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Private Car & Guide Options:

Colombo Local Highlights Option:

Guests will enjoy a pre-arranged sightseeing itinerary with a Private Car and Guide to explore the following destination highlights.

A Galle Getaway

You will be met by our Peirce & Leslie colleague in the Arrival Hall. They will introduce you to your chauffeur-guide and, together, you will drive to Handunugoda Tea Estate in Habaraduwa (Galle). Here, you will visit the famed Virgin White Tea Factory.

Perhaps the closest tea plantation to the sea in the world, the Estate is renowned as the only tea plantation in Sri Lanka that produces more than 25 different varieties of Specialty Teas including Virgin White Tea, which is completely untouched by human hands. It is also one of the most expensive teas in the world – selling at over \$1500 USD per kilo!

On arrival, you will take a guided factory visit with a resident planter. You will get the opportunity to see how the famous White Tea is plucked and manufactured into one of the bestselling teas in the world. Afterwards, you will stop for a tea break at your host's bungalow. Your visit will end with a tea-tasting session at the in-house Tea Museum.

Next, you will visit a working Cinnamon Plantation. You will be taken on a guided plantation and factory visit to see how cinnamon is harvested, peeled and processed. Then, you will proceed to the historic city of Galle. En route, you may like to stop to take photographs of the Stilt Fisherman. Fishermen in Sri Lanka use stilts to catch a fish - they sit perched on stilts as they cast their rods into the water. This unique method of fishing is an old tradition practiced by around 500 fishing families in southern Sri Lanka.

You will then have a traditional meal at The Heritage Hotel. After lunch, you will visit Galle Fort. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Fort is amongst the best-preserved colonial sea fortresses in Asia. First built in 1589 by the Portuguese, and extensively fortified by the Dutch during the 17th Century, Galle Fort has a colorful history. Following your visit, you will have some time to explore the streets and pick up a few trinkets and souvenirs.

Note: The Tea Museum is closed during Public Holidays.

Included:

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Private Car & Guide Options:

- Private Luxury Sedan with English-Speaking driver/guide for 8 hours
- Entrance fees for listed sights
- Gratuities to driver/guide*
- Bottled water in the vehicle

Excluded:

- Cost of meals and refreshments other than bottled water
- Items of personal nature

*Gratuities have been prepaid. Additional gratuities are at guest's discretion.

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Private Car & Guide Options:

Colombo Customize Your Day Option:

Guests have the flexibility to customize their day to explore as they wish. Guests may advise their Private Guide on the day of the tour where they would like to go. Please plan ahead to secure any necessary reservations or entrance tickets for your guests' planned stops.*

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- Bottled water in the vehicle
- Gratuities to driver/guide**

Excluded:

- Cost of meals and refreshments other than bottled water
- Entrance fees
- Items of personal nature

*Mileage restrictions may apply.

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