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WITH EXPERIENCED TOUR ESCORT

CATHI BURNETT-COSGROVE

16 DAYS • DEPARTS 14TH FEB 2027



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DISCOVER what others say about their experience on tours with The Compass Society and Cathi Burnett-Cosgrove...



Thank you Cathi for taking me to a country I have not visited before. **I have enjoyed every moment**; the people, the culture and taking us out of our comfort zone. **An experience not to be missed.**

– Irene

“The Planning. The Places. The People. **Pure Perfection.**”

– Glenn and Wendy

“P.S.: And the Pub!”

“So many thanks for a wonderfully crafted tour. What a magnificent mix of history and scenery plus stunning food and wine stops. **So many memorable experiences** and you even managed the weather gods for our surprise helicopter ride over the NE vineyards, what a day that was. **Cathi, you are such a fabulous facilitator**, leaving us with amazing memories and fantastic friendships, thank you!”

– Rob P.J.

“Thank you Travel Goddess for a great trip. **Loved Ireland! St Kilda in Scotland was special** and you even managed a wonderful weather!

– Robert & Jan

“Cathi, **what a great trip!** Really appreciate all your planning **and surprises.**”

– Sincere thanks, Sally

“Thankyou for **another wonderful adventure, lots of fun and good people.** Looking forward to more.”

– Wendy

“This year alone, **I took three escorted tours with Cathi. Each one was unique.**

As an experienced traveller who has visited 48 countries over my lifetime, I can say unreservedly that Cathi Burnett-Cosgrove is **the best travel designer with whom I have ever booked and travelled.**

These **once-in-a-lifetime experiences** are all arranged with the safety, comfort and sense of adventure of the travellers.”

– Robyn N, December 2025

“To our very dear friend Cathi, thank you so much for putting together such an amazing trip. **We couldn't think of a nicer person to spend a month with exploring some of the most beautiful places on earth.** Looking forward to many more travels with you.”

– Love and best wishes, Lyn & Laurie.

“Thank you Cathi for a wonderful tour through the ages in Ireland, the Scottish Isles and Iceland. **Amazing places, fantastic experiences and great company.** This trip has **exceeded our expectations once again.**”

– Gen and Robert

“**Another magical trip** to Laos where **all the details are taken care of.** We just sit back and enjoy. Thank you so much for a great trip.

– Barb & Steve

“So full of contrasts – **am loving this next adventure/ magical tour.**”

– Rosie

“To Cathi, thank you so much for creating this memory of Mongolia and **a great adventure.** The people, the culture, and the country provided us with **lasting memories.**”

– Annie & David

“Thank you Cathi for organising this amazing trip – we have done **so many different things and seen so much.**”

– David & Christine

“This week-long tour **certainly lived up to its name.**

Our group was so fortunate to visit scenic sensations. Places we saw in a new light due to our assiduous, inventive leader, Cathi. We shared gastronomic delights, often in totally unique venues... gourmet heaven!

Each day brought **super, superior surprises** yet we always had our restful, contemplatory times. It was a wonderful experience. **We were SO lucky.**

We were safe & spoilt. Next trip... hopefully soon!!”

– Gae

“A typical of a tour organised by Cathi – **a thoughtful and well-planned itinerary which goes beyond the superficial,** but still leaves room for spontaneity, like finding a good cup of coffee, having a drink with the locals at a country pub or checking out the Little Blue Lake!

As is always the case with Cathi's tours, the emphasis was on enjoying local produce and the quality of the included meals was exceptional.

The tour included **a number of unique offerings which could not otherwise be experienced.**”

– Wendy



INTRODUCTION

Imagine stepping into a world where the morning air smells of fresh cinnamon and ocean salt. You wake up to the sound of crashing waves on a golden shoreline, but by afternoon, you are high in the mountains, wrapped in a cool breeze while looking out over endless waves of emerald hills. This is Sri Lanka.

This island moves at its own beautiful pace, inviting you to slow down and notice the details. You will find yourself standing beneath towering, ancient stone structures that feel like they were carved by giants, then hours later, watching a family of wild elephants quietly cross a dirt path right in front of you.

As the sun sets, the sky turns a deep shade of purple and

orange, lighting up the ramparts of old coastal towns where paths are lined with bright tropical flowers. The people here greet you with genuine, wide smiles, sharing rich, spiced dishes that taste of coconut and fresh herbs.

Sri Lanka is a place that feels completely untouched by time, where every road leads to a new discovery and every moment feels like a story you will tell for the rest of your life. It is not just a destination; it is a feeling of pure wonder that stays with you long after you leave.

