

# Culinary Serendipity with the Singing Chef



15 DAYS | SRI LANKA





# Sri Lanka Tailor-Made

Sri Lanka Tailor-Made is the luxury travel arm of Jetwing Travels, specializing in bespoke travel programmes off the beaten track to Sri Lanka. We are committed to providing not just a holiday but an authentic experience for the discerning traveler. In order to do so, we create moments in every day of the travel programme paying attention to the details so that the traveler steps beyond the confines of the traditional tourist circuit, gaining insights into the authentic Sri Lanka and coming away inspired. Our team of specialist travel counselors and chauffeur guides have been extensively trained to handle such clientele and as fellow travelers they have gained and continue to gain insights into Sri Lanka's hidden secrets.





# Chef Don Sherman

The Singing Chef...

You will be accompanied by a cool Chef Don Sherman. Born in Sri Lanka, Don is a qualified chef, who also possess a special talent for singing - which earned him his nick name “the singing chef”

Before migrating to Australia, Don was making his mark in the Sri Lankan culinary industry as “The Singing Chef”, performing at various cookery demonstrations and hosting popular TV cooking shows in Sri Lanka, such as 'Cook with Don', musical and reality shows, documentary and game shows.

Having received his formal training in the art of hospitality and culinary in Sri Lanka, Don then migrated to Melbourne, Australia where he now works and performs as a chef and entertainer and has made a successful transition from Sri Lankan to Australian audience.

In addition to his hospitality and television experience, Don also performs at overseas tours and events and works as brand ambassador to some of the world's biggest brands in kitchen appliances. He currently resides in Melbourne, Australia with his wife and two children.



## Shashini Bandara

Your Tour Designer

Cherished with the recollecting memories of childhood vacations spent on greenery hills of Kandy, sandy beaches & charming hideaways of Galle, Shashini always had an endearing love towards her motherland & its beauty.

After her graduation from University of Colombo with a BA Degree in International Relations & English literature, together with the marketing background gained from CIM studies, she joined one of the leading DMCs of the world. There, she learned the art of designing fabulous holiday packages, while appreciating the power of traveling as a way of seeing the world in its vivid angels & colours.

Now, she is a part of Sri Lanka Tailor Made, feeling lucky to work in a team of great support & enthusiasm. She has a knack for knowing which special details make an unforgettable holiday; so that her clients will find their best time spend at a home away from home.



# Sri Lankan Food & Spices

Sri Lanka is a small island but the diverse array of food makes eating truly a pleasure. Rice and curry is the staple diet of most Sri Lankans but the two words hardly pay homage to the immense array of dishes that fall under this heading. A plateful of rice is accompanied by either spicy or non-spicy vegetable, meat or fish curries. Mallung (shredded green vegetable leaves), a spicy pol sambol (a coconut sambol) papadams (crispy fried wafers) and chutney are some of the additional dishes found in a traditional Sri Lankan meal. Aside from rice and curry Sri Lankan cuisine has plenty of fascinating dishes such as hoppers, string hoppers, pittu, kottu rotti and rotti. Hoppers (or appa) are a hot favourite. Crispy on the outside with a soft and spongy center, it is made from coconut milk, rice flour and a bit of toddy. Hoppers as well as any of the other dishes mentioned should be eaten with your fingers and coupled with curries or sambols. Sweatmeats, tropical fruit and colonial food such as love cake or lamprais all contribute to create a vibrant and colorful cuisine distinctly Sri Lankan in all its tastes and shapes.



# Day 01

15<sup>th</sup> March | Thursday



**Airport / Negombo**



**Approx: 25 mins drive**



**JETWING LAGOON, NEGOMBO**

Half Board Basis | Deluxe room

Arrival and you will be warmly welcome by Jetwing Representative and then introduced to a friendly English speaking chauffer Guide.

**(Depending on your arrival Time, separate arrival transfers will be provided. However, if you are coming the previous day, accommodation can be arranged with an additional cost)**

Proceed to your hotel in Negombo; a picturesque fishing village located in close proximity to the airport. Check into your hotel immediately to rest, relax and unwind.

