



SOUTHERN INDIA & SRI LANKA

Classic Tour | 17 Days | Physical Level 2

Kochi – Alleppey – Kollam - Kovalam – Negombo – Habarana – Kandy – Nuwara
Eliya – Hikkaduwa – Colombo

Combining the lush landscapes, culture-filled coastal cities and serene backwaters of Kerala with the rich history, tea plantations and incredible wildlife of Sri Lanka, this sun-filled adventure is full of delights.

- Discover charming Kochi
- Feel the history of Kollam
- Safari in Minneriya
- Climb Sigiriya Rock Fortress
- Explore the highlands by train

TOUR MAP



SOUTHERN INDIA & SRI LANKA TOUR INCLUSIONS :

- Return international economy flights, taxes and current fuel surcharges (unless a land only option is selected)
- All accommodation
- Meals as stated
- All sightseeing and entrance fees
- All transportation, train tickets and transfers
- English speaking National Escorts (if your group is 10 or more passengers) or Local Guides
- India e-visa fees for New Zealand passport holders
- Specialist advice from our experienced travel consultants
- Safe and secure with IATA

The only things you may have to pay for are personal expenditure e.g. drinks, optional excursions or shows, insurance of any kind, customary tipping, early check in or late check out and other items not specified on the itinerary.

CLASSIC TOURS:

These tours are designed for those who wish to see the iconic sites and magnificent treasures of India and Sri Lanka on an excellent value group tour whilst travelling with like-minded people. The tours are on a fully inclusive basis so you'll travel with the assurance that all your arrangements are taken care of. You will be accompanied by our dedicated and professional National Escorts and local guides, whose unparalleled knowledge will turn your holiday into an unforgettable experience.

PHYSICAL LEVEL 2:

All our tours feature a physical rating to help you select the right holiday for you. To travel on any of our tours requires unaided mobility and the ability to stroll around the sights. Southern India & Sri Lanka is rated as a physical level 2 tour. A reasonable level of fitness is required but it's more about spending time on your feet rather than covering large distances. You'll be getting on and off coaches and boats, walking around the sights and climbing some steps.

- There will be sightseeing on foot for both short and extended periods of time
- Sightseeing at nearly all the palaces, fortresses and some temples involves climbing several steps, often without handrails
- You will be required to get on and off various modes of transport including trains and rickshaws throughout the tour
- Sigiriya Rock involves climbing 1200 steps with no handrails on certain parts

Of course, our National Escort and local guides will always endeavour to provide the highest level of service and assistance; however, they cannot be expected to cater for customers who are unfit to complete the itinerary. If you require any more information about the pace of our tours, please contact our reservations team who will be happy to answer your questions.

JOINING YOUR TOUR:

The tour is 17 days in duration including return international flights or 15 days in duration based on 'Land Only'.

Travellers booked on 'Land Only', the price includes your arrival/departure airport transfers if arriving/departing on the start and conclusion date of your tour, or when booking pre and post night accommodation with Wendy Wu Tours.

Join the tour on Day 2 in Kochi and end the tour on Day 16 in Colombo. Please note there is an internal flight from Trivandrum to Colombo which needs to be booked accordingly. An informal Welcome Dinner will be held on Day 2 of the itinerary. If you miss this due to your arrival time, all information will be provided to you at breakfast the following morning.

DETAILED ITINERARY

Days 1-2: Arrive Kochi

Meals: D

Fly to Kochi, an enchanting city on the Malabar Coast of Kerala. Upon arrival in Kochi, you will be met by a Wendy Wu Tours representative and transferred 1 hour 30 minutes to your hotel.



Please note: Early check in is not included. If your flight arrives in the morning and you wish to arrange this, please speak to your reservations consultant. Additional nights' before and after your tour can also be arranged with our reservations team.

