

Fam Trip

BY AUTHENTICITIES

Summary of Your Fam Trip in Sri Lanka

1ST FAM TRIP: MONDAY, 2ND JUNE TO FRIDAY, 13TH JUNE, 2025

2ND FAM TRIP: WEDNESDAY, 18TH JUNE TO SUNDAY, 29TH JUNE, 2025



Who We Are

AUTHENTICITIES Sri Lanka, founded in May 2013, is an innovative travel organisation that curates bespoke luxury trips in Sri Lanka, focusing on authentic experiences infused with emotion. The brand emphasises genuine, culturally relevant, and engaging experiences, allowing guests to connect with local culture and heritage. Committed to creating value in tourism, Authenticities aims to showcase the destination's potential through its culture, landscape, architecture, and lifestyles, binding luxury with informality and we proudly represent some of the finest travel brands in the USA.

SUSTAINABILITY

Our work is centred around attracting considerate, mindful, and responsible travellers who contribute to the well-being of communities and the sustainability of the tourism industry. We specialize in curating experiences that avoid mass tourism movements. As a result, we create travel experiences with ingenuity and finesse, nurturing and supporting communities and the environment.

PHILANTHROPY

Through the "Connect" initiative, we strongly believe in the importance of bridging gaps and connecting lives, communities, and futures. Our strategy is to identify communities, engage with them, and lend a helping hand to their development and growth. This provides opportunities for them to improve their skills.

Our goal is to empower them in such a way that they develop self-belief and confidence, thereby improving social and economic stability in the long run. The "Connect" initiative's cause is the one closest to our hearts because it is about children. We believe that by assisting children, we help to strengthen the fabric of society.

Why We Know We are the Best

- Our invaluable regional staff spread around the island - the only DMC with a regional presence.
- Our unique experiences, curated exclusively for our valued travellers, contribute 100% of the revenue back to the communities and thereby helping them to sustain livelihoods.
- Our ongoing commitment to responsible and regenerative travel.
- Our service excellence is in a league of its own, which is justified by:
 - Our trip reviews have an average score of over 98%.
 - Best luxury transport fleet on the island.
 - Amenities provided in-vehicle are the best in the trade, well thought after and always ahead of the curve.
- Our ever-evolving expertise helps us create novel, authentic and bespoke itineraries encapsulating all of Sri Lanka.
- Connect, our philanthropic initiative, contributes 10% of our pre-tax profits to improve rural primary education.

"UNDOUBTEDLY FINEST ISLAND OF ITS SIZE IN ALL THE WORLD." - MARCO POLO



DESTINATION SRI LANKA

Tropical Sri Lanka is an enchanting world of lush landscapes and deep cultural traditions. This spectacularly diverse country packs myriad of discoveries into its diminutive size.

The island has more than 3500 years of continuous written history, and we will delve into an in-depth exploration of this heritage with visits to ancient buddhist sites & legendary temples set against a breathtaking backdrop of verdant hills, undeveloped coastlines and lush tea plantations.

What to Look Forward To



The Timeless Kingdom - Polonnaruwa

Polonnaruwa is an ancient city in Sri Lanka, renowned for its well-preserved archaeological sites and historical significance. It served as the capital of the country during the 11th and 13th centuries and is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



The Cloud Citadel - The Magnificent Rock Fortress of Sigiriya

Sigiriya, also known as the "Lion Rock," is a UNESCO World Heritage Site in Sri Lanka and one of the country's most iconic landmarks. This ancient rock fortress, built in the 5th century by King Kashyapa, rises dramatically 200 meters above the surrounding plains



The Eternal City of Light - Anuradhapura Citadel

A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Anuradhapura is home to numerous historical and religious landmarks, including massive stupas like Ruwanwelisaya and Jetavanaramaya, sacred Bodhi trees, and ancient monasteries.



The Cave Temple - Dambulla

This sacred complex, dating back to the 1st century BCE, consists of five caves adorned with stunning murals and over 150 Buddha statues, along with statues of gods, goddesses, and kings.



Sacred City of the Tooth Relic - Kandy

The Temple of the Tooth Relic, locally known as Sri Dalada Maligawa, is a sacred Buddhist temple in Kandy, Sri Lanka. It houses the revered relic of the tooth of the Buddha, making it one of the most significant pilgrimage sites for Buddhists worldwide.