*Cathi
Burnett-Cosgrove*

Travel Designer and founder
of The Compass Society™



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Relax at a luxury beachfront resort overlooking the Indian Ocean.
- Explore the hidden ancient kingdom of Dambadeniya, one of Sri Lanka's lesser-known archaeological treasures.
- Receive a traditional Buddhist blessing and participate in an evening pooja beneath the sacred Jaya Sri Maha Bodhi.
- Experience authentic Sri Lankan village life with a traditional farming experience, travelling by tuk-tuk, tractor and on foot.
- Enjoy a delicious home-cooked lunch prepared from fresh local produce in a rural village.
- Climb the spectacular UNESCO World Heritage-listed Sigiriya Rock Fortress.
- Discover the magnificent ancient city of Polonnaruwa, one of Sri Lanka's great royal capitals.
- Learn the secrets of authentic Sri Lankan cuisine during a hands-on cooking class.
- Search for wild elephants and other remarkable wildlife in Minneriya National Park.
- Meet the indigenous Vedda people during an exclusive guided walk through their ancestral forest.
- Cruise the tranquil waters of Gal Oya National Park on Sri Lanka's only boat safari, with the chance to see elephants swimming between islands.
- Venture deep into the remote Nilgala wilderness on an unforgettable jeep safari.
- Explore the cool highlands of Nuwara Eliya, the heart of Sri Lanka's famous tea country.
- Visit Lipton's Seat and the historic Dambethenna Tea Factory to discover the story behind world-famous Ceylon tea.
- Enjoy one of the world's most scenic rail journeys through Sri Lanka's spectacular hill country (subject to Sri Lankan Railways ticket availability).
- Visit the iconic Nine Arches Bridge, one of Sri Lanka's most photographed landmarks.
- Wander the charming streets of UNESCO World Heritage-listed Galle Fort.
- Indulge in an exclusive seven-course tasting menu celebrating the flavours and culinary heritage of Sri Lanka.
- Return international flights from Hobart and more

BENEFITS OF AN ESCORTED GROUP

Joining our premium escorted group means traveling with an experienced personal tour escort. Cathi has over 40 years in travel, with extensive experience leading local groups of like-minded people (who you'll meet beforehand at pre-tour gatherings). You'll enjoy great company and the

confidence of a professionally organised journey.

You'll make new friends and cherish lasting holiday memories. Cathi's expertise ensures a unique experience that avoids the usual and goes beyond expectations, making you eager to return for more.

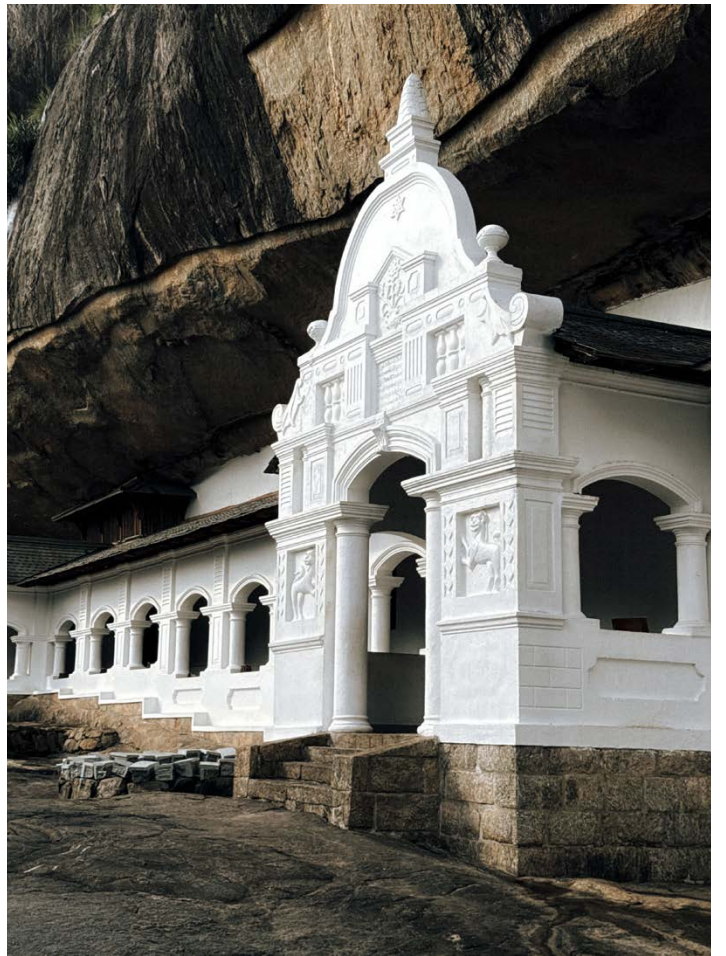


"Really enjoyable and such good company" "Lots of fun and good people."

"You connect us, giving us extraordinary experiences which remain as special friendships & unique memories."



