

Information

The following information is written based on our experience from our **Sri-Lanka** tour. Before the tour, we watched several vlogs, and talked to some of our friends. However, they seemed to have missed some important information that we've tried to put here. Best of luck from **Ataf & Nahian**.

Schedule

Date	Activities	Night At	Date	Activities	Night At
April 16	Afternoon Flight to MAA, Chennai, India Night Flight to CMB, Colombo	Chennai	April 20	Morning Checkout from Hotel Ravana Falls Ziplining at Flying Ravana Afternoon Little Adam's Peak Ravana Pool Club	Ella
April 17	Early Morning Car to Sigiriya Hotel Morning Checkout from Hotel Go to Lion's Rock, Sigiriya Afternoon Lunch Enroute to Nuwara Eliya Night Night walk in Nuwara Eliya	Nuwara Eliya	April 21	Morning Checkout from Hotel Enroute to Mirissa Leave the car Afternoon Parrot Rock Coconut Tree Hill Swimming at Beach Night Candle Light Dinner at Beach	Mirissa
April 18	Morning Visit Nuwara Eliya City Victoria Park Post Office Afternoon Gregory Lake Lover's Leap Waterfall	Nuwara Eliya	April 22	Morning Checkout from Hotel Go to Galle by Tuktuk while visiting places, beaches Noon Galle Fort Bus to Colombo Afternoon Enroute to Colombo Airport Night Return flight to Dhaka	Dhaka
April 19	Morning Checkout from Hotel Go to Nanuoya Station Train to Ella Afternoon Nine Arch Bridge Ravana Pool Club	Ella			

Expenses

Category	Particulars	Info	BDT	LKR	INR	USD
Visa	E-visa	2 pax (\$20 per person)				40.00
Tickets	Dhaka to Colombo Flight	Indigo (DAC - MAA - CMB) x 2 pax	41,651.00			
	Colombo to Dhaka Flight	FitsAir (CMB - DAC) x 2 pax	61,055.00			
	Nuwara Eliya to Ella Train	2 pax (Online purchase)		12,600.00		
	Lion's Rock Sigiriya Entry	2 pax (For SAARC price, show passport)		12,120.00		
	Victoria Park Entry	2 pax		2,000.00		
	Gregory Lake Entry	2 pax		2,000.00		
Hotels	Sigiriya Royal Resort	1 night		5,350.00		
	Delphin Hotel, Nuwara Eliya	2 nights		18,790.00		
	Pleasant Peek, Ella	1 night		9,400.00		
	Ravana Range Ella	1 night (Prepaid at Booking.com)				80.02
	Seashore Mirissa	1 night		9,675.00		
Transportation	Car Rent	4.5 days (per day 60\$), tips		87,000.00		
	Galle to Colombo Bus	3 pax (1 seat for luggage)		2,250.00		
	Colombo to Airport Tuktuk	100 LKR / km		3,400.00		
	Mirissa to Galle Tuktuk			7,000.00		
	Ravana Pool Club Tuktuk	Up down		1,000.00		
	Nine Arch Bridge Tuktuk	Up down		1,500.00		
Food	Lunch, Dinner	6 days, 12 times, 2 pax		47,330.00		
	Dinner at Chennai Airport	2 pax			1,300.00	
	Snacks, Drinks, etc.			4,070.00		
Others	Sim Card	With data, call plans, 2 pax		2,800.00		
	Zipline at Flying Ravana	With Go-Pro rent, 2 pax		22,300.00		
	Unawatuna Beach Swing	1 pax		500.00		
		Total	102,706.00	251,085.00	1,300.00	120.02
		BDT Multiplier	1.00	0.50	1.41	124.50
		Total BDT	102,706.00	125,542.50	1,833.00	14,942.49
		Grand Total BDT	245,023.99			

Exchange Rates

Location	Currency to LKR	LKR
Dhaka	BDT 20000 x 2	40000
Colombo Airport	INR 6000 x 3.22	19320
Nuwara Eliya	USD 200 x 296	59200
	INR 7050 x 3.3	23265
Ella	USD 200 x 294	58800
Mirissa	USD 100 x 295	29500
Colombo	USD 100 x 300	30000

Some Advices

1. It's far more profitable to rent a car from Colombo Airport for the whole tour. You won't have to think about the driver's accommodation or car's fuel. You will have the car with you for the whole tour. While booking a car, go for an **AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION** car. Reason is, most of Sri Lanka's places (Nuwara Eliya, Ella, roads, etc.) are steep. A manual isn't that great in climbing.
2. Tuktuk drivers in general are worse, basically chutiyas. In Nuwara Eliya and Galle, you will find them to be polite. However, in Mirissa, Galle, and Colombo, they will try to scam you. Even if you spend 10 mins more in a place, they will charge you. So, either go for the PickMe app (Uber) or just take a taxi/car. Also, tuktuks aren't allowed near the airports.
3. For money exchanges, look for Gold/Jewellery shops. They give a much higher rate than traditional Sri Lanka banks. Also, in Galle or Colombo, you will find some electronics shops that exchange dollars for higher rates.
4. Food isn't great in Sri Lanka. The same fried rice will amaze you in Sigiriya, and will also disappoint you in other places. Pizza places such as Domino's and Pizza Hut are nice, but they aren't available all over the country. So, it's better to look for hotels that provide breakfasts- it's the only good meal of the day.
5. Beware of the scammers at Galle train station, bus station. Just ignore and don't listen to them. Also, it's probably not a good idea to ride the public train. It's full most of the time and you may not get a place for yourself, let alone for your luggages.
6. The duty free shops at Colombo Airport only accept USD. Better to spend all money in the city and keep some for food at the airport. The overall shopping scene in Sri Lanka ain't that great. They don't sell quality t-shirts, or souvenirs. For tea, you may purchase a wide variety of them from Government Appointed stores.
7. If you're interested, you can try the Ginger Beer. It's available in most of the pubs and fine establishments. It's **NON-ALCOHOLIC** and much better than Ginger Ale.

Well, if you've finished reading, [then watch some of the photos I took in Sri-Lanka](#).