

Sri Lanka Highlights Motorcycle Tour (M-ID: 2370)

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from €2,090.00

Dates and duration (days)

On request

10 days

12/02/2023 - 12/11/2023 10 days

01/06/2024 - 01/15/2024 10 days

03/23/2024 - 04/01/2024 10 days

04/13/2024 - 04/22/2024 10 days

10/12/2024 - 10/21/2024 10 days

12/07/2024 - 12/16/2024 10 days

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We ride on our 250 cc Hondas on all kinds of small roads through the hinterland, over mountains, and along bright green tea plantations and rice paddies, through towns and small villages where we stop often to enjoy the wonderful food the country has to offer. Discover the colorful temples, ancient Sinhalese royal cities like Polonnaruwa, the legendary lion rock in Sigiriya, the overwhelming nature in the Knuckles Mountains, and the elephants in Udawalawe and again and again, we enjoy the hospitality of the people. A motorcycle tour to Sri Lanka guarantees a colorful variety.

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Tour Character:

During this tour, we will not ride on significant heights nor through very deserted areas. We will ride on light motorcycles over both well-maintained roads and back roads with not-always-good asphalt and some gravel and forest roads. So offroad experience is recommended. Basic offroad training is very useful as a preparation. This is because you learn how to best handle the motorcycle off-road. The daily stages are not long, which gives the opportunity to visit or photograph different villages on the way. One inconvenience may be the traffic density in and around the towns. Many motorcycles, scooters, tuk-tuks, and bicycles make their way through the streets every day. On the main road (which we avoid as much as possible), consider the trucks because the traffic rules are mostly concealed from European eyes. So for about three days, a

third of our roads will be unpaved.

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Tour itinerary:

1. Arrival Colombo - Negombo
2. Negombo - Sigiriya (160 km)
3. Sigiriya - Polonnaruwa (100 km)
4. Polonnaruwa - Knuckles Mountains (150 km)
5. Knuckles Mountains - day trip (50 km)
6. Knuckles Mountains - Nuwara Eliya (95 km)
7. Nuwara Eliya - Ella (75 km)
8. Ella - Udawalawa (200 km)
9. Udawalawa - Negombo (170 km)
10. Negombo - Colombo Departure

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Day to day:

DAY 1: Arrival Colombo - Transfer Negombo

Individual arrival from Germany to Colombo. After about half an hour's ride you will reach the coastal town of Negombo where you will meet the rest of the group. On the beach, you can watch the fishermen hauling in their catch and preparing it for trade. The trademark of Negombo is the outrigger boats with brown sails, called Oruwa.

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DAY 2: NEGOMBO - SIGIRIYA

We leave busy Negombo and head inland in a northerly direction. Soon the traffic becomes a bit calmer and the roads wind through coconut plantations and over small

country roads. Today we reach the "cultural triangle" of Sri Lanka. In the evening we can climb Piturangala, a bizarre rock formation, and enjoy the sunset over an enchanting landscape and the famous lion rock.

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DAY 3: SIGIRIYA - POLONNARUWA

We continue through the hot dry zone of the country, along man-made reservoirs towards Polonnaruwa. Today is the first off-road stretch, 30% is unpaved, and the rest is tarred road. Polonnaruwa is the second ancient Sinhalese royal city and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The city assumed the status of the capital of Anuradhapura in the 10th century. Polonnaruwa was overgrown by lush jungle for a long time and thus protected.

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DAY 4: POLONNARUWA - KNUCKLES MOUNTAINS

We leave the hot dry zone and move into the highlands. In the Knuckles Mountains we enjoy the peace and the cooler temperatures. We ride via beindrückende curvy road and enjoy the ride on an adventurous route deeper and deeper into the mountains.

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DAY 5: KNUCKLES MOUNTAINS - DAY TRIP

The Knuckles Mountain Range is a true bird paradise with up to 200 different bird species. The area extends to the borders of Kandy and Matale and covers no less than 234 square kilometers. In the unique forest reserve, there are several mountain peaks, some of which rise above the mist and low-hanging clouds. It is not for nothing that this area was included by UNESCO in the list of World Heritage Sites! Surrounded by tropical vegetation, we ride through cloud forests to the end of the road. At a hidden place in the forest, we can take a bath at a beautiful waterfall. We will not find any other tourists there.

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DAY 6: KNUCKLES MOUNTAINS- NUWARA ELIYA

The winding route takes us through the picturesque southern highlands. Tea plantations with colorfully dressed tea pickers dominate the landscape. Today Sri Lanka is still one of the largest tea producers in the world. Upon arrival, it becomes clear why Nuwara Eliya is also called 'Little England' - the buildings offer a typical English atmosphere. The mountainous area lies at an altitude of 2,000 m and is much fresher than the rest of the country.