14TH FEBRUARY TO 1ST MARCH 2027



OUR TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1

SUNDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2027: DEPART AUSTRALIA – COLOMBO – WAIKKAL

Today we leave Australia and begin our journey to the captivating island of Sri Lanka. A land of ancient kingdoms, sacred temples, lush tea plantations and remarkable wildlife awaits us. From the golden coastline to the mist-covered highlands, an unforgettable adventure begins.

Welcome to Sri Lanka! Upon arrival at Colombo Airport, we will be met by our local representative and transferred to our hotel.

The remainder of the day is yours at leisure to enjoy our beachfront resort.

Day 2

MONDAY 15 FEBRUARY: WAIKKAL

Today is yours at leisure to relax after our late arrival and adjust to the slower paced lifestyle in Sri Lanka.

This evening, enjoy a welcome dinner with our group at our hotel. **BD**

Day 3

TUESDAY 16 FEBRUARY: WAIKKAL – DAMBADENIYA – WAIKKAL

This morning, we set off for a guided tour of Dambadeniya, one of Sri Lanka's lesser-known ancient kingdoms. Here, we have the opportunity to climb the rock fortress and visit Vijayasundaramaya, a site rarely visited by tourists and well off the beaten track.

The climb is relatively easy.

Early this evening, we set off on foot to explore the nearby village on the other side of the lake. We will walk through the quiet village and visit the local temple, where we will meet the local Buddhist priest for a blessing. Spend time talking with the locals and learning about their simple yet peaceful way of life before returning to our hotel. **B**

Day 4

WEDNESDAY 17 FEBRUARY: WAIKKAL – ANURADHAPURA

This morning, we will transfer to our hotel not far from Anuradhapura. After checking in, this afternoon we will have the opportunity to visit two of Sri Lanka's most significant sites.

Anuradhapura, the ancient capital of Sinhalese culture for more than 1,500 years, was built during a golden period of architectural and artistic development. This stunning UNESCO World Heritage Site is home to ancient Sri Lankan culture.

Jaya Sri Maha Bodhi is the sacred Bo Tree, believed to have grown from one of the branches of the historic Sri Maha Bodhi at Buddha Gaya in India – the tree beneath which Buddha attained enlightenment. We will have the rare opportunity to offer flowers, light incense and illuminate oil lamps as offerings to the Bo Tree while participating in an evening pooja.

We then return to our hotel for dinner. **BD**

Day 5

THURSDAY 18 FEBRUARY: ANURADHAPURA – SIGIRIYA

Setting off this morning, our day begins with a traditional farming village experience. We will learn about local life in Sri Lanka's rural villages, both in the fields and at home. If you wish, try your hand at some of the agricultural techniques that locals still use today. We will explore the village by tuk-tuk, tractor and on foot, immersing ourselves in authentic farm life. For lunch today, enjoy a home-cooked meal prepared almost entirely from produce grown straight from the paddock.

After lunch, we continue to Sigiriya Rock Fortress, where we have the opportunity to climb this remarkable UNESCO World Heritage Site. The fortress rises dramatically from the surrounding dry-zone scrub jungle and is home to a rich variety of Sri Lankan wildlife.

Sigiriya, the magnificent 180-metre-high rock fortress of a 5th-century king, is renowned for its beautifully preserved frescoes, hidden within a sheltered pocket of the rock. We will marvel at the masterful execution of these graceful figures, originally numbering around 500, of which only 19 remain today. The original stairway to the summit passed through the mouth of a giant crouching lion carved from the rock, although today only the enormous paws remain. At the summit lie the fascinating remains of the royal citadel.

Among the most impressive features of this extraordinary complex are the





Water Gardens, the frescoes, the Mirror Wall with its ancient graffiti, the Lion Platform and the expansive summit, which was once completely covered with royal buildings during Sigiriya's golden age.

While the climb is strenuous, it is not especially difficult. It does involve approximately 1,200 steps, including a steep spiral staircase leading to the famous frescoes. **BLD**

Day 6

FRIDAY 19 FEBRUARY: SIGIRIYA – POLONNARUWA – MINNERIYA NATIONAL PARK – SIGIRIYA

The first kingdom of Sri Lanka, Anuradhapura, flourished for more than 1,500 years before eventually falling to attacks by the Cholas. The new kingdom was established at Polonnaruwa, where it prospered for more than 150 years. Its golden age came under the rule of King Parakramabahu I, when irrigation and agriculture flourished. Many kings and queens contributed to the remarkable monuments we will explore today, including Buddhist and Hindu temples, royal palaces, audience halls, bathing ponds and vast reservoirs spread across more than 5,000 acres.

For lunch today, we will learn to prepare a delicious Sri Lankan rice and curry during a hands-on cooking class at a local restaurant before savouring the wonderful meal we have created

together.