Into the Wild - Yala National Park

Spanning over 979 square kilometers, Yala National Park is known for its rich biodiversity, including a large population of Sri Lankan leopards, elephants, and a wide variety of birds. Yala is a popular destination for nature lovers and wildlife enthusiasts.



The Old-World Town - Galle Fort

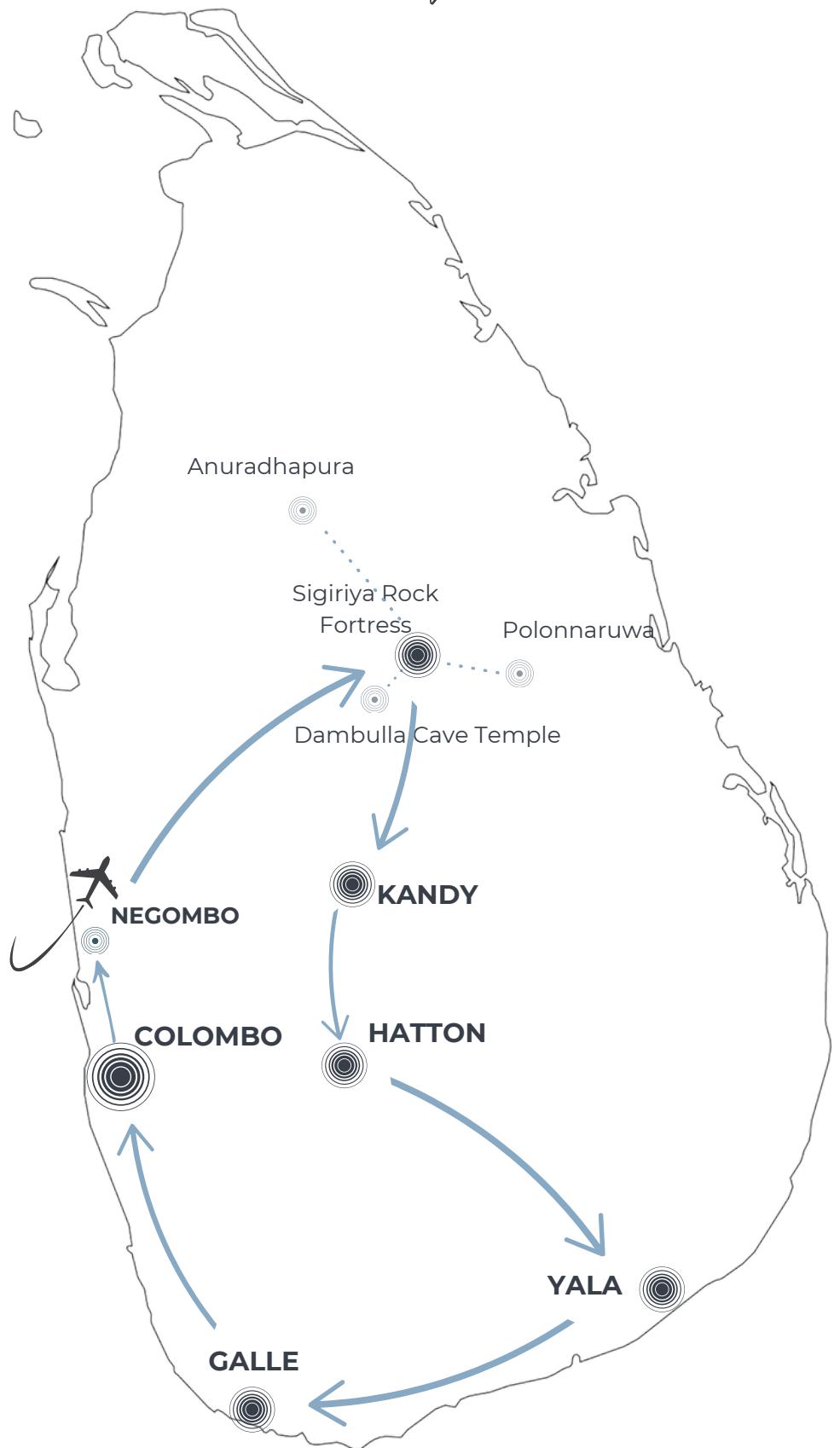
Galle Fort is a historic fortress located in the city of Galle on Sri Lanka's southwestern coast. Built by the Portuguese in the 16th century and later expanded by the Dutch, it is a well-preserved example of European colonial architecture.



