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THE PEOPLE FOCUSED PHOTOGRAPHY TOUR IN  
**SRI LANKA**



## ABOUT THE TOUR COMPANY

We specialize in arranging unique photography tours in Sri Lanka, offering both professional and beginner photographers the chance to capture stunning photos and videos of local people and their lifestyles. Our tours include both candid and arranged photoshoots with local people at sunrise, sunset, or under perfect lighting conditions. In our specially arranged photo sessions, photographers are given the freedom to move or direct the scene as they wish, creating a fantastic setup for capturing stunning photos and videos. We have also built strong, long term relationships with local people in most of the areas we travel, which allows us to arrange photography sessions smoothly and respectfully. In addition, we arrange model release documents, obtain drone permits hassle free, organize transportation and hotel bookings, allowing photographers to travel comfortably across Sri Lanka and focus fully on capturing photos and videos with ease.



## ABOUT THE PHOTOGRAPHY TOUR GUIDE

Saman Weeratunga is a travel photographer and videographer based in Kandy, the heart of Sri Lanka. He has a strong passion for photography and videography. His creative journeys have taken him across amazing countries such as Switzerland, Austria, France, Germany, Poland, the Netherlands, Belgium, Kenya, the Czech Republic, Singapore, and Malaysia. He has excellent knowledge of the people of Sri Lanka and understands the right timing and locations for people photography. Saman will guide you while traveling around Sri Lanka to capture stunning photos and videos of local people and their daily lives. As his strong connections with local communities make access easy, people are welcoming and cooperative. They are happy to take part in photography sessions, allowing you to capture authentic moments with confidence. If you are a beginner photographer, he will help you learn basic camera settings and controls. Ultimately, you will truly enjoy traveling around Sri Lanka with him while capturing amazing photos and videos.



## THE ADVANTAGES OF TRAVELING WITH US

We arrange private photo sessions, giving photographers the freedom to move freely and direct the scene as they wish, creating the perfect setup for capturing stunning photos and videos.

We take photographers to hidden locations away from tourist spots, giving them complete freedom to capture their own images without disturbances or unwanted people in the frame, allowing for uninterrupted photography.

We have strong local connections built over years of photography tours. These relationships allow us to arrange special sunrise photo sessions at usually inaccessible locations. Speaking the local language and understanding the culture is an advantage, allowing us to communicate effectively, earn trust, and work directly for portrait photography in ways foreign guides cannot.



## THE ESSENTIAL CAMERA GEAR CHECKLIST

Camera body: DSLR Or mirrorless camera with versatile zoom lenses.

Drone: Great for aerial shots, as we handle all permits hassle free for flying.

Tripod: Essential for stability, especially in low light conditions or for long exposure shots.

Filters: Neutral density filters, polarizing filters, or graduated filters to control light and enhance your shots.

Portable lighting: Depending on your photography style, consider bringing portable lights or reflectors for added creativity.

Black background drop cloth: Ideal for close up portraits.



## THE HASSLE FREE DRONE CLEARANCE

We handle all the hassle of obtaining official clearance for drone flights in Sri Lanka. We understand the complexities of navigating regulations from multiple authorities, including the civil aviation authority, central cultural fund, and department of archaeology. Also, obtaining drone permissions for archaeological sites such as Sigiriya and Polonnaruwa can be particularly challenging due to strict regulations designed to preserve these historical treasures. We take the burden off your shoulders by managing all the paperwork and coordination, ensuring swift approval so you can fly your drone smoothly and hassle free during your travel period. Finally, it's not only for landscape aerial drone shots, you can also use your drone for aerial portraits, capturing unique views of stilt fishermen, tea pluckers, and Vedda indigenous people, creating unforgettable photography experiences.



**TWENTY SEATER BUS**  
**FOR 05 - 15 PASSENGERS**



**SIX SEATER VAN**  
**FOR 03 - 04 PASSENGERS**



**FOUR SEATER CAR**  
**FOR 01 - 02 PASSENGERS**

# PHOTOGRAPHY TOUR ITINERARY - 04 DAYS

## DAY 01

Fishing Village In Negombo (Morning)  
Stilt Fishermen In Koggala (Sunset)  
Overnight Stay In Ahangama

## DAY 02

Stilt Fishermen In Koggala (Sunrise)  
Overnight Stay In Haputale

## DAY 03

Tuk Tuk Ride Through Green Valley In Haputale (Morning)  
Tea Pluckers In Haputale (Sunrise)  
Tea Workers's Village In Haputale (Morning)  
Overnight Stay In Mahiyanganaya