This afternoon, we continue to Minneriya National Park. Covering almost 9,000 hectares, the park is renowned for its large herds of wild elephants, often numbering between 100 and 150, which roam the forests and gather around the lake. The park is also home to wild buffalo, wild boar, spotted deer, sambar, sloth bears, leopards, crocodiles, jackals, numerous reptiles and amphibians, more than 160 bird species, a rich variety of fish and an abundance of butterflies. **BLD**

Day 7

SATURDAY 20 FEBRUARY: SIGIRIYA – DAMBULLA – GAL OYA

Today, as we travel towards Gal Oya, we will visit the remarkable Dambulla Cave Temple. This vast isolated rock rises more than 150 metres above the surrounding landscape and has a base stretching almost two kilometres. Dating back to the 1st century BC, the famous cave temple provided refuge for King Walagamba during his 14 years of exile from Anuradhapura. After reclaiming his throne, he transformed the caves into one of Sri Lanka's most magnificent rock temples.

We will climb 365 steps (a relatively easy ascent) to explore the caves, where we will discover a 14-metre reclining Buddha carved directly from the rock, along with many beautiful

Buddhist shrines and ancient paintings.

Continuing to Gal Oya, we check into our stylish accommodation in one of Sri Lanka's most remote and unspoilt regions. After time to settle in, we enjoy a discovery walk with the Chief of the Veddha community. Our accommodation neighbours one of the country's last remaining indigenous Veddha communities.

The Veddhas are Sri Lanka's original inhabitants and are believed to share ancient links with Australia's Aboriginal peoples and the San Bushmen of southern Africa. Their unique culture is gradually disappearing, with their traditional language now almost lost. Over generations, they have adapted from cave living to forest dwellings and, more recently, to simple homes. They continue to gather wild honey from the forests and rely on traditional bush medicines passed down through countless generations.

Accompanied by the village Chief, we venture into the forests of his ancestors, learning about medicinal plants, ancient hunting grounds and cave dwellings while gaining a fascinating insight into one of Sri Lanka's oldest surviving cultures. **BLD**

Day 8

SUNDAY 21 FEBRUARY: GAL OYA

Today we experience Sri Lanka's only boat safari – a truly magical way to explore Gal Oya National Park. With a little luck, we may witness elephants swimming between islands or bathing along the shoreline. During our two to three-hour boat safari, we cruise quietly through the lake, passing local fishing villages, watching fishermen haul in their nets and gliding among the hauntingly beautiful flooded forests known as the tree cemetery. The diversity of wildlife and scenery here is simply breathtaking.



This afternoon, we set off on a jeep safari into the remote Nilgala section of the national park, once reserved by ancient royalty for its rich medicinal plants and unique birdlife. Although the wildlife can sometimes be elusive, the park supports most of Sri Lanka's iconic animal species, including herds of elephants, several species of deer and an abundance of birdlife.

Those seeking a little more adventure may also choose to join one of our expert naturalists for a guided walk to the Makara River mouth, offering an opportunity to experience the jungle on foot and perhaps encounter wildlife from an entirely different perspective.

BLD

Day 9

MONDAY 22 FEBRUARY: GAL OYA – NUWARA ELIYA

After breakfast, we travel to Nuwara Eliya, nestled high in Sri Lanka's Central Highlands at an elevation of almost 1,900 metres above sea level.

Upon arrival, we enjoy a sightseeing tour of this charming hill station, taking in Gregory Lake, Victoria Park and the elegant colonial buildings that reflect the town's British heritage. Nuwara Eliya is renowned for its cool mountain

climate, spectacular scenery and the surrounding tea plantations that have made this region the heart of Sri Lanka's famous tea industry. **B**

Day 10

TUESDAY 23 FEBRUARY: NUWARA ELIYA – ELLA – HAPUTALE

After breakfast, we transfer to Nanu Oya Railway Station to board one of the world's most scenic rail journeys through the spectacular hill country. Travelling from Nanu Oya to Ella, we pass through breathtaking mountain landscapes of emerald tea plantations, mist-filled valleys, cascading waterfalls and lush forests. This unforgettable journey is widely regarded as one of the most beautiful railway experiences anywhere in the world.

Important: Second Class reserved seating is subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed, as tickets are released by Sri Lankan Railways only 14 days before departure in limited numbers. Should reserved seating not be available, we may travel in Third Class without reserved seats, or alternatively continue by our touring vehicle if required. While uncommon, delays and cancellations may occasionally occur without prior notice.

Upon arrival in Ella (or, if necessary, Demodara), we visit the iconic Nine Arches Bridge, one of Sri Lanka's most photographed landmarks, beautifully set amongst lush jungle and tea estates. Afterwards, we continue to our hotel in Haputale, where the remainder of the day is yours at leisure. **BD**

Day 11

WEDNESDAY 24 FEBRUARY: HAPUTALE

This morning, we set off on a short hike to Lipton's Seat before visiting the historic Dambethenna Tea Factory.