Destination Information

Kochi - Also known as Cochin, Kochi is Kerala's most cosmopolitan city and is a core trading centre for spices and seafood. Built around a saltwater lagoon of the Arabian Sea, Kochi is a collection of narrow islands and peninsulas.

Day 3: Discover Kochi

Meals: B, L, D

Today, explore the city's fascinating colonial past. Visit the Dutch Palace, home to fascinating murals and artefacts. Go on to visit the Jewish Synagogue and continue to St Francis' Church, believed to be India's oldest European church. Step inside the serene Santa Cruz Basilica. before seeing firsthand, the 'Chinese fishing nets'. Then wander the lanes of Fort Kochi, lined with charming Dutch and Portuguese architecture. This evening, witness a captivating Kathakali dance performance, a traditional art form rich in colour and expression.



Today's sightseeing will involve approximately 2 to 3 hours on foot.

Destination Information:

Jewish Synagogue - The prosperous Jewish trading community built the Jewish synagogue in 1568. It is the oldest synagogue in India but was partially destroyed in the war of 1662 and was rebuilt by the Dutch.

St. Francis Church - St. Francis Church is thought to be the first European church built in India, constructed by the Portuguese in 1503. The history of this church reflects the colonial struggle of European powers in India from the 15th to 20th centuries. It is said that the Portuguese trader, Vasco da Gama, was originally buried in St. Francis Church before being taken back to Portugal.

Santa Cruz Basilica - One of the eight basilicas in India. The Santa Cruz Basilica has an eventful history, which originates back to the arrival of the Portuguese in 1500.

Chinese fishing nets - A relic from the 14th century traders, the Chinese fishing nets are still in use today. Locally known as Cheenavala, they are used for a unique and unusual method of fishing and many fishermen earn a living by using these massive nets.

Kathakali dance - A living legacy of South India's rich cultural heritage, Kathakali dance originated over 300 years ago and was inspired by ancient temples rituals and classical Sanskrit theatre, to tell stories from Hindu epics. Kathakali dance typically features expressive dance, elaborate make-up and intricate costumes.

Day 4: Cruise the Backwaters

Meals: B, L, D

Leave Kochi and drive 1 hour and 45 minutes to the jetty in Alleppey. On arrival, board your traditional Kettuvallam houseboat and glide through Kerala's lush backwaters, a peaceful network of palm-fringed canals and lagoons. Enjoy lunch and dinner on board as you sit back and relax, watching a world of village life, temples and rice paddies drift by.



Destination Information

Kerala Backwaters – A stretch of waters parallel to the coast of the Arabian Sea traditionally used for transportation; nowadays the backwaters attract tourists to a unique experience travelling along a mixture of manmade and natural canals, lakes and rivers

Kettuvallam - Houseboats, or 'Kettuvallams' have all the comforts of a good hotel including furnished bedrooms, modern toilets, cozy living rooms, a kitchen and even a balcony for angling. Parts of the curved roof of wood or plaited palm open out to provide shade and allow uninterrupted views.

Day 5: Explore Kollam

Meals: B, L, D

After breakfast, disembark your houseboat and transfer to Kollam, a journey of approximately 3 hours. Kollam is an ancient port and one of India's oldest continuously inhabited cities. Soak up the town's laidback charms, before continuing to Thangassery, home to churches that date back to the 18th century. Visit a cashew processing factory before enjoying a tranquil shikara (traditional rowing boat) ride through its old, picturesque waterways.



Destination Information

Kollam – Nestled along Kerala's enchanting coastline, Kollam is known as the gateway to the backwaters. This historic port city effortlessly blends natural beauty with cultural charm. Once a thriving centre of the spice trade, Kollam offers a unique glimpse into Kerala's rich maritime past.

Thangassery – Steeped in colonial charm and coastal beauty, Thangassery is known as a historic seaside town that was once a thriving European settlement. Influences from its Portuguese, Dutch and British past are evident through its centuries-old churches, colonial ruins and the towering Thangassery Lighthouse that offers sweeping views of the Arabian Sea.