Located between the Indian Ocean and the Negombo lagoon, Jetwing Lagoon offers a blend of rejuvenation and relaxation with a unique restaurant called Geoffrey's by the Lagoon offering Geoffrey Bawa's favorites.



# Day 02

16<sup>th</sup> March | Friday



 **Negombo**

 **N/A**

 **JETWING LAGOON, NEGOMBO**  
Half Board Basis | Deluxe room

After Breakfast, Spend your morning at leisure enjoying the breathtaking vistas of the idyllic Negombo Lagoon.

Around 10 am, all of you will gather near the Garden area facing the lagoon. Chef Don Sherman will warmly welcome you all and he will brief you on the programme schedule.

### **Cooking Demonstration at Jetwing Sea with Chef Don.**

While the sun sets, enjoy an interactive cooking demonstration with Chef Don at a lovely setting of **Jetwing Sea**.

Enjoy your delicious sea food Dinner.



# Day 03

17<sup>th</sup> March | Saturday

 **Negombo / Sigiriya**

 **Approx: 4 hour drive**

 **JETWING VIL UYANA, SIGIRIYA**  
Half Board Basis | Paddy Dwelling or Forest Dwelling

After breakfast at your hotel by 8 am, you will be taken to the Cultural Triangle – the ancient heart of Sri Lanka.

Once you are in Sigiriya, check in to your beautiful resort and rest while.

### **Village Walk (pick up at 3.15 from the hotel)**

Afternoon Leave for the peaceful village of Hiriwadunna. Start with a scenic walk along the “bund” of a man made reservoir; enjoy a catamaran ride across the stream line to visit Chena cultivation, followed by a visit to a humble farmer’s vegetable corner.

The village women together with the Chef Sherman will show you how to prepare a traditional snack and you will get the chance to enjoy the snack with a cup of tea.

(Duration 2 – 2 ½ hours )

Then drive back to your luxurious abode; an authentic lifestyle hotel that embodies the ultimate eco-friendly luxury and rural simplicity.





# Day 04

18<sup>th</sup> March | Sunday



 **Sigiriya - Visit to Sigiriya Rock Fortress**

 **Duration : 40 minutes drive**

 **JETWING VIL UYANA, SIGIRIYA**  
Half Board Basis | Paddy Dwelling or Forest Dwelling

Morning enjoy your Breakfast.

Have a relaxed walk in the beautiful paths of the hotel surrounded with paddy fields, Marsh lands and water ponds.

### **Cooking Demonstration with Chef Don**

An authentic cooking demonstration by the Paddy fields/near the pool will be arranged.

### **Sigiriya Sky palace**

In the afternoon at around 3 pm, you will visit one of the island's most spectacular sights. Be mesmerized by the Engineering genius and the beauty of the famous Cloud Maidens.

Drive back to your Resort.





# Day 05

19<sup>th</sup> March | Monday

 **Sigiriya / Matale / Kandy**

 **Approx: 2 ½ hour drive**

 **GALAVILLA BOUTIQUE HOTEL & SPA**  
Half Board Basis | Deluxe Room

Today morning, after breakfast check out from the resort (by 9 am).

## **Dambulla Cave Temple**

Then visit famous Dambulla Cave Temple. Also known as the Golden Temple, the cave ceiling is covered with colorful frescoes and a large number of statues of the Buddha.

You will be heading to the Hill capital; Kandy. Kandy is also well known as the center of Buddhism and the capital of the last Sinhalese kingdom.

Enroute visit the **Matale to explore an authentic Spice Garden.** Complete a guide tour of the manufacturing process of various herbs and spices.

Continue your drive to the relaxing hill station of Kandy.

Visit the **Temple of the Tooth Relic** which was once a resplendent royal palace. The palace now houses one of the most sacred tooth relics of the Buddha and is considered one of the most symbolic icons of the Buddhist heritage of Sri Lanka.

Drive to your resort on hills to rest, relax and unwind.