The Dambethenna Tea Estate was established by Sir Thomas Lipton, one of the most influential figures in Sri Lanka's long tea-growing history. From the famous viewpoint now known as Lipton's Seat, Sir Thomas would survey his vast tea estate while enjoying magnificent panoramic views across the southern highlands. Situated more than 1,900 metres above sea level, the viewpoint offers spectacular scenery that rivals the famous World's End in Horton Plains National Park. On a clear day, we may even glimpse Sri Lanka's southern coastline as well as the distant national parks of Yala and Udawalawe.





At Dambethenna Tea Factory, we will learn about the fascinating process of producing the world-renowned Ceylon tea.

Later, we walk through the beautiful Sherwood Tea Estate to the home of a local estate worker. Surrounded by vegetable gardens and colourful homes, we are introduced to another side of Sri Lankan cuisine. The Tamil community arrived from southern India during the colonial era, bringing with them culinary traditions including dosas and vadeis. Here we will watch the preparation of these traditional dishes before enjoying a delicious vegetarian lunch. **BLD**

Day 12

THURSDAY 25 FEBRUARY: HAPUTALE – GALLE

Today we travel to Galle (approximately five hours). Upon arrival, we check into our hotel, an elegant 18th-century mansion beautifully restored within the historic walls of the 16th-century Galle Fort.

This evening is yours at leisure to explore the charming streets of Galle and its UNESCO World Heritage-listed fortifications. **BD**

Day 13

FRIDAY 26 FEBRUARY: GALLE

Today is yours at leisure to explore Galle or perhaps relax at one of the nearby beaches. **BD**

Day 14

SATURDAY 27 FEBRUARY: GALLE – COLOMBO

Today we travel from Galle to Colombo, a journey of approximately 130 kilometres taking around three hours. Our hotel is centrally located, providing easy access to many of Colombo's restaurants and attractions.

This evening we enjoy a specially prepared seven-course tasting menu celebrating Sri Lanka's favourite dishes. Throughout the evening we will discover the origins and fascinating history behind each course, learning how many of the ingredients now central to Sri Lankan cuisine arrived during the country's colonial past. **BD**

Day 15

SUNDAY 28 FEBRUARY: COLOMBO – DEPARTURE

This morning we visit historic Negombo for a walking tour that brings this fascinating old city to life. Once the

principal export harbour for cinnamon during the Portuguese, Dutch and British colonial periods, Negombo still retains many beautiful historic buildings from its colourful past.

We will explore bustling markets and historic churches, visit the vibrant fishing harbour and enjoy the tranquil setting of Negombo Lagoon, renowned for its abundant birdlife. Watch traditional outrigger canoes as local fishermen continue generations-old methods of catching shrimp and lobster.

Later today, we continue to the airport for our onward flight. **B**

Day 16

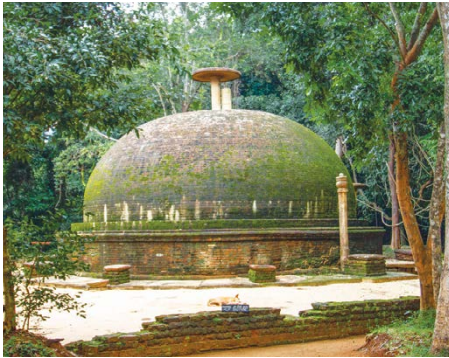
MONDAY 1 MARCH 2027: AUSTRALIA

What an amazing journey! We arrive home with new found friends and memories to last a lifetime.

Included meals as shown in the itinerary:
B Breakfast; **L** Lunch; **D** Dinner



TOUR INFORMATION



INCLUSIONS

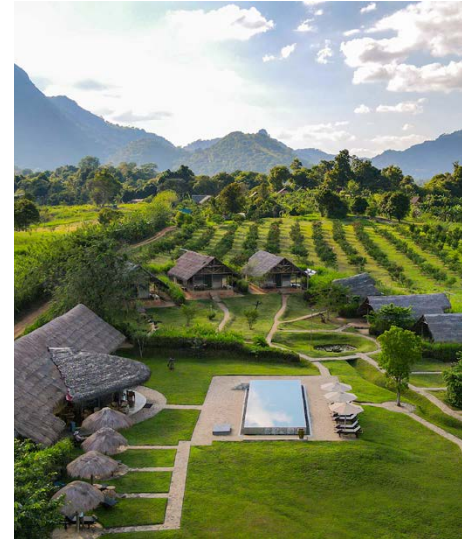
- International airfares from Australia to Sri Lanka from your nearest capital city
- Return airport transfers
- 14 nights accommodation
- Meals as per the itinerary
- Services of an English-speaking chauffeur guide
- Transportation in a private air-conditioned vehicle
- Bottle of water per person per day
- Entrance fees as per the itinerary
- Local government taxes

