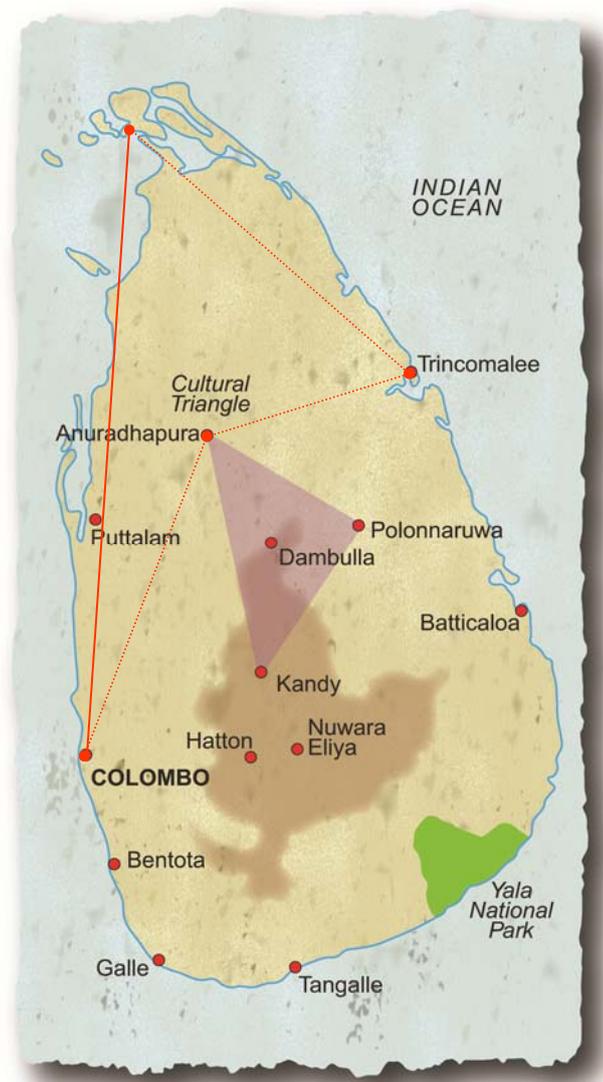


The North and the East



Brief Itinerary

Day 1	Fly Colombo, Sri Lanka
Day 2	Drive Uga Residence, 2 nights, B&B
Day 4	Fly Jaffna, Margosa Villa, 3 nights, B&B
Day 7	Drive Trincomalee, Jungle Beach Resort, 4 nights, B&B
Day 11	Drive Anuradhapura, Ulagalla Resort, 3 nights, B&B
Day 14	Fly home

Day 1

Today you will take the international flight to Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Day 2

On arrival in Colombo you will be met by and transferred to stay at Uga Residence for the next 2 nights. Whilst here you will have a hidden history walking tour of Colombo exploring the old fort and the busy markets with a local history expert who will tell you of the colourful past of the city.

Uga Residence is in the perfect location in Colombo. Built around a central courtyard it has just 11 spacious suites each with their own living room bedroom, en-suite bathroom and private outdoor dining area. The hotel has a large garden with a swimming pool, gym and a bar and great space for outdoor dining, a little piece of paradise in the city.



You will spend 2 nights at Uga Residence on a B&B basis.

Day 4

This morning you will be transferred to the airport to take the scheduled flight to Jaffna. Here your private driver guide will meet you and transfer you to stay at Margosa Villa for the next 3 nights. Whilst here you will enjoy a guided city tour on bicycles with a local guide, a guided visit to Nallur Kovil one of Jaffna's most significant Hindu temples and a visit to Delft Island. Previously out of bounds to tourists during the civil war it is a small and remote island known for its wild horse population and a local pastor will show you the old Delfit Fort, an ancient Baobab tree and to see the local farmers before a simple lunch and a swim in the sea.