Today late afternoon, your singing Chef will present a Delightful Entertainment session.





# Day 06

20<sup>th</sup> March | Tuesday

 **Kandy**

 **Approx: N/A**

 **GALAVILLA BOUTIQUE HOTEL & SPA ?**  
Half Board Basis | Deluxe Room

After Breakfast relax a little at the hotel.

**An authentic cooking demonstration.**

Around 11 am, join with the chef for an interesting Cooking Demonstration by the misty mountains.

This is going to be a fun filled session of Kottu Roti which is a mouth-watering dish made from a Sri Lankan roti, vegetables, egg, meat, and spices.

Enjoy your time in this cozy setting.

This afternoon (around 3 pm), **visit the Royal Botanical Gardens** at Peradeniya where we will enjoy the botanical marvels of this superb setting with more than 5000 species of flora.

Drive back to your Resort before dusk.



# Day 07

21<sup>st</sup> March | Wednesday



**Kandy / Ella / Wellawaya**

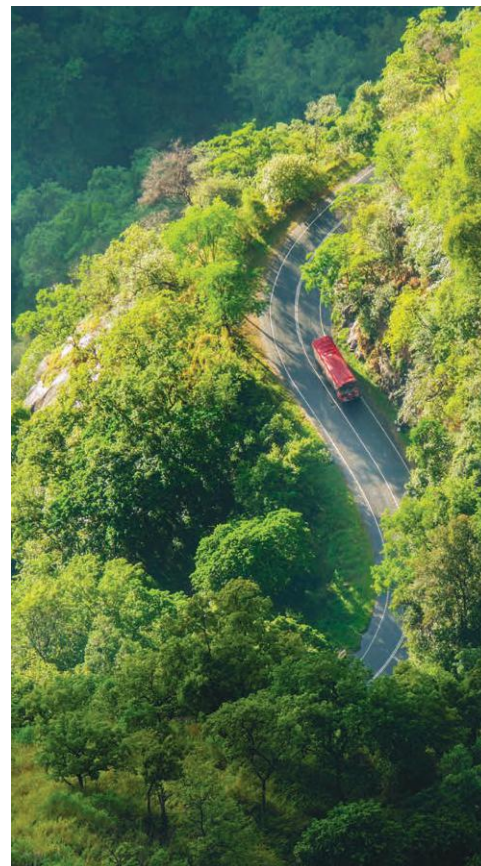


**Approx: (Train Journey approx 6 hours 30 minutes) | 45 min drive**



**JETWING KADURUKETHA, WELLAWAYA ?**

Half Board Basis | Premium Deluxe Room



Today morning, have your breakfast and you will be heading to Kandy Railway station. The Train will arrive by 8.30 am.

This is going to be a unique experience, taking a **classical Train journey**. **A Packed lunch will be provided for you.**

Enjoy a very scenic train journey to Ella, the heart of the tea growing industry and full of colonial charm.

The slow descend through the tea fields and hill country side with its winding tracks and misty panoramas, offers an unmatched perspective and wonderful experience.

**-Train departs from the Kandy @ 8.30am**

**-Train arrives at the Ella station @ approximately 3.30 pm**

**(Lunch will not be provided on the train)**

Arrive in Ella station and meet with our driver who will take you to your beautiful hotel located in a paddy field.



# Day 08

22<sup>nd</sup> March | Thursday

 **Wellawaya**

 **N/A**

 **JETWING KADURUKETHA, WELLAWAYA**  
Half Board Basis | Premium Deluxe Room



Wake up refreshed to the cool breeze sweeping over the paddy fields and the cries of the resident peacocks outside your own private dwellings.

**Enjoy an authentic Sri Lankan breakfast with pol Roti (traditional at bread made with fresh coconut and our), milk rice and lunu miris.**

You will be heading to Visit Mini Adams Peak and enjoy the magnificent vistas of the rolling mountains. This is a short walk/hike that commences in the morning and offers plethora of wonder views over the hills.