Day 6: Travel to Kovalam

Meals: B, L, D

This morning, travel 3 hours to the beautiful seaside resort of Kovalam. Upon arrival, enjoy the rest of the day at leisure, where you can take a walk along the palm-lined beach or relax with a rejuvenating Ayurvedic treatment, for which the region is famous.



Destination Information

Kovalam – Kovalam, once a quiet fishing village with narrow lanes and thatched dwellings, is now a charming resort town, known for its golden sand beaches.

Day 7: Explore Trivandrum

Meals: B, L, D

Delve into the cultural treasures of Trivandrum, Kerala's capital. Marvel at the grand exterior of the Sri Padmanabhaswamy Temple, before exploring the verdant Zoological Gardens and Museum. Go on to visit the Observatory, Kanakakunnu Palace and Sree Moolamthirunal Shastri Purthi Memorial. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure before dinner.



Destination Information

Trivandrum – Trivandrum, officially known as Thiruvananthapuram, blends rich cultural heritage with modern urban charm. The city, which was once a trading post for spices, sandalwood and ivory, now serves as a major centre for education, technology, and science.

Kanakakunnu Palace - Constructed during the reign of King Sree Moolam Thirunal in the 19th century, the Kanakakunnu palace served as a guest house and venue for royal banquets. Today, the palace stands as a cultural hub, hosting numerous events and festivals.

Sree Moolamthirunal Shastri Purthi Memorial - Established in 1917 to commemorate the 60th birthday of His Highness Sree Moolam Thirunal, the Maharaja of Travancore.

Day 8: Depart Kovalam

Meals: B, L, D

Bid farewell to India as you transfer to the airport for your flight to Colombo, Sri Lanka. On arrival you will travel approximately 30 minutes to the seaside city of Negombo where you will enjoy lunch before checking into your hotel. The rest of the day is yours to spend as you wish.

**Destination Information**

Negombo - Once an important commercial trade centre, well known for offering the best cinnamon in the world. The city was also one of the first towns taken by the Portuguese, only to be captured by the Dutch in 1640 and then recaptured by the Portuguese some months later. The British eventually took control of the town in 1796.

Day 9: Travel to Habarana

Meals: B, L, D

Journey 3 hours and 30 minutes to Habarana, a peaceful town surrounded by forest and lakes. You will have time to relax before an afternoon jeep safari in Minneriya National Park. Set around an ancient rainwater reservoir, or tank, this wonderfully verdant national park is home to herds of elephants, troops of monkeys, spotted deer, water buffalo and a vibrant array of birdlife.



Please note, your safari experience will last approximately 3 hours.

Destination Information

Minneriya National Park - Well known for its large population of elephants in herds of 100 to 150 roaming in the jungle and seen in the catchment area of the lake. Beyond elephants, other wildlife that can be sighted include wild buffaloes, wild boar, spotted deer, sloth bear, Sāmbhar, leopards, crocodiles, jackals, and numerous species of amphibians, reptiles, birds, fish and butterflies.

Day 10: Sigiriya & Polonnaruwa

Meals: B, L, D

Rise early for a day exploring some of Sri Lanka's most magnificent UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Journey approximately 30 minutes to the 5th-century UNESCO-listed Sigiriya Rock Fortress, 'Lion Rock', and explore the gardens at its foot, before venturing up rock cut stairways to admire the Heavenly Maiden frescoes and passing through colossal lion paws to reach the summit for panoramic views. Later travel to Polonnaruwa, where you will wander through the palaces, stupas and statues to discover the story of a glorious era.



Please note: Sigiriya has approximately 1200 steps and takes up to 1.5 hours to climb, depending on pace/stops made. It is a mixture of stone stairs, narrow pathways and metal staircases. There are rest points and viewing platforms along the way. Located 2 thirds of the way up is the iconic Lion's Paw where guests can rest if needed before final ascent. It's flat, wide and spacious. The final ascent involves narrow metal staircases attached to cliff face.

