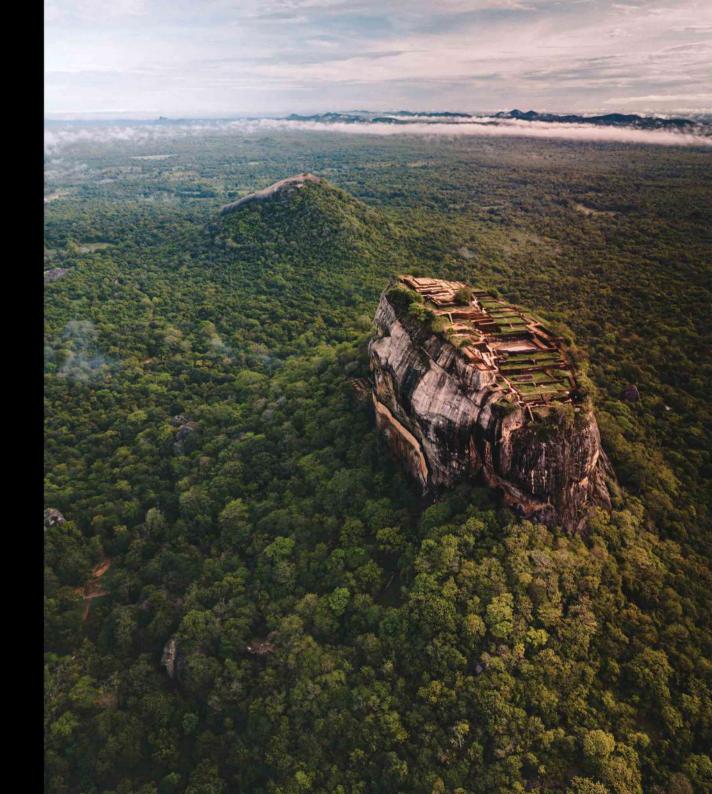




# THE FORTRESS JOURNEYS

Be it laidback beachside relaxation, cultural adventures wildlife encounters or nature escapes, Sri Lanka offers something new to discover each time you visit. With the Fortress Resort & Spa "Journeys" Program, our guest have the opportunity to enjoy many of these unique experiences from exploring iconic landmarks to experiencing the many captivating things to do in Sri Lanka.





# 5 NIGHTS IN SRI LANKA

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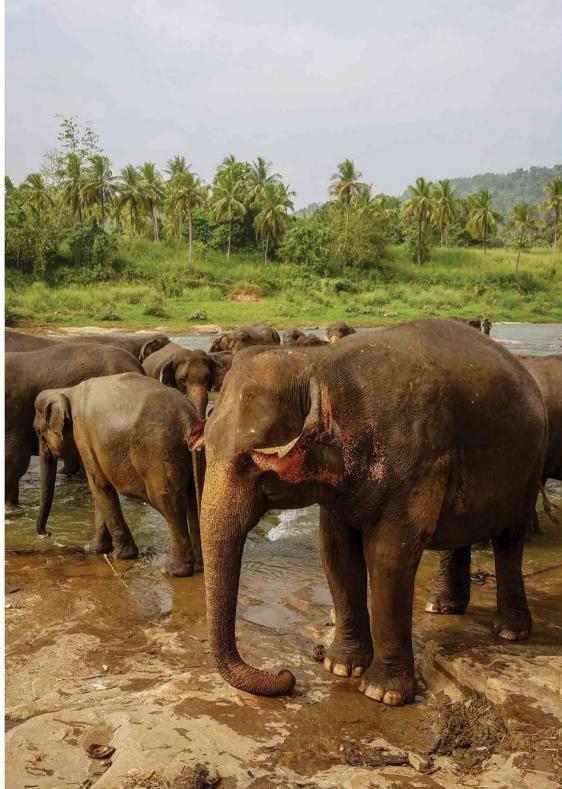
# DAY THREE TO DAY FIVE: KOGGALA

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# DAY SIX: KOGGALA - AIRPORT

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# 7 NIGHTS IN SRI LANKA

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#### DAY THREE TO DAY FOUR: KANDY - NUWARA ELIYA

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Proceed to Nuwara Eliya.

Stop by a tea factory en-route to see how world famous Ceylon tea is produced and prepared. Referred to as 'Little England', Nuwara Eliya resembles an old English town complete with a picturesque lake, quaint cottages, horse racing track, an Anglican church and even an 18 hole golf course. Visit the Hakgala Botanical Gardens which is home to more than 10,000 species of flora including an exotic collection of roses, orchids and ferns. One night stay with dinner and breakfast at Langdale by Amaya

The following day transfer to Galle for your much awaited beach holiday.

# DAY FIVE TO DAY SEVEN: NUWARA ELIYA - KOGGALA

Enjoy your beach stay at The Fortress Resort & Spa for the last four nights in an Ocean Room with a breakfast buffet and a four-course daily dinner.

#### DAY EIGHT: KOGGALA - AIRPORT

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One night stay with dinner and breakfast at Langdale by Amaya.





#### DAY FOUR: NUWARA ELIYA - YALA

After Breakfast, proceed to Yala via Ella.

A train Journey from Nuwara Eliya to Ella is optional and can be added to the package on request subject to the availability of the train tickets. The chauffer guide will drop you at the Nanu Oya railway station and pick you again at the Ella railway station and will take you to the hotel in Yala. The train journey from Nuwara Eliya to Ella is supposed to be one of the most scenic and beautiful journeys in the world.

One night stay with dinner and breakfast at a luxury hotel in Yala.

# **DAY FIVE: YALA - KOGGALA**

After early breakfast, experience the typical Sri Lankan wild life safari in the morning. Yala combines a strict nature reserve with a national park. Divided into 5 blocks, the park has a protected area of nearly 130,000 hectares of land consisting of light forests, scrubs, grasslands, tanks and lagoons. Two blocks are currently opened to the public. Situated in Sri Lanka's south-east hugging the panoramic Indian Ocean, Yala was designated a wildlife sanctuary in 1900 and was designated a national park in 1938. Ironically, the park was initially used as a hunting ground for the elite under British rule. Yala is home to 44 varieties of mammal and 215 bird species. Among its more famous residents are the world's biggest concentration of leopards, majestic elephants, sloth bears, sambars, jackals, spotted dear, peacocks, and crocodiles. The best time to visit Yala is between February and July when the water levels of the park are quite low, bringing animals into the open.

Transfers from Yala to Koggala for your most awaited Beach Holiday.

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# **DAY ELEVEN: KOGGALA - AIRPORT**

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