

Colombo, Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka's bustling capital delivers spice-scented bazaars, gilded Buddhist temples, and a breezy seafront promenade — all within a tuk-tuk ride of the cruise terminal, with colonial Galle Fort and the sacred Temple of the Tooth a day-trip away.

 Docked (Colombo Cruise Terminal)  Typical call: 8–10 hrs  Sri Lankan Rupee (LKR)  Sinhala · Tamil · English

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Colombo Cruise Terminal (city port) **Walk to center:** Shuttle/transfer to gate, then ~10 min by tuk-tuk
Best For: Temples · Markets · Colonial history **Don't Miss:** Gangaramaya Temple & Pettah Market

 Getting around:  Taxi  \$5–\$10 USD ·  Rideshare  Uber, PickMe

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Gangaramaya Temple & Seema Malaka** — Colombo's most atmospheric temple complex — an eclectic mix of Sri Lankan, Thai, Indian, and Chinese architecture...
- **Pettah Bazaar & Red Mosque** — Colombo's oldest market district is a sensory overload of spice stalls, fabric sellers, and street food.
- **Galle Fort day trip** — A UNESCO-listed Dutch colonial fort town on the southwest coast — cobblestone streets, whitewashed ramparts over the...
- **Kandy & Temple of the Tooth** — Sri Lanka's cultural capital, set in the highland interior and home to the sacred Tooth Relic of the Buddha.
- **Galle Face Green & Old Dutch Hospital** — Stroll the long seafront esplanade of Galle Face Green for Indian Ocean breezes and street snacks (try isso wade...

BEST WALKS

- **Beira Lake & Galle Face seafront** ~3 km · 1.5 hrs · easy — From Gangaramaya Temple walk past Beira Lake to the Seema Malaka floating pavilion, then south along Galle Face Green for ocean...
- **Pettah Market & Red Mosque** ~1.5 km · 1 hr · easy — Wander the lanes of Pettah — Sri Lanka's busiest bazaar — past spice sellers, gem shops, and the vivid red-and-white striped Jami...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		88°	77°	25d
Jun		84°	78°	29d
Aug		83°	77°	28d
Sep		83°	76°	28d
Oct		83°	76°	29d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:02AM–6:18PM · Jun 5:55AM–6:26PM · Aug 6:04AM–6:25PM · Sep 6:01AM–6:10PM · Oct 5:57AM–5:55PM

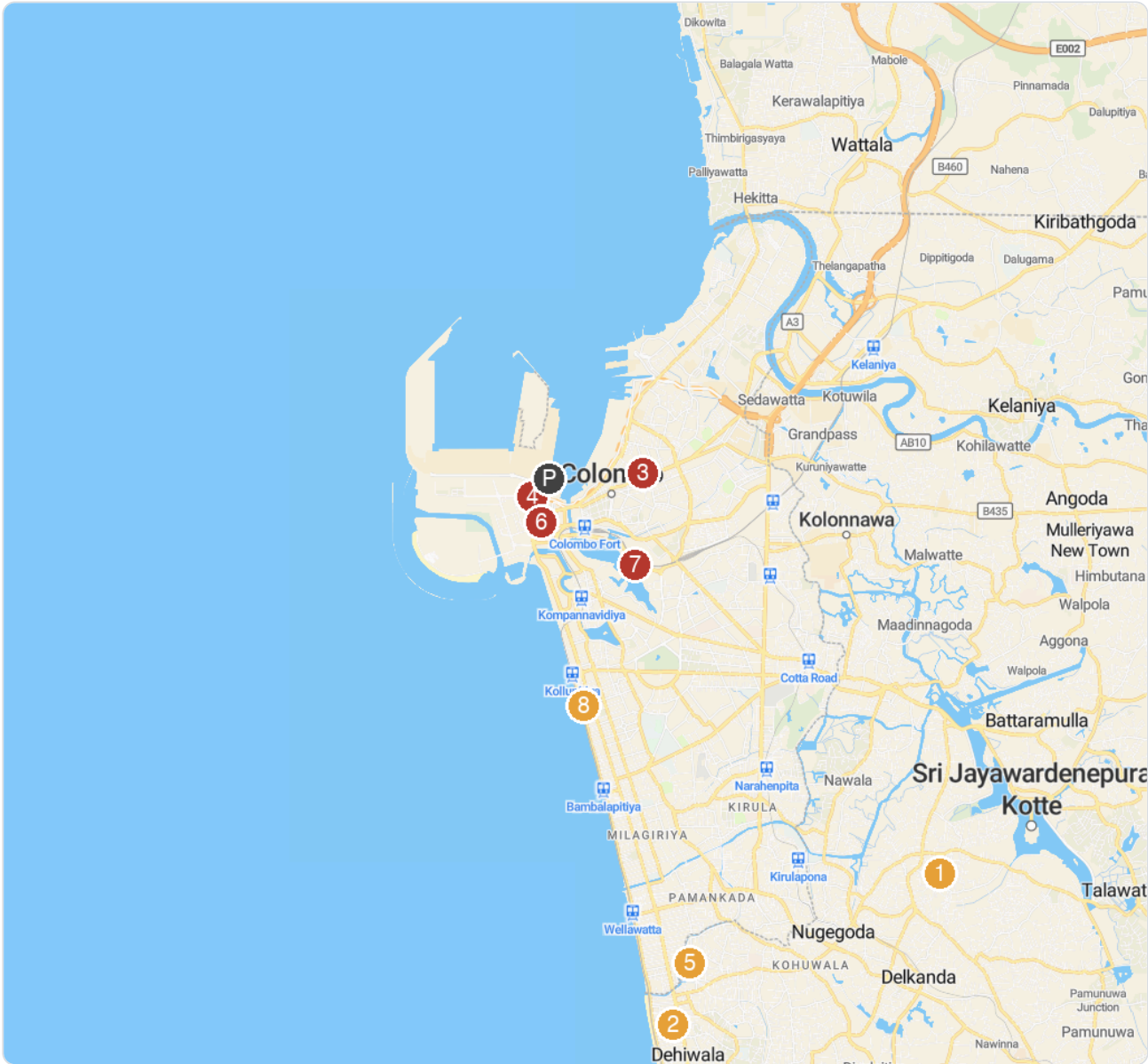
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Tuk-tuks are your best friend. Three-wheelers are cheap, fun, and ubiquitous. Use the PickMe app for metered fares or negotiate upfront — short hops around the city should cost...
- Carry some rupees. Markets, temples, and street food vendors are cash-only. ATMs are available in Fort and Pettah; exchange desks operate inside the cruise terminal.

Colombo, Sri Lanka — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 | Kotte Rajamaha Vihara | Ancient Buddhist temple with a sacred Bo tree and relics. | 2 | JourneyScapes Travel | A local travel agency for tours and excursions. |
| 3 | Christian Reformed Church of Sri Lanka | Historic Christian church with Dutch colonial architecture. | 4 | Sambodhi Pagoda Temple | Iconic white Buddhist pagoda offering panoramic city views. |
| 5 | Sri Aanjaneyar Temple | Vibrant Hindu temple dedicated to Lord Hanuman. | 6 | The Central Point - Economic History Museum | Museum showcasing Sri Lanka's economic history and currency. |
| 7 | Sri Lanka Philatelic Bureau | Official bureau for Sri Lankan stamps and philatelic items. | 8 | Casino Marina Colombo | Modern casino offering gaming, entertainment, and dining. |
| P | Cruise port / terminal | | | | |