Destination Information

Sigiriya Rock Fortress – Standing 200 metres above the surrounding plains, this ancient rock citadel was built in the 5th century by King Kasyapa as a royal palace and stronghold. Surrounded by beautifully landscaped gardens and moats, Sigiriya offers stunning panoramic views.

Polonnaruwa – Polonnaruwa, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is one of Sri Lanka's most impressive ancient cities. Once the thriving capital of the island during the 11th and 12th centuries, it showcases a remarkable blend of Sinhalese architecture, Buddhist art, and well-preserved ruins.

Day 11: Travel to Kandy

Meals: B, L, D

This morning, travel 30 minutes to the Dambulla Cave Temple enroute to Kandy. Dating back to the 1st century BC, the temple is made up of five cave sanctuaries where you'll find some of Sri Lanka's most important Buddha images. Afterwards, continue for approximately 2 hours to Kandy. Upon arrival, visit the sacred Temple of the Tooth Relic, one of the country's most revered Buddhist sites. Later, join a guided food walk through the city to sample authentic local cuisine from bustling street stalls.



Destination Information

Kandy – Kandy is situated 500m above sea level and is known for its culture and beauty. It is a sacred Buddhist city, famous for the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic, Dalada Maligawa. Each year the tooth relic is honoured in Esala Perahera, a religious parade with elephants, drummers and dancers performing in the streets.

Day 12: Journey to Nuwara Eliya

Meals: B, L, D

Travel approximately 3 hours through the heart of Sri Lanka's scenic tea country, stopping at Ramboda to enjoy the views over the green-swathed landscapes and to see Sri Lanka's tallest waterfall, The Ramboda Falls. Arrive in the highland city of Nuwara Eliya where you'll take a tour of this 'Little England' with its colonial architecture and warm hospitality.



Destination Information

Ramboda – Nestled in the lush hills of Sri Lanka's central highlands, Ramboda is a serene village renowned for its picturesque landscapes, cool climate, and cascading waterfalls.

Nuwara Eliya – Situated at 2,000m above sea level, Nuwara Eliya is the main hill station of Sri Lanka and is known as 'Little England', as it resembles an English country town. It is considered to be an excellent location for tea production due to the cool climate, which creates tea with a unique flavour.

Day 13: Scenic train to Ella

Meals: B, L, D

Rise early today and board the train for a spectacular journey of approximately 4 hours. Travel along highland valleys, through peaceful forests and across the iconic Nine Arch Bridge, a magnificent viaduct also known as the 'Bridge in the Sky'. This scenic rail journey offers a glimpse into Sri Lanka's colonial past and breathtaking natural beauty.



On arrival you will travel by tuk-tuk for approximately 15 minutes to the iconic Nine Arch Bridge. Surrounded by lush forest and tea-covered hills, this impressive colonial-era railway bridge is one of Sri Lanka's most recognisable landmarks. After lunch, leave the hill country behind and continue by road for 5 hours to Hikkaduwa on Sri Lanka's southwest coast.

Destination Information

Ella – A picturesque hill station renowned for its stunning vistas and laid-back atmosphere. Ella is a popular base for exploring tea plantations and the Nine Arch Bridge.

Nine Arch Bridge – This incredible bridge, also known as the 'Bridge in the Sky,' was ingeniously constructed by connecting two steep mountains at the time of the construction of the Badulla – Colombo railway line. With a length of 90 metres, a width of 7.5 metres, and towering at a height of 30 metres its architectural brilliance and scenic location make it one of the finest examples of railway engineering in the country.

Day 14: Explore Galle

Meals: B, L, D

Enjoy a leisurely morning before lunch. This afternoon, travel towards Ahangama to visit the Handunugoda Tea Estate, a historic plantation renowned for producing its distinctive Virgin White Tea. Explore the picturesque estate and learn about traditional tea cultivation and production. Continue to Galle and explore its atmospheric UNESCO-listed fort on foot. Stroll along the historic ramparts and through narrow streets lined with colonial-era buildings, discovering the Portuguese and Dutch influences that have shaped this fascinating fortified city.



