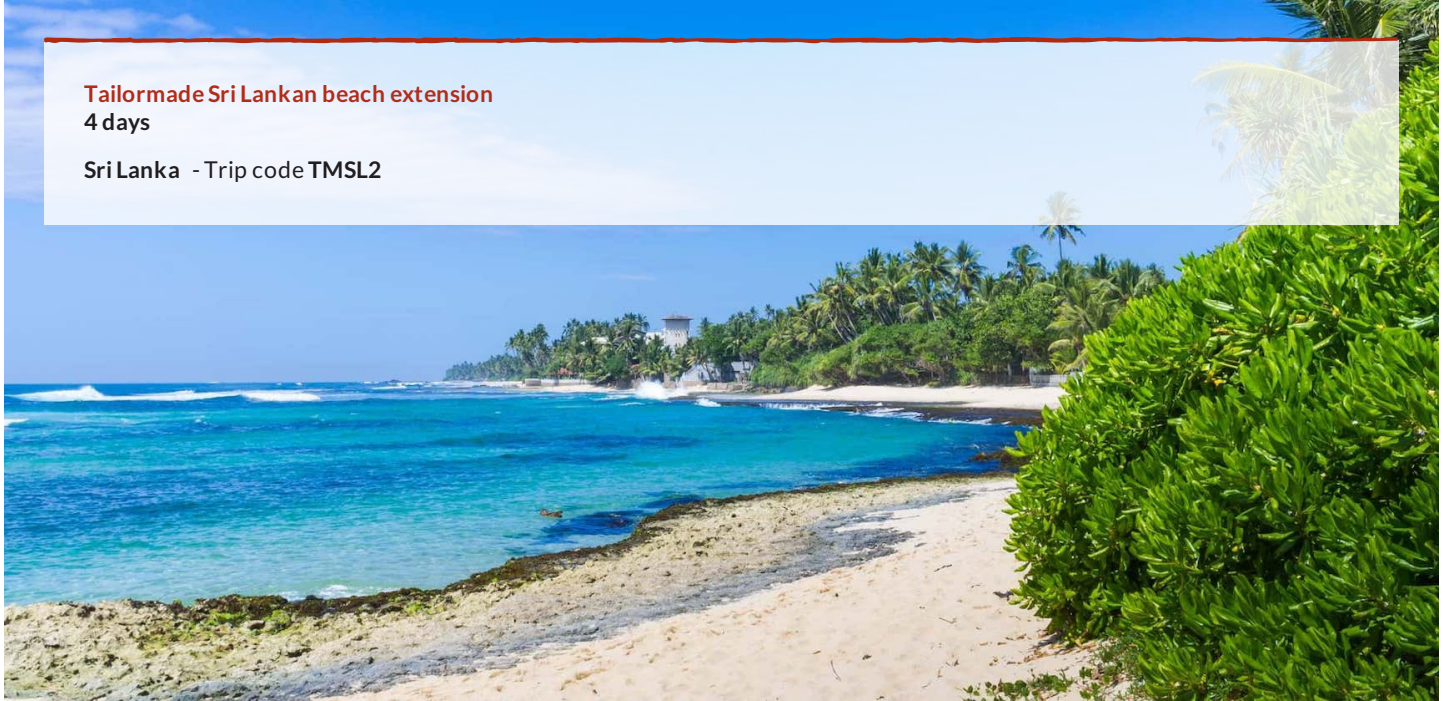


# EXPLORE!

**Tailormade Sri Lankan beach extension**  
4 days

Sri Lanka - Trip code TMSL2



## Tailormade Sri Lankan beach extension

### Relax on Sri Lanka's beaches

After a busy sightseeing trip around Sri Lanka, what better way to end your holiday than a relaxing stay at one of the beautiful and relaxing beaches? The local fish market in Negombo is a fascinating experience and a photographer's haven. While the peaceful beaches of Bentota are perfect to relax and unwind before heading home.

### Enriching tailor-made journeys – for you

This bespoke extension features some of our favourite hotels in Sri Lanka. You can choose to take our destination experts' recommendations and travel just as you see the itinerary here, or contact us to add your own special touches or maybe opt for an alternative beach destination, like Unawatuna, Kaluthara or Hikkaduwa. We're here to design your perfect holiday.

Call us on 01252 883 184.

## Trip highlights

### ACCOMMODATION GRADE:

#### Premium

Our premium accommodation is hand-picked and chosen for its character, location or local importance. These properties have excellent facilities and a higher level of comfort and service. They provide the perfect wind down after an active day.

