



JAFFNA SHORTSTAY

Extension | 4 Days | Physical Level 1

Colombo – Jaffna (3N) - Colombo

Journey to Jaffna, on the northernmost tip of Sri Lanka, and discover a mixture of colonial history and traditional culture from the 17th-century fort, ornate Hindu temples and captivating museums.

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- Accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Daily tours and entrance fees
- Transportation as stated
- Private car transfers
- English speaking guide

ITINERARY

Day 1: Colombo to Jaffna

Meals: None

This morning you will be picked up from your hotel and taken to Colombo's railway station to board the train to Jaffna. This journey will take approximately 8 hours.

Upon arrival in Jaffna, you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

**Destination Information**

Jaffna - The capital of the Northern Province of Sri Lanka, Jaffna is famed for its deep Hindu tradition, beautiful beaches, unique art and creative culture. Jaffna was the capital of a Tamil kingdom for centuries before it was conquered by Europeans, and the city still has many distinctive Tamil cultural characteristics. Jaffna fell under Portuguese rule in 1619 and then the Dutch in 1658.

Day 2: Jaffna

Meals: B

Today you will explore Jaffna. Start the day at the ancient port of Dambakola Patuna before heading to Keeramallai town, the site of the holy bathing ponds, famous for their healing powers.

Later visit Casuarina Beach, where the water is so shallow you can walk for miles into the sea and make a photo stop at Point Pedro, Sri Lanka's most northern point.



Back in Jaffna, visit the ancient Nallur Kandaswamy Kovil Temple for the nightly puja ceremony.

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Dambakola Patuna - The Dambakola Patuna is an ancient port located in northern Jaffna with a long history dating back to the first days of Buddhism in Sri Lanka.

Keeramallai - Keerimalai town is renowned for its mineral water spring that is believed to have healing properties. Legend has it there was once a sage cursed with a horse-like face, who was later cured upon bathing in the healing waters of the Keerimalai Sacred Water Spring.

Nallur Kandaswamy Kovil Temple – This is one of Sri Lanka's most sacred shrines dedicated to the Hindu god Shiva. It was first constructed in 948, and had some development work done in the 13th century. The temple is filled with intricate artwork and statues dedicated to the Hindu gods and deities. The daily puja or 'offerings' at the temple offer a unique glimpse into Hindu culture.

Day 3: Jaffna at leisure

Meals: B

Spend a day at leisure exploring some more of this fascinating area.



Day 4: Jaffna to Colombo

Meals: B

Today you will be transferred back to Jaffna railway station to board the train back to Colombo. This journey will take approximately 8 hours.

On arrival in Colombo, your arrangements end.



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