Destination Information

Galle – A captivating coastal city where centuries of history blend with the relaxed atmosphere of southern Sri Lanka. Once an important trading port, its character reflects a rich mix of Portuguese, Dutch and British influences, with colonial architecture, atmospheric lanes and impressive oceanfront ramparts. Today, its beautifully preserved historic quarter, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, offers a charming combination of heritage, local culture and sweeping views across the Indian Ocean.

Day 15: Return to Colombo

Meals: B, L, D

After breakfast, leave Hikkaduwa and travel approximately 3 hours north to Colombo, enjoying views of Sri Lanka's lush countryside along the way. On arrival enjoy leisure time before dinner.



Destination Information

Colombo - The formal capital city and the business and commercial centre of Sri Lanka. Originally a small seaport, Colombo became prominent in the 15th century with the arrival of the Portuguese. The Dutch later arrived in the 16th century but it wasn't until the British arrived in the late 18th century that Colombo developed into a major city.

Day 16-17: Depart Colombo

Meals: B

This morning, after breakfast you will transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Any time before your flight is at leisure. You will be transferred from your hotel to the airport, according to the departure time of your international flight.

Late check-out is not included. Additional nights' before and after your tour can be arranged. Please contact our Reservations team to book.



SOUTHERN INDIA & SRI LANKA TRAVEL INFORMATION

VISAS:

New Zealand passport holders currently do require a visa to enter India. Wendy Wu Tours Visa Department can assist you with the process of obtaining a visa. We will supply you with all paperwork if applicable and submit the visa application on your behalf. Your passport needs to be valid for at least six months beyond your intended return date to New Zealand.

Please note the visa procedures and requirements may change at any time. These changes are often made by the relevant embassy or consulate; Wendy Wu Tours acts as a third party and has no influence on the process of a visa.

All guests travelling to India must complete a mandatory digital e-Arrival card 72 hours prior to their arrival. The form can be completed and submitted online at indianvisaonline.gov.in/earrival/. Once completed, Travellers will receive a QR code to display upon arrival.

INSURANCE:

We strongly recommend that you take out a policy as soon as you pay your deposit. Wendy Wu Tours cannot in any way be made liable for any additional cost incurred by the customer on any tour due to the customer not having adequate travel insurance.

We also encourage all customers to take a copy of their travel insurance documents (especially relevant international contact numbers) with them while on tour. We advise that you check the inclusions and procedures for lodging claims prior to your departure. These documents should be stored separately from the original.

GROUP SIZE:

Most of our groups consist of 10 travellers or more and will be accompanied by both a National Escort and local guides. On Classic Tours, there will be no more than 28 passengers in each group although you may encounter other Wendy Wu groups while you are travelling. Dedicated Solo Departures have a maximum group size of 18 passengers.

All our departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 10 travellers booked (unless cancelled due to factors beyond our control). However, at our discretion we may operate departures with a smaller group size as we try to operate advertised departures wherever it is viable to do so. For groups fewer than 10 travellers, departures will operate with local guides only.

EATING IN INDIA:

Indian cuisine is one of the most influential, diverse and flavoursome culinary styles in the world. Indian dishes incorporate many spices and seasoning to create an explosion of flavours. Though Indian cuisine can vary greatly from the Indian food we get in the NEW ZEALAND, it is important to keep an open mind and be adventurous.

All meals (excluding drinks) are included in our classic group tours, from dinner on the arrival day until breakfast on the day of departure. Please be aware that dishes selected for your meals reflect the cooking styles and signature dishes of the local area you are in.

