



## XPLORE CULTURAL TOUR 2025

### SRI LANKA

11 DAYS/10 NIGHTS | 15 – 26 NOVEMBER 2025

#### OVERVIEW

Our 2025 Xplore Cultural Tour has been specially curated as an ethical, socially responsible adventure to Sri Lanka.

Your host for this trip is Amanda Webb, CEO of Xplore for Success. Limited to 12 travellers, this is an opportunity not to be missed! Register now and reserve your place with a \$500 deposit.

#### PURPOSE OF THIS TRIP

All Xplore Cultural trips support local charities and include visits to local social enterprises. We are committed to ethical and sustainable travel and choose charities that align with our purpose and these guidelines.

In Sri Lanka, we will be supporting and visiting the following NGOs and social enterprises:

**Millennium Elephant Foundation (MEF)** is a family founded and run not-for-profit organisation. It has been home to the Samarasinghe family and their elephants for many generations. The sanctuary provides proper caretaking facilities and medical services for captive elephants. MEF strives to improve the care and treatment of Sri Lankan elephants while increasing awareness about the crippling conditions many of them face throughout the country. The foundation remains the only certified non-profit organisation working with captive elephants in Sri Lanka today.  
<https://millenniumelephantfoundation.com/>

**The Women's Development Centre & Sthree Café & Craft Store**  
The Women's Development Centre (WDC) in Kandy has been working to create equal opportunities for women since 1986. This registered non-profit organisation runs several programs to combat violence against women and empower them as equal members of society. In 2007, they started their social enterprise called 'Sthree'. This means 'woman' in both Sinhala and Tamil languages. This women's initiative aims to provide a market for Sri Lankan women and differently-abled entrepreneurs to sell their handmade products. Financial economic empowerment can also empower the entrepreneurs in their home, community and political spheres.  
<https://womendev.org>

If you would like to know more, or to register for the Xplore Sri Lanka Cultural Tour, please contact Amanda Webb.

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#### COST

- \$3,750 per person plus GST

#### INCLUSIONS

- 11 nights accommodation in 4 & 5 star hotels – single occupancy
- All breakfasts
- Hire of an air-conditioned mini coach including driver and fuel
- An English-speaking national tour guide
- Entry fees into attractions as per itinerary
- Activity costs as per itinerary
- Jeep/guide hire at Yala National Park
- Applicable taxes

#### VISITS

- Social enterprises supporting local charities | Millennium Elephant Foundation | Women's Development Centre and Sthree Café and Craft Store

#### EXCLUSIONS

- Airfare (at own cost)
- Transfer to hotel on first day
- Lunches and dinners
- Gratuities for tour guide/s
- Beverages and personal expenses

*\*See over the page for the full itinerary.*

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#### ITINERARY

##### **Saturday, 15 November**

After 2 PM: Check in at Jetwing Blue, Negombo (make own way from airport to hotel).

Accommodation: [Jetwing Blue](#) (4 star)

##### **Sunday, 16 November**

9.30 AM: Welcome meet & breakfast at hotel.

Free day at leisure in Negombo.

Dinner at [Lords Restaurant](#).

Accommodation: [Jetwing Blue](#) (4 star)

##### **Monday, 17 November**

7.30 AM: Breakfast

10 AM: Tour guide pick-up from hotel and we head to Millennium Elephant Foundation (MEF).

Accommodation: [Heritage Kandalama](#) (5 star)

##### **Tuesday, 18 November**

7.30 AM: Breakfast

9 AM: We head to Sigiriya Rock Fortress (UNESCO World Heritage site).

Later in the afternoon we proceed to Polonnaruwa, Sri Lanka's ancient kingdom.

Accommodation: [Heritage Kandalama](#) (5 star)

##### **Wednesday, 19 November**

By 10 AM: Breakfast and check out

We visit the Dambulla Cave Temple (UNESCO World Heritage site).

Next we travel to Kandy and en-route we visit 'Temple of the Tooth' (home to the sacred tooth relic of Lord Buddha).

Later that evening we watch a fascinating cultural show that exhibits the art of traditional dance.

Accommodation: [Earl's Regency](#) (5 star)

##### **Thursday, 20 November**

Today we visit the Sthree Café & Craft Store.

Remainder of the day is at leisure.

Accommodation: [Earl's Regency](#) (5 star)

##### **Friday, 21 November**

En-route to Nuwara Eliya we visit a tea plantation and a tea factory, where the best tea in the world is produced.

Accommodation: [Heritage Tea Factory](#) (5 star)

##### **Saturday, 22 November**

After breakfast we leave for Tissa via Ella. The view from Ella Gap is a spectacular scenic sight. We suggest an early night as you prepare to embark on an early morning safari the next day!

Accommodation: [Chaarya Resort and Spa](#) (4 star)

##### **Sunday, 23 November**

Wake up at dawn for an exciting wildlife jeep safari at the Yala National Park. The highlight of Yala is the large herd of elephants.

Accommodation: [Chaarya Resort and Spa](#) (4 star)

##### **Monday, 24 November**

After a leisurely breakfast, we drive along the beautiful south coast of Sri Lanka. En-route we visit the famous Galle Fort, a World Heritage site by UNESCO overlooking the spectacular Indian Ocean.

Accommodation: [Yara Galle Fort](#) (Boutique)

##### **Tuesday, 25 November**

Free day at leisure in Galle.

6 PM: Farewell dinner at [Charlie's Bar and Bistro](#).

Accommodation: [Yara Galle Fort](#) (Boutique)

##### **Wednesday, 26 November**

Last morning in Sri Lanka. Our trip ends after a farewell breakfast where you will be dropped off at Colombo airport.

Or, if travellers want to extend their trip, we can drop you off at Hikkaduwa.

*\*Itinerary subject to change.*

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