Walk the Streets of Colombo

A Colombo city walk offers a chance to explore the vibrant capital of Sri Lanka, blending its rich history with modern urban life. The walk typically covers key landmarks such as the colonial-era buildings around the Fort area, the bustling Pettah Market, and the serene Galle Face Green by the ocean.

Journey Blueprint



Your Experiences Along the Way

Throughout your journey, you'll uncover a tapestry of genuine experiences that have been thoughtfully curated by Authenticities, each designed to immerse you in the rich culture and traditions of the region. Prepare yourself for enlightening moments that will leave a lasting impression.

- Engage in meaningful **interactions with Buddhist monks** to deepen your own mindfulness practice and gain a richer perspective on Buddhist teachings.
- **Participate in the deeply rooted tradition of alms-giving at an ancient monastery**, an experience that not only allows you to contribute to the community but also fosters a profound connection with the local customs.
- Your journey will also include **rejuvenating meditation and yoga sessions with a skilled yogi**
- **A visit to a private spice garden**, where you can learn about the origins of the spices that flavour global cuisines
- Indulge in unique **cinnamon and tea experiences** that celebrate the region's agricultural heritage.
- **The culinary adventure** you to taste the distinctive flavours of local dishes, guided by experts who will share their culinary secrets.
- **Traverse the scenic Pekoe Trail with the founder**, a picturesque route that showcases the stunning landscapes and lush tea plantations
- Finally enjoy **a guided walking tour with Mark Forbes** in the vibrant city of Colombo. This tour will provide you with an insider's perspective on the city's history, architecture, and culture.

Each of these experiences has been meticulously designed to offer you not just a trip, but a journey of discovery, connection, and personal growth.

Your Transportation

You will travel by mini coach, enjoy a train ride, and board an amphibious aircraft, all accompanied by a licensed national guide who is among the best in the industry.

Your Stay

We have compiled a selection of the finest hotels for you to enjoy during your visit to Sri Lanka.

Day 1	Wallawwa, Kotugoda
Day 2 & 3	Water Garden, Sigiriya
Day 4	Kings Pavilion, Kandy
Day 5 & 6	Ceylon Tea Trails - Relais & Chateaux, Hatton
Day 7 & 8	Wild Coast Tented Lodge - Relais & Chateaux, Yala
Day 9 & 10	Cape Weligama - Relais & Chateaux, Weligama

What's Included in this Trip

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This is a fully hosted fam trip which includes:

- Accommodation in SGL rooms
- All meals
- Beverages during meals
- Entrance fees to sites, monuments & national parks
- Transportation (within Sri Lanka)
- Services of accompanying National Guide
- Hosted walking tours, trails and private experiences

What's not included

- International airfare
- Gratuities
- Pre/post accommodation

Key Insights

We will be hosting two familiarization trips exclusively for American travel advisors. Each trip will accommodate a maximum of 7 participants in single rooms.

- 1st FAM trip: *Monday, June 2nd to Friday, June 13th, 2025* – 7 single rooms
- 2nd FAM trip: *Wednesday, June 18th to Sunday, June 29th, 2025* – 7 single rooms

It's important to mention...

- This FAM is aimed at Luxury Travel Advisors specializing in Sri Lanka and Asia.
- This FAM is limited to ONE consultant per company due to the limitation of rooms.
- Therefore it will be on a first come first serve basis.

We recommend...

- Arriving in Colombo between noon & evening on 2nd / 18th June.
- Departing Colombo after 10pm on 13th / 29th June.

Sign up for the Trip!

- There is a participation fee of US\$ 500 per advisor to cover the gratuities for airport + hotel portage, offsite meals, safari jeep drivers, coach crew and the accompanying national guide.
- Please send your participation confirmation to dulith@authenticitiessrilanka.com along with your profile.
