

## Plan Your Trip to Sri Lanka with Che Ceylon Tours

When you're planning your visit to Sri Lanka, timing and location are key. Our beautiful island has two main monsoon seasons that affect where the best weather is at different times of the year. But the good news is — there's always a perfect place to visit no matter the month!

### *December to April – Best Time for the South & West*

This is one of the most popular times to visit Sri Lanka. The weather is sunny and dry in the southern and western regions — ideal for beach lovers. It's the perfect season to explore **Galle, Mirissa, Unawatuna, Bentota, Colombo**, and head up to **Ella and Kandy** for some cooler mountain air. If you're into wildlife, this is also a great time for a **safari at Yala National Park**.

### *May to September – Best Time for the East & North*

While the south experiences rain during this time, the **East Coast shines bright** with clear skies and calm seas. Head over to **Arugam Bay** for surfing, or relax on the peaceful beaches of **Trincomalee, Nilaveli, and Pasikuda**. This is the best season for water sports, snorkeling, and soaking up the tropical sun away from the crowds.

### *October & November – Rainy But Still Worth It*

This is considered a “shoulder season” with more rainfall around the island, but it can be a wonderful time for **cultural tours**. Crowds are fewer, and the scenery is lush and green. Visit ancient cities like **Anuradhapura, Dambulla, and Sigiriya**, or enjoy the cool highlands around **Nuwara Eliya**. Perfect for indoor sightseeing and spiritual experiences.

## Weather in Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka is warm all year round, especially in coastal areas where temperatures range between 25°C to 32°C. The central hill country is cooler, especially in **Ella, Nuwara Eliya, and Kandy**, where you can expect temperatures between 15°C and 20°C. It can feel humid, especially near the coast, so light and breathable clothing is always best.

## **What to Bring**

Here's a quick guide on what to pack for your tour:

- Light cotton clothes to stay cool
- A hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen to beat the sun
- Comfortable shoes for walking or hiking
- Swimwear for beach days
- A light jacket if you're heading to the hill country
- Modest clothing for temple visits (cover shoulders and knees)
- Slip-on footwear (you'll be removing shoes often at cultural sites)