## DAY 04

Sri Lanka's Indigenous Veddas' In Dambana (Morning)  
Traditional Dancers In Polonnaruwa (Sunset)  
Overnight Stay In Polonnaruwa



## PHOTOGRAPHY HIGHLIGHTS

### Sri Lanka's Indigenous Veddas' In Dambana

The Vedda people are one of the oldest ethnic groups in Sri Lanka, known for their unique culture, hunting practices, and traditions dating back to before the 6th century BCE. Today, they live in regular houses and huts, with only a few still maintaining the traditional long hair, attire, and beards. This session is set up with a few Indigenous people for a photo session in their small hut and the surrounding area, which is away from the regular touristic Vedda village nearby, where no tourists are around. This is an organized photo session capturing the aboriginal appearance of the Veddas and their traditional culture.



## PHOTOGRAPHY HIGHLIGHTS

### Stilt Fishermen In Koggala

Stilt fishing is a method unique to the island of Sri Lanka. Fishermen sit on a crossbar tied to a vertical pole driven into the sand a few meters offshore. This technique is mainly practiced during March to April when fish are abundant. This session is set up with a few stilt fishermen, selecting the best poles to sit against the sunrise or sunset to create a perfect silhouette, while also ensuring a steady position for long exposure photographs of the fishermen and the still water. This is an organized photo session capturing traditional fishermen in silhouette style and their fishing method at dusk or dawn with colorful sky lights.



## PHOTOGRAPHY HIGHLIGHTS

### Fishing Village In Negombo

Negombo fishing village is a small, bustling coastal village with a lot of fishing activities in the morning. Each morning, the beach comes alive as fishermen return with their catches, which are then laid out for sorting, drying, or selling at the local fish market. Colorful boats dot the shoreline, and fishing nets are spread out to dry under the sun, adding to the village's charm. The market is especially lively, with locals haggling over a variety of fish. This is a candid photo session capturing the fishing village's vibrant atmosphere, focusing on the actions of fishermen and the emotions reflected in their close-up faces.



## PHOTOGRAPHY HIGHLIGHTS

### Tea Pluckers On Tea Field In Dambethenna

The task of plucking tea is traditionally done by women, who expertly pluck by hand to ensure the highest quality of leaves. Hand plucking allows workers to select only the top two leaves and a bud from the tea plant. The work is physically demanding, as tea pluckers spend long hours in the fields, moving through rows of bushes. In Sri Lanka, pluckers gather 15 to 20 kilograms of tea leaves daily. This is a candid photo session capturing the portraits of tea pluckers in the tea fields, showcasing their colorful clothes and traditional tea plucking methods used to process Ceylon tea.



## PHOTOGRAPHY HIGHLIGHTS

### Tea Workers' Village In Dambethenna

Sri Lankan tea workers are primarily Indian Tamils, brought by the British during the colonial period to work on plantations. Many of these workers were transported from southern India to meet the labor demands of the burgeoning tea industry, which became a major export commodity. Today, the descendants of these laborers continue to reside in tea plantation villages, often among the most economically deprived areas in the country. This is a candid photo session capturing close up portraits of the villagers, especially children, who live in very basic line houses that provide a colorful backdrop.



## PHOTOGRAPHY HIGHLIGHTS

### Traditional Dancers In Polonnaruwa

There are three main styles of Sri Lankan classical dance: the Kandyan dances of the hill country, the low country dances of the southern region, and the Sabaragamuwa dances of the Ratnapura region. These classical dance forms differ in their movements and the shape of the drums used. This session is set up with a few Sri Lankan traditional dancers and drummers in costumes from a dancing academy, bringing them to a nearby rock and requesting some dance performances and poses. This is an organized photo session capturing the dance poses of Sri Lankan traditional dancers in colorful costumes.



## SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS

### A Tuk Tuk Ride Through Green Valley In Haputale

The Tuk Tuk ride through the green valley in Haputale offers a unique experience with stunning natural beauty. The small, open vehicle provides an up close view of the surrounding landscapes, from mist covered mountains to neatly arranged tea plantations. As the Tuk Tuk winds through narrow roads, you feel a cool breeze, and with every turn, a picturesque scene is revealed. The gentle bouncing over uneven roads adds to the thrill, while the friendly driver shares stories about the area. The ride passes through tea workers' villages, where you observe daily routines and see school kids walking to school.