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- All services and meals other than those indicated on itinerary
- Early check-in/Late check-out
- All items of a personal nature e.g. drinks, laundry, telephone calls,
- Travel Visas
- Travel insurance (mandatory)
- Sightseeing other than indicated on itinerary
- Any changes to the proposed and confirmed program

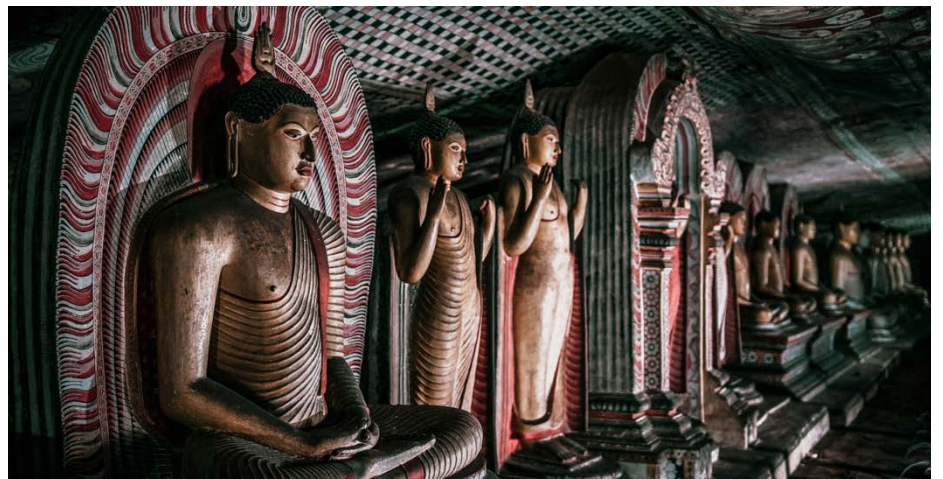
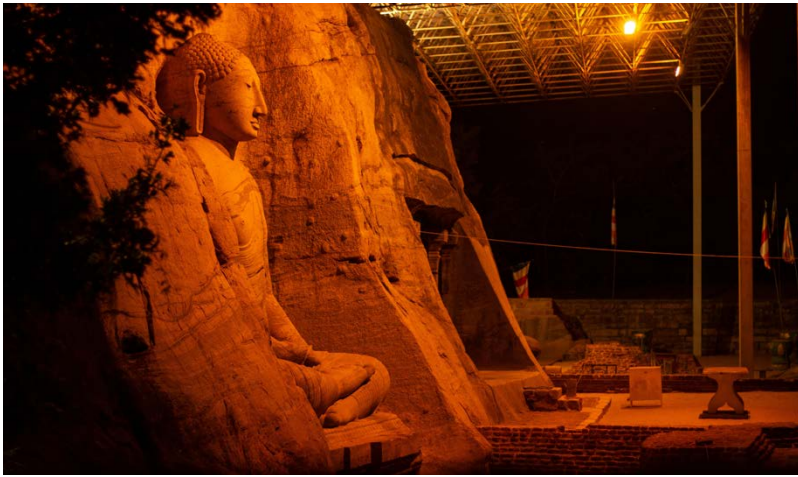
TOUR HOTELS

All hotels have been personally selected for their charm, location and in keeping with the authenticity of Sri Lanka. Whilst in Gal Oya we will stay in a misty and mystical authentic highlands village retreat (pictured below) that is home to the Vedda community.



TOUR MAP





"Dear Cathi, 'Same Country—Another World' What a revelation!
We have travelled and conquered this, our world, through your vision and
creative tenacity. **Travelling with you to our great benefit and joy."**

— Your guests of The Compass Society

"Yet another trip whereby you have thought of everything. We have absolutely enjoyed every second of it." — Lauren & Hilton

"Once again you have done it again! Thank you for making our adventure **unforgettable** Cathi. Just love it."
— Lyn & Laurie

"Another wonderful trip!"
Many thanks, Julie

"Thank you for a magical experience.
Memories for life." — Helen

"Cathi, thankyou, **it has been truly magical!**"
— Heather

"Magical, like the first time, but different!
So many thanks." — Rose

"Cathi, another trip, fantastic places, sights and lots of fun — thank you so much! A very big thankyou for my special day." — Wendy

"Articulate... amusing... A+ research, all adds up to
a first class adventure. Thank you Cathi you are
'simply the best'." — Steph

"Thank you for yet another great trip! **So many memorable moments** but best of all you allowed us to
'feel the moments' in all areas."
— A hug, Jill

"Cathi, another fabulous trip. **Second time around an even better experience.** Thank you." — Wendy

"Dear Cathi, **another amazing adventure** with an amazing person! Many thanks, love Louise"

"Top trip so far." — Garry

"Dearest Cathi, many, many thanks for another wonderful trip. **It was really enjoyable and such good company.**"
— Phil & Sue

