

The Perahera Heritage & Hill Country Expedition

6 Nights / 7 Days

The Perahera Heritage & Hill Country Expedition is a carefully curated 6-night journey through Sri Lanka's cultural heart and breathtaking hill country landscapes. From the ancient wonders of Sigiriya and the spiritual charm of Kandy to the world-famous Esala Perahera festival, this itinerary offers an immersive experience into the island's rich heritage and traditions. Travelers will also enjoy scenic tea plantations, the iconic Ella train journey, misty mountain escapes, and relaxing coastal experiences in Bentota—creating the perfect blend of culture, nature, adventure, and relaxation.



Day 1: BIA to Sigiriya (160 km | 3h 45m)

Welcome to Sri Lanka!

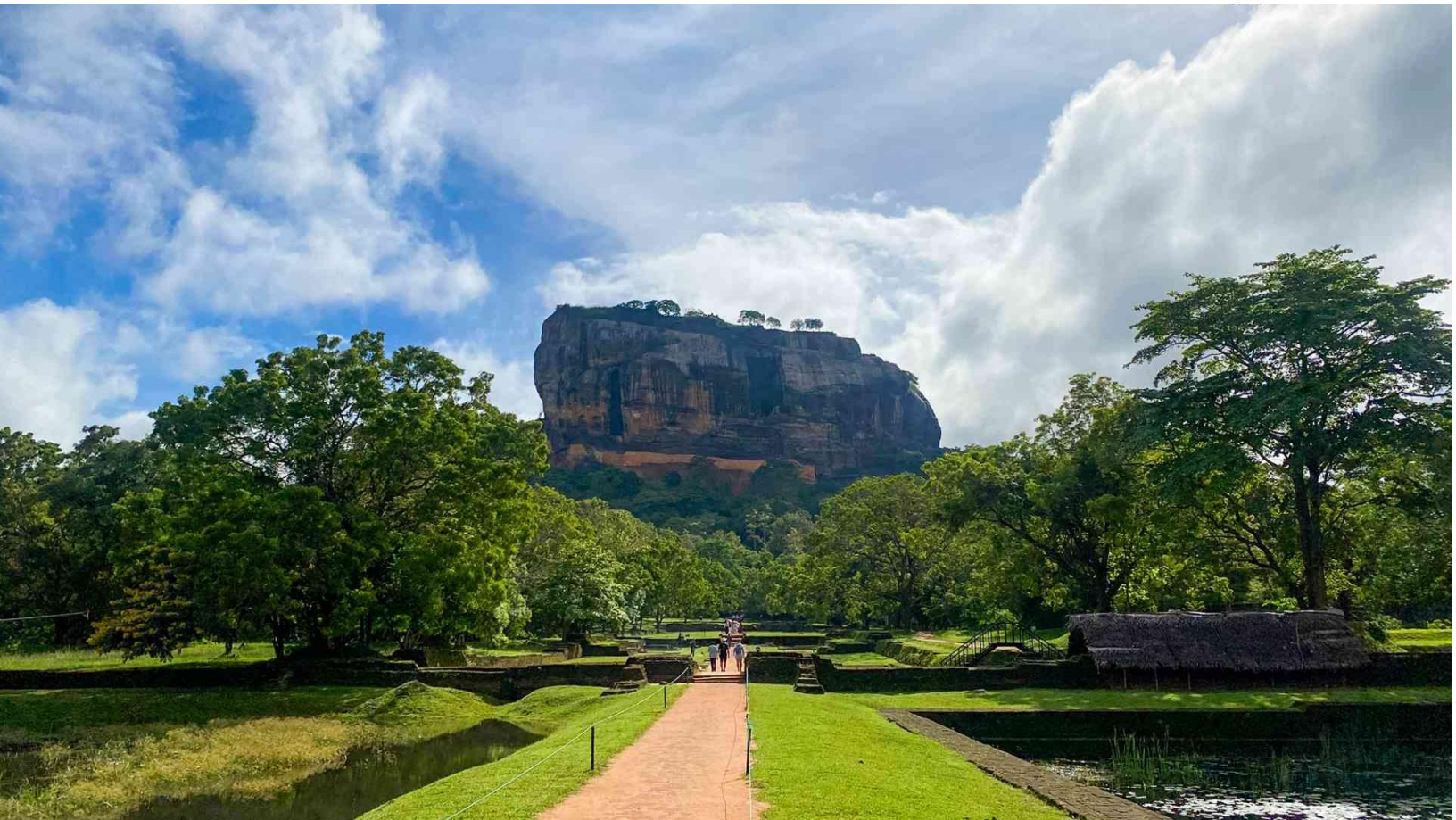
Upon arrival at the Colombo International Airport, you will be met by a designated guide from Terra Ceylon. After the formalities at the airport, you will be escorted to your air-conditioned vehicle and then transfer to Sigiriya.