Do also take a look at the **Ravana Ella waterfalls** and the iconic **Demodara Nine Arch Bridge**.

**Organic Cooking Demonstration at the 'Kamtha' Dining area at dusk with Chef Don (dinner)**

A cooking Demo utilizing the property's own grown fresh natural ingredients can be used to produce traditional Sri Lankan dishes.

Traditional Attire as Sarongs/Lungis to be worn to complement setting. You will be enjoying a colorful Traditional Sri Lankan Dancing performance while having your Dinner.



# Day 09

23<sup>rd</sup> March | Friday



**Wellawaya / Yala**



**Approx: 2 hour drive**



**JETWING YALA, YALA**

Half Board Basis | Premium Deluxe Room

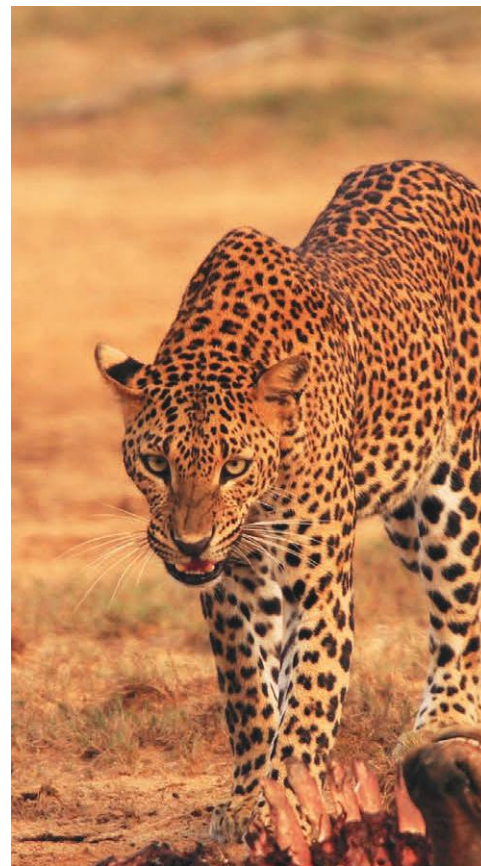
From the hills of Ella descend to the jungles of Yala.

Enroute visit the **Buduruwagala Temple**; a 1000-year-old, rock-cut Buddha figures, surrounded by smaller carved figures, the gigantic standing Buddha.

Proceed to Jetwing Yala.

**Evening Jeep safari** (3.00pm – 6.00pm) accompanied by a naturalist guide.

The Yala National Park is famous for the elusive leopard and has one of the highest densities of leopards in the world. The sloth bear and Asian elephant that are also part of Sri Lanka's Big Five can be spotted.





# Day 10

24<sup>th</sup> March | Saturday



Yala



N/A



**JETWING YALA, YALA**

Half Board Basis | Premium Ocean View



Early morning Safari Ride (5.30am – 9.30am) along with a Naturalist guide.

There will be a Jeep organized to take you around inside the park together with a well-experienced tracker and guide.

Leisure by the pool.

**Cooking Demo infused with a Beach/Jungle style Setting (early sunset dinner)**

This is going to be a live demonstration of making hoppers.



# Day 11

25<sup>th</sup> March | Sunday



**Yala / Galle**



**Approx: 4 hour drive**



**WELIGAMA BAY MARRIOT RESORT & SPA ?**

Half Board Basis | Premium Ocean View



Drive southward towards and check into your beautiful Resort. During the drive witness curious features the stilt fishermen of Weligama who carefully balance themselves before casting their fishing lines.

In the late afternoon, you are free to walk down on the lanes of Weligama and enjoy your Dinner in a restaurant. There are plenty of restaurants in the area.

Entertainment Session – Traditional Devil Dancing Ceremony presented with its authentic touch.



# Day 12

26<sup>th</sup> March | Monday

 **Galle**

 **N/A**

 **WELIGAMA BAY MARRIOTT RESORT & SPA**  
Half Board Basis | Deluxe Room

After breakfast, leave for the world heritage city of Galle, whilst following the coast and watching the waves lap on the shores.