"Dear Cathi, **Tour designer extraordinaire.** A unique tour of sights, sounds and tastes which will be **so treasured.** Thank you for your special care of me."
— Love, Robyn

"So many thanks Cathi for all your hard work creating and escorting us on this unique journey. A privilege to be here. **Many memories forever** from the action-packed days." — Anne C

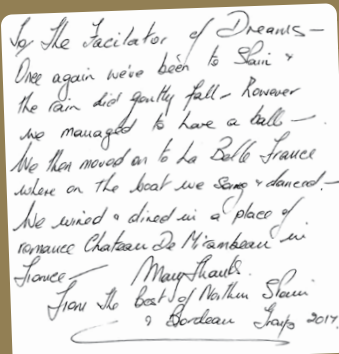
"To our dear friend Cathi, **can't thank you enough for all your blood, sweat & tears.** Once again we are lucky enough to enjoy **an amazing and unforgettable trip.**"
— Lyn & Laurie

"Dear Cathi, another wonderful tour! **Thankyou for your friendship and your superb organising skills.**"
— Wendy & Glenn

"Yet another fantastic trip!" — Steve

Thankyou for an amazing adventure full of surprises.
Thanks for making everything extra special! — Louise & John

The brochure said it would be **peerless and life changing** — and it has been
totally successful in meeting this expectation. — Barb



*To the Facilitator of Dreams -
Once again we've been to Spain &
the rain did gently fall - However
we managed to have a ball -
We then moved on to La Belle France
where on the boat we sang & danced -
We joined & dined in a place of
romance Chateau de Mirambeau in
France - Mary Thaur.
From the best of Northern Spain
& Bordeaux Group 2017.*

"To the Facilitator of Dreams — Once again we've been to Spain and the rain did gently fall — however we managed to have a ball — We then moved on to La Belle France where on the boat we sang and danced — We wined and dined in a place of romance, Château de Mirambeau in France."

— Many thanks from the 'Best of Northern Spain
and Bordeaux Group 2017'

TOUR PRICE

TWIN SHARE

\$13,650* per person

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

\$3480* per person (very limited availability).

OPTIONAL Airfare upgrades, stopovers and extensions are available on request.

IMPORTANT NOTE: An \$800 fuel surcharge is included in the tour price, but is subject to change due to world price volatility. Flights correct at time of publication, but may alter by one day either direction when finalised.

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BOOKINGS

For bookings, contact Cathi (details below) or your preferred Home Travel Company Travel Advisor

Your Tour Escort: **Cathi Burnett-Cosgrove**

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

TOUR PAYMENTS A non-refundable deposit of \$4,000 per person plus any upgrade of airfare is due within 7 days of booking. Full payment is due no later than Monday 14 December 2026.

CANCELLATIONS In the event of cancellation, all monies are non-refundable. Home Travel Company (ABN 54 310 480 325) is committed to securing credits for future travel and therefore the tour will be postponed to a future date. Travel insurance is mandatory. Please request a copy of the Product Disclosure Statement provided by the insurer of your choice from your consultant.

Cancellation fees may also apply to any additional services, reserved prior to, during and after the tour. Notice of all cancellations must be made in writing to Home Travel Company on or before final payment due date. **Loss of payment.** After final payment due date: 100% of total price. Cancellation fees also apply to any additional services, reserved prior to, during and after the holiday.

Home Travel Company and the carriers, accommodations, and other suppliers providing tour services shall all be known as the 'Operators' and reserve the right to cancel or re-schedule any vacation departure. If cancellation is made prior to departure of the tour, the only responsibility of the Operators will be to refund to the passenger the amount we have received for the reservation. We will try to re-book the same holiday with a different departure date, or a similar tour. Where the Operators have confirmed flights, we will try to confirm air seats for the selected new dates, subject to availability. The Operators cannot assume responsibility for any additional costs or any fees relating to the issuance and/or cancellation of air tickets or other travel arrangements.

REVISION FEES A minimum fee of \$150 per transaction will be charged for any alteration or revision made to a reservation, plus any additional costs from Operators. Airline penalties may also apply. A change to traveller name, holiday date or tour itinerary at any time will be treated as a cancellation and new reservation; standard cancellation fees apply.

PARTICIPATION For the benefit of everyone on your holiday, the Operators reserve the right to accept or reject any person as a holiday participant, and to remove from the tour any participant whose conduct is deemed incompatible with the interests of the other participants.

TRAVEL FITNESS All tour participants must be able to walk a minimum of 2km over uneven ground, handle their own luggage including carrying up and down flights of stairs if necessary, and be in a position to board and alight transportation without assistance. If guests are unable to fulfill these requirements individually, an accompanying travelling companion must accompany travellers to provide direct assistance with these requirements throughout the trip.