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DAY 7: NUWARA ELIYA - ELLA

We continue to follow our path through the highlands. The landscape consists of a tropical jungle and tea plantations shimmering in all shades of green. We pass worlds-end-road and the Horton-Plains National Park. This hilly plateau at an altitude of 2100 to 2300 meters is called a "super biodiversity hotspot" because of its rich biodiversity. Many of the species that exist here are endemic. The Central Highlands were inscribed on the UNESCO World Natural Heritage List on July 31, 2010. We arrive in the most famous place of the tea-growing area Uva which owes its rise to the colonial merchant Thomas Lipton who entered the tea business here.

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DAY 8: ELLA - UDAWALAWA

We leave the mountains behind and choose the smaller roads as often as possible. We pass national parks where elephants can spontaneously cross the road. We follow some sandy roads, so it could be a dusty day. In the steppes around the big reservoir "Uda Walawe Reservoir" lies the Udawalawe National Park, which is known for its elephant population of about 500 animals. Leopards and crocodiles can also be found in the grasslands and wetlands of this southern park.

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DAY 9: UDAWALAWA - NEGOMBO

On our last day of riding, we will leave the south and head back into the mountains. We will avoid the big roads and enjoy the many curves. Nevertheless, we notice that the traffic is increasing. Once again we have to concentrate on riding. Arriving in Negombo, we can toast to the wonderful trip at sunset and enjoy our last evening together.

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DAY 10: NEGOMBO - COLOMBO DEPARTURE

You will get a transfer to the airport and fly back home with endless impressions.

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- Changes in the route can be adapted to the actual local conditions -.

Countries	Sri Lanka
Category	Motorcycle Tour
Terrain	Combo On-/Offroad
Vehicle	motorcycle rent incl.
Tourguide / Coach	yes (guided)
Accommodation	Hotel / B&B or similar
Flight to / from	no, not incl.
Ferry	no, not incl.
Support vehicle (luggage/service)	yes
Customer payment protection	yes
Special	Winter escape
* PRICING	Minimal without optional extras, see pricing

Pricing

per rider in shared/double room incl. rental motorcycle (Only available for a booking of two persons. Single travelers need to choose the single room surcharge.)	€2,090.00
per pillion passenger in shared twin/double room (pillion passengers cannot book without an accompanying rider)	€1,690.00
per person single room (surcharge - only available with an additional selection of the basic price "per rider in shared twin/double room")	€275.00

Included

Transfers airport Colombo - hotel and back

All hotel overnight stays mostly with breakfast

Rent a motorcycle

Sri Lankan riding Permit

Sri Lankan travel companion on a motorcycle for up to 6 participants

From 6 participants German-speaking tour guide on the motorcycle

Escort vehicle and luggage transport

Mechanic

Travel security note

Travel Guide

Not included

Everything that is not listed under services

Visa
Gasoline
Entrance fees
Optional excursions
food and drink
Health and accident insurance abroad incl. return transport
Travel cancellation insurance
International flight - Colombo and back

More details

Minimum number of participants: 4
Maximum number of participants: 12
Maximum number of passengers: 2

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Motorcycles:

During this trip we ride on Honda 230/250 cc or equivalent motorcycles. In the event of damage to the vehicle caused by personal negligence, the material costs must be borne by the person who caused it. Seat height approx. 86-88 cm. There is left-hand traffic in Sri Lanka.

Clothing:

A helmet is mandatory, as is protective clothing with protectors, good gloves and boots or sturdy shoes. Especially in spring and autumn it can get very warm in the lower regions. We therefore recommend wearing breathable protective clothing. On the higher parts in the mountains you can wear extra warm clothes under your motorcycle clothing if necessary. Because of the dust, it is advisable to have a pair of goggles with you. We plan our trips before or after the monsoon season. Nevertheless we have to expect short rain showers at any time. Finally, temperatures in the mountain regions can drop to 5 C in winter, so it is advisable to bring warm clothing.

Travel documents:

You need a passport that is valid for 6 months after the date of return. German citizens need a visa to enter Sri Lanka. The visa must be applied for in advance as an "Electronic Travel Authorization" (ETA) in the online procedure at www.eta.gov.lk, costs 35,- USD. For this trip you will need a valid International Riding License and a 'Sri Lankan driving permit' which we will organize for you.

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Travel companion:

This trip is accompanied by our Sri Lankan tour guides on site. This person has been working as a tour guide and tour operator in Sri Lanka for many years and knows the country very well. He knows all routes, hotels, restaurants and speaks English. So there is no German speaking tour guide on this trip.

Pocket money: €270,- This amount is an indication of how much money you will need for this trip. It includes food, drinks, souvenirs, optional excursions and gasoline.

Possible extension: Relaxation on the beach - At the end of your round trip you can wonderfully relax a few days on one of the white sandy beaches in Sri Lanka.

We can offer customized motorcycle tours for our Sri Lanka trips on request. If you have more time then we recommend the 3-week trip with Dylan Wickrama and Martina Zürcher starting 10.02.2024. You will discover Dylan's former home country in an unconventional and adventurous way.

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