Jaffna is one of the northern most towns in Sri Lanka and is well worth a visit if you get the chance. Typical Jaffna scenes include people cycling with bananas and firewood on the back of their bicycles, majestic old houses adorned with carved roundels, grand porches and beautiful doors and windows. The cuisine is a real highlight of a visit to the region. The crab and prawn curries are fantastic, as is the Indian food such as tandoori chicken and delicious naan bread. There is a lot to see from the Hindu temples to the bustling market places, the Old Dutch fort and Delft Island famous for its wild ponies and ancient baobab tree.



Margosa Villa is a refurbished 19th century colonial manor with a broad front veranda surrounded by beautiful gardens scattered with fruit trees which attract lots of colourful birds. The six rooms are positioned around and open out onto the central courtyard and one is located at the front of the house. They are decorated with colourful handloom fabrics, antique brass lamps and copper urns and

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local art. The villa has a homely feel and offers a peaceful holiday setting away from the hustle and bustle of Jaffna town.



You will spend 3 nights at the Margosa Villa on a B&B basis.

Day 7

This morning you will be transferred by road through the northern district to Trincomalee to stay at Jungle Beach Resort for the next 4 days.

Trincomalee is a town that is based around a natural deep-water harbour, which has attracted great seafarers for centuries. These include traders from China and Arabia, Ptolemy and Marco Polo. The area is also famous for its wide golden beaches, the coral reefs around Pigeon Island, as well as the blue whales that swim these waters. Close to the town is the largest Dutch fortress in Sri Lanka, which is home to one of the oldest Hindu temples. The Kanniyai hot springs are well worth a visit – you can take bucketfuls of warm water from the different wells and enjoy a relaxing bath! You can also explore the many markets which sell all sorts from vegetables to gold where everything is weighed in large antique fashioned scales.



Blessed with picture-perfect beaches, curvaceous lagoons and unspoilt swathes of jungle, Kuchchaveli and its rural surrounds remain untouched by the country's tourism boom, for now. Jungle Beach Resort has 48 luxury villas all with views of the ocean and tucked into the surrounding foliage for privacy. Each spacious villa has a large king sized bed, high end entertainment systems, a private deck and indoor and outdoor rain shower attached to the en-suite bathroom. Its remote location means you'll spend most of your time on site, but there's plenty to do and see. Underwater there are lots of colourful reef fish to see on snorkelling and scuba-diving trips, or you can zoom over the ocean on a jet-ski or sailboat. Alternatively the hotel can arrange day trips further afield or trips to Trincomalee.



You will spend 4 nights at Jungle Beach on a B&B basis

Day 11

This morning you will be driven to Anuradhapura to stay at Ulagalla Resort for the next 3 nights. Whilst here you will take a guided tour of Anuradhapura Kingdom an ancient city, a guided visit to Sigiriya Rock Fortress an ancient fortress built on top of a huge rock with extensive and beautiful gardens.

The Cultural Triangle has a plethora of history with entire lost cities, ruined temples, sacred caves, centuries-old murals and some amazing early engineering intertwined with the history of Buddhism. Five of Sri Lanka's seven UNESCO World heritage sites are in the area but you could definitely feel 'ruined-out' if you attempt to see them all.



It's all about space and nature at Ulagalla - and the 25 eco-friendly chalets are spread out within the 58 acres of paddy fields, organic vegetable plots and ornamental gardens. Golf buggies drop you off and pick you up but bicycles are also provided to scoot about the estate and visit the horse riding centre, driving school, spa, archery school and kayaking lakes. The chalets are huge and extremely comfortable with a sitting room, bedroom and wet room bathroom. Each has a huge terrace with a large plunge pool and sunbeds with views either over the paddy fields, lakes or gardens which are filled with a plethora of birds. In front there is an amazing 50m swimming pool which is lit beautifully in the evening with stars along the bottom of the pool.



You will spend 3 nights at Ulagalla Resort on a B&B basis

Day 14

Today you will be driven to Colombo, where you will check in for the international flight home.