TRAVELLERS WHO NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE You must report any disability requiring special attention to Home Travel Company at the time the reservation is made. The Operators will make reasonable attempts to accommodate the special needs of disabled travellers, but is not responsible in the event it is unable to do so, nor is it responsible

for any denial of services by carriers, hotels, restaurants, or other independent suppliers. Most transportation services, including the touring motor coach, are not equipped with wheelchair ramps. We regret that we cannot provide individual assistance to a tour participant for walking, dining, getting on and off motor coaches and other vehicles, or other personal needs. A qualified and physically able companion must accompany travellers who need such assistance, and must assume total responsibility for the disabled participant's well-being. Motorised scooters are unsuitable for the tour described in this brochure.

SMOKING Smoking is not allowed on transportation or accommodations.

PRICE GUARANTEE Air tickets booked via Home Travel Company are guaranteed when we receive full payment. This does not include any Government/airport tax increases and currency fluctuations. Prices are per person, based on two persons sharing a room. Single room supplements are listed where applicable.

ACCOMMODATIONS The accommodations listed in this brochure are intended to be used on this departure; however, if a change becomes necessary for any reason, the accommodations substituted will be equivalent in standard to those shown. Every effort is made to reserve your preferred room request. It may occasionally happen that an accommodation provides some double-bedded or twin-bedded rooms, as room configuration is at the discretion of individual hotels. Please note that accommodation check-in times vary worldwide. Paying for a single supplement ensures own room, not necessarily a twin bedded room. Accommodation throughout this tour will be variable in style and standards, however we have secured the best options available in the areas we will visit.

The Tour Escort's decision is final, and check-in to all hotels will be the responsibility of your Tour Escort.

BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE Portage including airport portage at beginning and end of the tour is not included. Due to limited coach capacity, this single bag should have dimensions not exceeding 76x53x28cm (30x21x11"). We regret we are unable to accept a second suitcase, or any luggage exceeding these limits. Please talk to your agent for baggage weight restrictions. We recommend you consult your air carrier as size and weight limitations vary from airline to airline and even according to destination, and are becoming more restrictive. The Operators are not responsible for additional fees imposed by air carriers. Regulations within most airports require that travellers handle their own luggage through customs.

Your carry-on bag should not exceed the dimensions of 30x28x14cm (12x11x6"). For safety reasons wheeled carry-on bags are not suitable as hand luggage on motor coaches and mini-buses.

No responsibility is accepted for loss of or damage to baggage or any of the tour participant's belongings. Baggage insurance is recommended.

DINING A restaurant or date of a dinner may be substituted at any time due to reasons beyond the Operators' control.

NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE Any airport taxes payable directly at an airport; items mentioned in these conditions and the "What's Not Included" Tour Information section.

This tour includes a Tour Escort subject to minimum numbers but not guided by a Tour Director. We will meet with local guides wherever possible.

HOLIDAYS AND RESTRICTIONS During local or national holidays, or due to mandated restrictions or closures, certain itinerary features and facilities such as museums and restaurants, sightseeing tours and shopping may be limited or not available. Alternatives will be offered whenever possible.

SAFETY Please be aware that during your participation in vacations operated by the Operators, certain risks and dangers may arise beyond our control including, but not limited to, the hazards of travelling in undeveloped areas; travel by boat, train, automobile, aircraft or other means of transportation; the forces of nature, political unrest and accident or illness in remote regions without means of rapid evacuation or medical facilities. The Operators will not have liability regarding provision of medical care or the adequacy of any care that may be rendered. It is understood that the Operators will use its best efforts to ensure that adequate measures are taken.

PASSPORTS AND VISA All passengers must have a valid passport with at least 6 months validity from return date. It is the responsibility of each passenger to ensure any applicable visas for all countries visited have been obtained prior to departure. Failure to obtain correct documentation will mean the passenger will be unable to participate in particular shore excursions and may be denied boarding and/or entry into certain countries. Meeting necessary passport and visa entry requirements and costs, including vaccinations, is the sole responsibility of passengers.

TRAVEL INSURANCE is compulsory and passengers must take out travel insurance to cover any unforeseen circumstances which may arise (including, but not limited to cancellation fees, loss of luggage, early return following death of a relative as defined in the respective proposal forms). The Operators will not be held liable for any act of government, terrorism, revolution or other act. The Operators reserve the right to cancel the tour at any stage due to an act of government or terrorism.

*Conditions apply. Price is per person, twin share or as stated. Price is correct at time of publication (July 2026) but may fluctuate due to changes in taxes, charges, airfare, surcharges and currency. Price is ex Hobart and does not include airfares except as shown. Price does not include taxes imposed directly by third parties. Tour is subject to availability and terms and conditions as listed. Minimum tour numbers apply. A service fee and credit card surcharge will apply. Images used throughout this brochure are representative of the destinations only, and may not depict your precise tour experience.



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