Check into your hotel to rest, relax and unwind.

Jetwing Lighthouse Club is located in the heart of historical Galle. Facing the spectacular sun, sand and sunsets of the southern coast, guests can unwind and indulge in the luxury and exclusivity of this tropical retreat.

In the afternoon engage in a Tour of the World Heritage City of Galle and stroll through the cobbled streets that transport you back in time to an Era of Glory & Grandeur.

Evening catch the Sunset in watercolor symphony against the Glorious Ramparts.







# Day 13

27<sup>th</sup> March | Tuesday



**Galle/ Colombo**



**Approx: 2.5 hour drive**



**JETWING COLOMBO SEVEN, COLOMBO**

Bed & Breakfast Basis (Breakfast Only)

After breakfast at the hotel leisurely leave for the Commercial capital of the island; Colombo.

Proceed to your hotel in Colombo; a modern and cosmopolitan property retaining the true traditional Sri Lankan Hospitality.

Check into your resort and relax well in the comforts.

Enjoy a swim in the roof top pool with a view of city delights.

In the afternoon, drive to Dutch Hospital which is a quite interesting collection of old buildings, with a number of bars and restaurants and ideal for a Dinner with a relaxed, peaceful mindset.



# Day 14

28<sup>th</sup> March | Wednesday



**Colombo**



**N/A drive**



**JETWING COLOMBO SEVEN, COLOMBO**

Half Board Basis | Deluxe Room



This morning engage in a tour of the Commercial Capital.

Visit Gangarama Temple which is a peaceful haven with much to appreciate and designed with a unique taste of architecture.

Indulge in some shopping whether it is value for money clothes or impressive antiques – Odel shopping Complex, Paradise Road, Barefoot Gallery

Today, farewell Fine Dining in style.

**Degustation Menu:** It is a specialized 7 course Menu depicting the art of designer culinary excellence at Jetwing Colombo Seven's exclusive restaurant 57. Elevate your dining experience with a haute cuisine spread of intense fresh flavors that transport you in time. An experience where every mouthful primes your taste buds for more to come together with a surprise dish to cleanse your pallet to truly experience the culinary arts of Colombo Seven.

Dinner and drinks at the rooftop of Jetwing Colombo Seven. Engage in friendly chitchats and share your experiences and stories.



# Day 15

29<sup>th</sup> March | Thursday



**Colombo / Airport**



**Approx: 55 min drive**



**N/A**



With much to recollect, take your drive to Colombo Airport to take your Departure flight.

**-Separate departure transfers will be arranged for those who are having flights at different timings.**

**-Additional excursions, sightseeing can be arranged at a cost.**

### **COST FOR THE ABOVE PROGRAM:**

Rates are based on minimum 10 and maximum 15 paying guests. If it is less than 10 guests the cost will change accordingly.

- Per person in a single room as per above meal plan US\$ 6037.00
- Per person sharing a double/twin room as per above mean plan US\$ 5237.00

### **NOTE:**

Pease note that we should have minimum 10 paying guests to operate this tour

The Per person price would include the following items;

- Accommodation in all hotels mentioned above
- Private air-conditioned Coach with an English speaking National Guide for the duration of the trip (From 01 - 15 including pickup and drop-off at the airport)
- Local government taxes & service charges
- Meals – As specified in the Itinerary.
- Don Sherman, the Singing Chef will be in person throughout the Tour while sharing his experiences and presenting his entertainment sessions.
- Oil and Fuel charges
- Sightseeing & city tours and visits to the markets
- Train Ride from Kandy to Ella
- Cooking demos (Includes Ingredients and pertinent arrangements applicable for each demo)
- Entrance fees to places mentioned above
- Travel insurance whilst in Sri Lanka

### **PER PERSON PRICE WOULD EXCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

- Visas
- Camera and Video Permits
- Optional tours and activities
- Flights
- Airport taxes
- Lunch
- All expenses of personal nature
- Tips and portorage.

**BOOK NOW!**

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