for centuries. With each wave of new influences from afar - from the early Arab traders to the 21st century Western fashion manufacturers - Colombo re-invents herself, rising like a victorious phoenix from the ashes of colonization. This chameleon city absorbs new influences, while still retaining her own unique Sri Lankan character: Like the gems this island is known for, each chip off the original only seems to enhance the stone's reflectivity and innate beauty



Taj Samudra - Colombo

www.tajhotels.com

Spread across 11 acres of beautifully landscaped gardens and strategically based in Colombo's business hub, Taj Samudra boasts a peerless view of the Indian Ocean and the Galle Face Green, a hallmark of Colombo.



Bentota

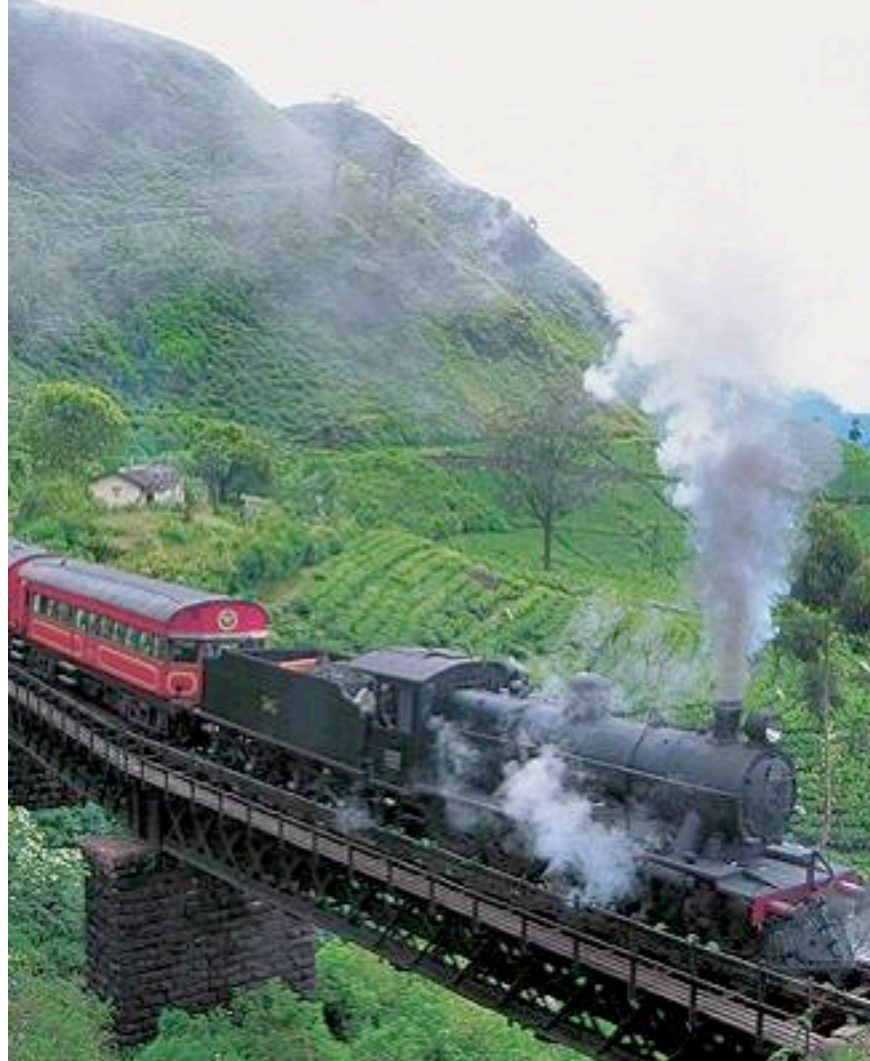
Historically, Bentota used to be a small village located on the way to the Galapatha Temple, which legend says is linked by underground tunnels to all of the other temples in the region. Today Bentota's calm seas make it Sri Lanka's water-sports centre, and an excellent diving location. The southern end in particular is home to not only wide expanses of palm fringed white sand beaches, but some of the island's most upmarket hotels. Surprisingly, although Bentota is one of the island's most popular resorts, the beach is relatively quiet and the village itself is little more than a sleepy hamlet where the inhabitants still go about their life much as they have done for years, fishing and tending their small holdings.



Vivanta by Taj Bentota

www.tajhotels.com

Delightfully located along one of the finest beaches on the South West coast, this charming beach and spa resort is almost one with the Indian Ocean.



Viceroy Train



Old Galle is a UNESCO world heritage site; a unique example of a preserved 17th C colonial Fortress. The Galle Fort itself is still a living monument with a bustling community within the great ramparts, massive bastions, pepper pot towers, while narrow streets display its Dutch heritage with beckoning pillared verandas and fretwork facades. Walking around is best so you can peep through frangipani filled courtyards at houses, galleries or shops selling antiques, spices, pictures, nouveau-boule and hand-woven sarongs. Step outside the Citadel, and a different city with a different agenda is the 'New Galle' tussling with bustle, noise and chaos welcomes you. Galle is also the gateway to seductive sandy coves and the coastal villages of Unawatuna, Thalpe, Koggala, Habaraduwa and Ahangama.



Tea Country

A tour of a local tea Plantation and Factory where you will have an opportunity to learn a little of the fascinating process that converts the leaf of a bush into the world-renowned drink.

The Programme

DAY-01 EUROPE - COLOMBO

You will arrive Colombo from Europe this afternoon.

The capital of Sri Lanka and the administrative centre is Colombo, the island's largest city is vibrant and has a cosmopolitan atmosphere that increasingly exudes style.

VIP Meet & Greet on arrival and transfer to hotel TAJ SAMUDRA.

Time at leisure.

Dinner at the hotel.

O/N TAJ SAMUDRA.



DAY-02 COLOMBO - BENTOTA

Breakfast at the hotel.

Drive to Bentota.

The south west coast of Sri Lanka is renowned for its idyllic white sand beaches, and the popular beach resort of Bentota is one of the most popular destinations to base yourself for a beach break whilst in Sri Lanka

Optional :- Take Viceroy Train to Bentota.

Check into hotel VIVANTA by TAJ BENTOTA.

Lunch at the hotel.

Time at leisure.

Dinner at the hotel.

O/N VIVANTA by TAJ BENTOTA



DAY-03 BENTOTA

Breakfast at the hotel.

You will be at leisure to do independent activities.

Lunch and Dinner at the hotel.

O/N VIVANTA by TAJ BENTOTA



The Programme

DAY-04 BENTOTA

Breakfast at the hotel.

You will be at leisure to do independent activities.

Lunch and Dinner at the hotel.

Optional :- Go for excursion of Balapitiya. Do a boat ride through Madu River Lagoon. Have lunch at a river island. Return to Bentota en route visiting Turtle Hatchery in Kosgoda.

O/N VIVANTA by TAJ BENTOTA



DAY-05 BENTOTA

Breakfast at the hotel.

You will be at leisure to do independent activities.

Lunch at the hotel.

Optional :- Go for visit of a Tea Factory, Galle Fort with lunch on the ramparts and Moon Stone Mines.

Gala Dinner at hotel.

O/N VIVANTA by TAJ BENTOTA



DAY-06 BENTOTA - COLOMBO - EUROPE

You will be transferred back to Colombo Airport to board flight back home.



END OF THE TRIP