Dishes served in restaurants on our group tours are varied. Some will be vegetable-based with meat mixed in, and a few will be meat-based. Our restaurants are well aware of the western palate – there are plenty of non-spiced options. When eating meals on group tours, you will usually be seated around a large table with other tour members. Dishes will be served in the traditional ‘family style’; meaning that various dishes will be laid out in the centre of the table. These dishes are intended to be shared amongst the group – there is always more than enough to feed everybody.

Please read your travel guide, which you will receive with your final documents for more information about eating in India. We recommend that when it comes to Indian food, you stay open minded and try to be adventurous!

EATING IN SRI LANKA:

Sri Lanka is home to a melting pot of cuisine. Throughout years of colonisation and influence from other countries and a history of spice trading, Sri Lanka has cultivated its own distinct flavour. Meals as outlined in the itinerary (excluding drinks) are included in our tour. Please be aware that dishes selected for your meals reflect the cooking styles and signature dishes of the local area you are in. Dishes served in restaurants on our tours are varied. Some will be vegetable-based and some meat-based. Our restaurants are aware of the western palate – there are plenty of non-spiced options. Dishes will usually be served either as a set menu with a few choices, or in a buffet style to allow you to sample many different options. We recommend that when it comes to Sri Lanka, you stay open-minded and try to be adventurous!

DEVELOPMENT IN INDIA & SRI LANKA:

Although India and Sri Lanka is developing quickly, it still lacks the international standards of civil infrastructure and tourist facilities. Concepts of personal responsibility are also different to those in the NEW ZEALAND. Consequently, tourist and public facilities may not uphold the same safety standards as in the NEW ZEALAND; for example, you may see a hole in the road without a warning sign or safety barricade. All of our suppliers meet local safety standards as a minimum. We want you to have an enjoyable holiday so we ask that you take extra care, use your common sense, refer to notices and follow advice from your National Escort or Local Guides.

ACCOMMODATION:

Your accommodation has been selected for convenience of location, comfort or character, and can range from a business hotel in one city to a family-run guesthouse in a smaller town or a heritage-type hotel. In remote areas, accommodation may be of a lower standard and may not have western amenities. Hotels are generally rated as local three to four-star standard, but do please note that there is no international classification system for hotels and differences in facilities and quality do exist between the NEW ZEALAND and India. Rest assured that all hotels used by Wendy Wu Tours are regularly inspected by our staff and our partners to ensure that standards are met.

All group tour hotels have private western bathroom facilities, TV and a telephone. Plumbing and electricity supplies can be erratic and quite often the power in hotel rooms is turned off while guests are out of the room. If you experience any difficulty, please speak to your National Escort or Local Guide.

SOUVENIRS:

We want to be able to give you an opportunity to buy souvenirs so we include some stops at museums or exhibitions that demonstrates a craft or product unique to that region with pieces available to buy. We understand that souvenir hunting is not for everyone so we aim to take you to places that hold local interest. We trust you will enjoy these opportunities to learn about local arts and crafts and understand their historical and cultural importance.

TIPPING POLICY:

Tipping while on holiday is common in most parts of the world, India and Sri Lanka are no exception. However, it is not always clear who it is appropriate to tip and how much. Furthermore, travellers may not have the right amounts of cash available at the right time. In order to avoid any inconvenience Wendy Wu Tours operates a tipping policy where a stated amount is given to your national escort at the beginning of your tour and tips are disbursed amongst your main service providers (for example local guides and drivers) throughout your tour. The amount is designed to be at a reasonable level for travellers while being fair to the local people and includes a gratuity for the national escort. Any other tipping, such as tips for bathroom attendants or hotel porters that are taking luggage to your room, is at your discretion based on satisfaction of services received, as are gratuities for additional requested special services.

We generally find that most customers appreciate the convenience of our tipping policy but we do recognize that it may not suit everyone. However, as this is a group tour we ask that everyone follows the same protocol to be fair to other group members and to ensure smooth operation of your tour.