**TRIP PACE:**

**Relaxed**

You can enjoy easy-going activities and experiences on these Relaxed pace tours, with opportunities to absorb the sights and immerse yourself in the local surroundings, but still come home feeling relaxed and refreshed.

# Itinerary

Itineraries on some departure dates may differ, please select the itinerary that you wish to explore.

## DAY 1 - Arrive at your beach resort

After finishing your Explore Tailormade itinerary or group tour, you will be transferred to the coast for your stay in Bentota.



**Accommodation: AVANI Bentota Resort and Spa** (or similar)



Premium Resort Hotel



Swimming pool available



Included Meals: None

## DAY 2 - Relax on the beach

The next two days are free to relax on the local beaches, by the pool or in the grounds of your hotel.



**Accommodation: AVANI Bentota Resort and Spa** (or similar)



Premium Resort Hotel



Swimming pool available



Included Meals: Breakfast

## DAY 3 - Optional visit to Kosgoda Turtle Hatchery

Today is free for you to explore - perhaps head to the turtle hatchery at Kosgoda to see the breeding process of the endangered sea turtles. Kosgoda was established in 1988 to protect Sri Lanka's turtles from extinction and to date have released approximately 3.5 million baby turtles back into the wild. Speak to your Tailormade Regional Specialist to include this on your itinerary.



**Accommodation: AVANI Bentota Resort and Spa** (or similar)



Premium Resort Hotel



Swimming pool available

 Swimming pool available

 Included Meals: Breakfast

## DAY 4 - Return to Colombo Airport

Today you leave the beauty of the beach and return to Colombo Airport for your flight home or to continue your Sri Lankan adventure.

 Included Meals: Breakfast

## What's included?



Included meals

Breakfast: 3



Transport

Private car



Trip staff

Driver



Accommodation

3 nights premium resort hotel

## Trip information

### Country information

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#### Climate

Year round high temperatures in coastal regions: Colombo averages 27°C. It is much cooler in the hills with Kandy averaging 20°C and Nuwara Eliya down to 16°C. Springlike temperatures in the hill country, but chilly evenings. Two monsoon periods: Apr-Sep when rain is confined to the southwest; and Oct-Mar when it falls in the northeast.

#### Time difference to GMT

+6

#### Plugs

3 Pin Round

**Religion**

Buddhism

**Language**

Sinhala, Tamil

## Budgeting and packing

### Country Information

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### Food and drink

The costs for meals may vary depending upon location, type of restaurant and number of courses eaten and so the prices given are an average guide. Local restaurants located off the beaten track may be less expensive, whereas an upmarket restaurant located in the centre of a major city may charge more.

**Lunch price**

£6.00

**Dinner price**

£9.00

**Beer price**

£3.50

**Water price**

£1.00

### Foreign Exchange

**Local currency**

Sri Lankan Rupee.

**Recommended Currency For Exchange**

US\$ and UK£ are equally good

**Where To Exchange**

In most major towns.

**ATM Availability**

Yes, usually in major towns.

**Credit Card Acceptance**

Credit cards can usually be used in most large shops and restaurants. Please note that Foreign Office advice warns about the problem of credit card fraud in Sri Lanka so please consider this when deciding if to pay by card while on tour.

**Travellers Cheques**

Are not easy to change and where they can be changed the exchange rates can be poor.

## Transport, Accommodation & Meals

### Accommodation notes

**Booking a Single Room**

All of our group tours are planned and operated on a twin-share basis, meaning that the standard cost is based either on individual travellers sharing accommodation with another group member of the same sex, or people who book together sharing accommodation. Please refer to the tour notes where the single room option availability is detailed on a night by night basis for this tour, and the price for the available nights is detailed on the dates & prices tab by departure date. For Self-Guided trips the Single Room supplement offers the option of a single room each and is charged per person. The Single Room supplement also applies to

the third person in a party of three that will be accommodated in a single room.

## BENTOTA OPTION

### AVANI Bentota Resort and Spa

AVANI Bentota was designed by world-famous local architect, Geoffrey Bawa; it is a large modern property with picturesque beachfront views. The comfortable decor and furnishings provide a home away from home. There is a restaurant serving buffet breakfasts, the main restaurant with indoor or outdoor dining and a lounge bar where guests can enjoy a cocktail or two. There is also a large pool with plenty of sun loungers where you can relax. All rooms have a balcony with ocean views.

