

EXPLORE!



Unawatuna Beach Extension

SRI LANKA - TRIP CODE SB

Why book this trip?

Why not extend your trip to Sri Lanka with three nights on the palm-fringed beaches of Unawatuna? With turquoise waters, fine white sands and plenty of beachside restaurants there is nowhere better to relax after exploring the island. The hotel is right on the beach and has two swimming pools as well as a variety of activities including yoga classes, kayaking and paddle boarding.



INCLUDED MEALS
Breakfast: 4

TRIP STAFF
None

TRANSPORT
None

ACCOMMODATION
3 nights standard hotel

TRIP PACE:
Relaxed

Itinerary

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

DAY 1 - Transfer to your beach hotel in Unawatuna

Today you will transfer to your hotel, right on the fabulous Unawatuna Beach. There are excellent facilities including two swimming pools, free wifi, beach volleyball and yoga classes. The resort of Unawatuna, based around the palm-fringed crescent-shaped beach, has a selection of restaurants and bars offering numerous opportunities for relaxing evenings.

If you are joining from a trip already in Unawatuna, you can simply remain in the hotel instead of returning to Colombo for the last night.

Please note: Any activities mentioned below are booked and paid for directly with the hotel or other local suppliers and do not form part of your Explore holiday contract.



ACCOMMODATION:
Calamander Unawatuna Beach Resort (or similar)

Grade: Standard Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

DAY 2 - Day at leisure to enjoy the beach or explore the local area

You are free to relax today, with no planned activities, but if you want to get out and explore it is easy to do so. The colonial town of Galle, an important trading centre since ancient times, is under 4 km away. The fortifications that remain were built by the Portuguese and Dutch from the 16th to the 17th centuries. The ramparts of this UNESCO World Heritage Site protect the harbour and a myriad of fascinating old houses, churches and warehouses. Today the town is a magnet for artists, writers, photographers, designers and poets who draw inspiration from their surroundings. Boutique shops and cafes around the town showcase their work. Also worth checking out is the Galle's Dutch Market with numerous stalls of colourful fruits, vegetables and salted fish, all crammed inside the grand 300 year old colonial building.

Aside from Unawatuna Beach, there are several other beaches nearby such as the secluded Jungle Beach, reached by a 25 minute walk or a short tuk-tuk ride. The beach has a couple of sandy coves and is particularly good for swimming and snorkelling.

Alternatively, a journey of around 18km inland will take you to the Hiyare Forest Reserve with 600 acres of pristine rain forest which attracts a huge variety of birds. The Sri Lankan green pigeon, Ceylon rose, two-spotted thread tail and black ruby barb call the area home, as well as forest animals such as mongoose, the purple-faced leaf monkey and the rare hog deer. The reserve also takes in injured animals, cares for and rehabilitates them before releasing them back in to the wild.



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MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

DAY 3 - Free day to enjoy Unawatuna Beach and the surrounding area

After a day relaxing on the beach, snorkelling in the sea or exploring the nearby area, there are plenty of beach side bars and restaurants for the perfect end to your day. Fresh sea food is on almost every menu, and there are many Sri Lankan dishes for you to try. Often spicy and always aromatic, they burst with a mixture of exotic flavours. Ambul Thiyal is possibly the closest thing to a national dish - a unique sour and spicy fish preparation with a thick paste made of Goraka, a fruit also known as Malabar tamarind.



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SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

DAY 4 - Return to Colombo Airport by rail and road

Today you will be transferred to nearby Galle Railway Station to take a morning train to Colombo Maradana station, rubbing shoulders with the locals as you travel. The train journey is around two hours and follows the scenic coastal route through countryside and right along the shore before entering into the city of Colombo. Once at your final stop you will be met off the train and taken to the airport by car for your return flight.



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

Trip information

Country information

Sri Lanka

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	Plugs	Religion	Language
+6	3 Pin Round	Buddhism	Sinhala, Tamil

Budgeting and packing

Clothing

Only lightweight clothing and swimwear is needed.

Footwear

Lightweight shoes and sandals.

Luggage

20kg

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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	Dinner price	Beer price	Water price
£6.00	£9.00	£3.50	£1.00

Foreign Exchange

Local currency	Recommended Currency For Exchange	Where To Exchange
Sri Lankan Rupee.	US\$ and UK£ are equally good	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

The Calamander Unawatuna Beach is a comfortable hotel located right on the beach. It features two swimming pools, a gym and yoga classes, as well as boules and croquet. Water activities include kayaking, paddle boarding, snorkeling, diving, and whale and dolphin watching. Beach cricket matches are held regularly and beach volleyball is also arranged. All the rooms are en suite and have partial sea view, garden view, or a mountain view, and come with a balcony or terrace.



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