TRANSPORT:

Coaches: Coaches with air conditioning are used on our group tours for city sightseeing, short excursions to the countryside and longer transfers where necessary. Main and inner city roads in India have a reputation for being very congested. For this reason, it may not always be possible to return to your hotel after sightseeing to freshen up before going to the restaurant for dinner.

Roads in India and Sri Lanka have generally been improved over recent years, but traffic and/or weather conditions may extend driving times. Road construction work usually covers an enormous section of road - not just one or two kilometres as you may be used to. For this reason, the timings listed in the sections above are approximations only.

Train: All of the trains included on our “Southern India & Sri Lanka” tour are day-time journeys in chair carriages. Your guide will arrange time prior to board to purchase snacks for the journey.

Please take note:

- The train carriages are shared, so always be mindful of your personal belongings.
- Each train coach has toilet facilities, located at either end of the coach. One is western style, while the other is Sri Lankan style.
- We recommend you carry tissues/toilet paper and hand sanitisers.

APPROPRIATE DRESS:

When visiting temples or mosques, both men and women should dress in conservative, non-revealing clothing. Full-length trousers with a shirt or t-shirt for men; and trousers or skirts well below the knee with a top that covers the shoulders and upper arms for women. Women might also consider carrying a ‘modesty shawl’ in their daypack – this could be a sarong or light scarf – which they can wear over their shoulders and heads to feel more comfortable while sightseeing at mosques. When visiting Jain temples, you must not wear or take in any leather items such as belts, watches, camera straps, purses and shoes.

Religious sites and homes throughout India – for Hindus, Jains, Sikhs, Muslims or Buddhists to name a few – require all visitors to remove their shoes to enter. Even if you then need to walk outdoors, over hot or rough ground, you will not be allowed to wear shoes. You will often find shoe storage rooms near the entrance of a site where it is customary to leave your shoes near the entrance. Occasionally there are ‘shoe minders’ who will offer to keep your shoes safe for a ‘tip’ – this is not compulsory so each customer can choose to tip for this service or not. If you do not want to remove your shoes, you will have to remain outside.

We recommend shoes that easily slip on and off, and carry a pair of thick, old socks in your daypack, which you can wear to protect your feet from any rough or hot surfaces.

LUGGAGE:

All travellers are limited to two items of luggage each: a suitcase with a maximum weight of 20kg and one piece of hand luggage with a maximum weight of five kilograms due to domestic flight luggage restrictions. Excess luggage can be paid locally. It is essential that your luggage is lockable. Please note that authorities will only allow bottles onto the aircraft if they have been checked in as main baggage. Bottles in hand luggage may be confiscated.

VACCINATIONS AND YOUR HEALTH:

Wendy Wu does not give specific health advice, but we do recommend you see your doctor at least six weeks prior to travel for advice and to allow time for any necessary vaccinations. Please remember to take your itinerary with you. Safe travel has a comprehensive website that you may also find useful www.safetravel.govt.nz

ITINERARY CHANGES:

It is our intention is to adhere to the day-to-day itinerary as printed; however, the order of events or sightseeing may change as we look to improve our tours or as local conditions dictate; in these circumstances we will make the best possible arrangements whilst maintaining the integrity of your trip.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE:

We strongly recommend registering your travel plans with www.safetravel.govt.nz as in the event of an emergency, New Zealand Consular assistance will be more readily available.

Up until the day you travel, it is vital you keep up to date and familiarised with the entry requirements as these can change at short notice. You are personally responsible for completing any entry forms, conducting any covid tests (if necessary), etc and adhering to countries' specific entry requirements. You can also access the New Zealand Government's travel advisory service for up-to-date information about your destination on the same website.

AFTER YOUR BOOKING:

Once you have booked with Wendy Wu Tours, you will receive a confirmation invoice including a visa application form (if applicable), and a help sheet. Your final documentation pack will be sent to you approximately 2-3 weeks prior to departure.

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