## NEGOMBO OPTION

### Jetwing Sea

This chic and stylish resort is located on the beachfront of Negombo and only a short distance from the Dutch Canal and the well-known Fisherman's Village. The Jetwing Sea hotel boasts two infinity pools, a rooftop fitness centre and a choice of two restaurants serving international and seafood dishes. Guest rooms are spacious and modern in design featuring dark wood furnishings.

## Essential information

### FCO Advice

We strongly recommend that you check your government's travel advisory for up-to-date information and advice about your destination: safety and security, entry requirements, health, local laws and customs. For UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office advice [click here](#).

For more information from Explore about travel advice, [click here](#)

### Under 18 immigration guidance

Please note that some countries require proof of parental consent when travelling overseas with under 18s. Please check requirements with the relevant embassy or consular office well in advance of travel if this applies to your party.

### Essential Information

Once your booking has been confirmed we guarantee the price will not increase, whatever the circumstances. Before booking please ensure you have read our important tour pricing information. [Booking Conditions](#)

### Booking conditions

Before booking your Explore trip, please ensure that you read both our [Essential Information](#) and [Booking Conditions](#).

### Transfers

[Find out more about Trip Transfer Terms and Conditions before you book.](#)

### Booking a land only package with Explore

Customers who have chosen to book on the 'Land Only' arrangements of our tour, please ensure that you have checked your tour specific 'Joining Instructions' prior to booking your own travel arrangements. Your joining instructions can be found below in the dates and prices information.

You may also be eligible for the Free Explore Transfer.

### Joining Tour Abroad

Customers booked on the 'Land Only' arrangements will now receive a Free Transfer, provided you arrive and depart on the tour only itinerary start and end dates. The transfers will be from the Explore designated airport or train station to the joining point of your tour, and then back from the ending point to the designated airport or train station. The exception to this rule is customers who are booked on a tour where the joining and ending point is at the designated airport or train station.

Free transfers are not available for Self-Guided, Tailormade or Tours for Churches customers.

If you are not eligible for the Free Transfer then you will need to make your own way through to the joining and ending point. On a majority of our tours Explore will be able to provide a private transfer at an additional cost. Please ask for a quote at the time of booking.

For more information regarding the Explore Free Transfer [click here](#)

### Insurance

It is a condition of booking with Explore that you have adequate valid travel insurance. It is your responsibility to arrange appropriate travel insurance and ensure you have read and understood the full terms and conditions of your travel insurance policy to ensure that you are covered for all activities you intend to undertake whilst on the tour, including all optional activities. Your Insurance Policy must fully cover you for medical expenses and emergency repatriation to your home country. Please ensure

your policy includes medical emergency helicopter evacuation in the event of illness or injury and covers the entire duration of your holiday. If you are trekking at altitude please ensure that there is no upper altitude limit which may limit or exclude cover for your trip. Medical and repatriation insurance cover is not mandatory for UK residents who are travelling on trips within the United Kingdom.

Read more information about what travel insurance is required.

## Flight information

Explore offers a wide range of flexible flying options to make joining and leaving our trips easy. [Read more about them here.](#)

### Flight Information

You are able to book this tour on a 'land only' basis or as a 'flight inclusive' package. Your flight inclusive package will be fully protected by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) ATOL protection scheme.

### Booking a flight inclusive package with Explore

We have a good selection of flights not only from London but from many regional airports around the UK allowing us to compare fares between scheduled carriers as well as low cost and charter airlines. Our dedicated flights team will match the best flight options to your arrival and departure airport.

On our website we display a UK flight inclusive package guide price which is generally based on a London departure. To avoid paying supplements or to secure your preferred flight option, we recommend booking as early as possible, especially for peak travel dates.

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### Vaccinations

Nothing compulsory, but we recommend protection against malaria, tetanus, typhoid, hepatitis A plus Polio and diptheria. Consult your travel clinic for latest advice on different prophylaxis available against malaria. We strongly recommend the wearing long sleeved shirts and the liberal application of insect repellents containing DEET as a precautionary measure to avoid being bitten by mosquitoes. These precautions should be taken at all times as the mosquitoes are also active during daylight hours. The above is not an exhaustive list. Further information regarding vaccinations and travel health advice can be found by following the NHS and NaTHNaC links at <http://www.explore.co.uk/Travelhealth/> and from your local healthcare provider. Visa and vaccination requirements are subject to change and should be confirmed before departure.

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