- **Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage:** An engaging introduction to Sri Lanka's wildlife conservation. Observe elephants during their daily river bath and learn about rehabilitation practices.
- **Sigiriya Evening Experience:** Relaxed village surroundings or leisure time at the hotel after arrival.
- Overnight stay in Sigiriya.



Day 2: Sigiriya to Kandy (90 km | 2h 45m)

- **Sigiriya Rock Fortress:** A UNESCO World Heritage Site showcasing advanced ancient engineering, frescoes, and landscaped water gardens.
- **Dambulla Cave Temple:** A historic cave complex with centuries-old Buddhist murals and statues, ideal for cultural and religious insight.
- **En Route Spice & Herbal Garden (Matale):** Discover Sri Lanka's spices and their culinary and medicinal uses through an interactive experience.
- Arrival in Kandy
- Overnight stay in Kandy.



Day 3: Kandy – Esala Perahera Experience

- **Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic:** Witness traditional rituals and explore the spiritual significance of Sri Lanka's most sacred Buddhist site.
- **Kandy City Exploration:**
 - o Kandy Lake & viewpoints
 - o Royal Botanical Gardens, Peradeniya (Optional)
- **Gem & Handicraft Experience:** Learn about Sri Lanka's gem industry and traditional craftsmanship.
- **Witness Kandy Esala Perahera (Main Highlight):**

A spectacular cultural procession with decorated elephants, traditional dancers, drummers, and fire performers—offering a deep immersion into Sri Lanka's living heritage.
- Overnight stay in Kandy.



Day 4: Kandy to Nuwara Eliya (80 km | 2h 45m)

- **Scenic Hill Country Drive:** Journey through misty mountains, waterfalls, and tea plantations.
- **Tea Plantation & Factory Visit:** Learn the full Ceylon tea process and enjoy a fresh tasting session.
- **Nuwara Eliya Exploration (“Little England”):**
 - o Gregory Lake
 - o Colonial-era architecture and landscapes
- Overnight stay in Nuwara Eliya.



Day 5: Nuwara Eliya to Ella (55 km | 2h 15m)

- **Scenic Train Journey (Nanu Oya → Ella):**

One of the most iconic train rides in the world, passing tea plantations, misty mountains, tunnels, and waterfalls. *(Subject to availability and railway operations)*

- **Ella Adventure & Experience Activities:**

- o **Nine Arches Bridge:** Walk along the famous colonial railway bridge

- o **Natural Swimming Experiences:** Enjoy refreshing dips at Ravana Falls or nearby natural pools (weather permitting)

- o **Ziplining (Flying Ravana – Optional):** A thrilling ride across the Ella Gap

- **Ella Leisure Time:** Relax in a laid-back mountain atmosphere with cafés and viewpoints.

- Overnight stay in Ella.



Day 6: Ella to Bentota (200 km | 5h 30m)

- **Scenic Descent to the Coast:** Experience the transition from cool highlands to tropical coastal landscapes.
- **Madu River Boat Safari:** Explore mangroves and local ecosystems rich in biodiversity.
- Overnight stay in Bentota.



Day 7: Bentota to BIA (110 km | 2h 15m)

- Departure flight - 03 Hours Before Departure of your Flight



Compliments

- Free 5.5 GB data SIM card
- Daily 500ml water bottles per person

Price Inclusions:

- Airport pick up & drop off
- Accommodation
- Transportation by A/C private vehicle with the services of a chauffeur guide
- Fuel & vehicle insurance
- Government taxes

Price Exclusions:

- Beverages, extra meals in the tour
- Entrance fees to other sightseeing places
- Water sport activity charges
- Early check-in and late check out
- Sri Lanka tourist visa
- Air fare
- Guide tips

Terms & Conditions

- Bookings are confirmed after 50% deposit or full payment. Balance payment to be made 14 days prior to arrival
- Prices may vary until confirmation
- Travelers are responsible for travel documents
- Itineraries may be adjusted due to operational needs
- Third-party services are provided by selected partners
- Terra Ceylon supports guests in case of service concerns

Cancellation & Refund Policy

- 30 days or more before arrival – 80% refund
- 15–29 days before arrival – 50% refund
- Less than 72 hours before arrival / No-show – No refund

Refunds are subject to non-recoverable costs from third-party providers.

