

City and/or Region	Suggestions for places to visit, sightseeing or drive arounds
Jaffna	1. Nallur Kandaswamy Kovil ** 2. Jaffna Fort/Market/Library/Subramaniam Park/Old Jaffna Kachcheri 3. Naga Pooshani Ambal Kovil (Requires a whole day including a boat trip) 4. Casuarina Beach 5. Naguleswaram Temple/Keerimalai fresh water springs 6. Jaffna Palace ruins (Yamuna Eri, Cankili Thoppu archway and Mantri Manai)
Trincomalee/East Coast	1. Koneswaram Temple 2. Kanniya Hot Springs 3. Snorkeling/Diving 4. Pigeon Island National Park & Nilaveli Beach 5. Fort Frederick/Dutch bay
Batticaloa/East Coast	1. Batticaloa gate/Old Dutch Fort 2. Sinna Uppodai Lagoon (bike ride/bird watching) 3. Kallady Beach, Passikudah Beach and Kalkudah Beach 4. Maamangam Hindu temple
Kandy	1. Dalada Maligaw (Temple of the tooth) & the Annual Esella Perehara *** 2. Bahiravokanda Vihara & Buddha Statue 3. Botanical gardens 4. Tea Factory/Museum 5. Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage 6. Hunas Falls (potential stop on the way if heading north to dambulla) 7. Aluwihare Cave Temple (potential stop on the way if heading north to dambulla) 8. Have a drink at "Slightly Chilled Lounge Bar" and enjoy the night time view of the city
Dambulla/Anuradhapura	1. Sigiria lion rock/Cave Paintings 2. Dambulla Cave Temple 3. Wilpattu National Park 4. Anuradhapura 5. Polonnaruwa
Nuwara Eliya/Hill Country	1. World's End 2. Hakgala Botanic Gardens 3. Sita Temple 4. Drive through the Tea country 5. Ravana Falls and or St. Clair's Falls
Galle/ Sourth West Sri Lanka	1. Old Dutch Fort and Town of Galle 2. Bentota Beach 3. Mulkirigala Rock Monastery 4. Turtle Hatchery & Hikkaduwa beach 5. Yala National Park 6. Sinharaja Forest Reserve, 7. Mirissa Fishing Village
Colombo	1. Mount Lavinia Beach 2. Dutch Hospital Shopping Precinct (restaurants/bars) 3. Independence Square 4. Galle Face Green/Old Parliament Building 5. Independence Square 6. Viharamahadevi Park/National Museum
** Nallur Kandaswamy Kovil Thiruvilla: The Annual temple festival for 2016 starts on August 8th begins with the hoisting of the flag (Kodiyetram). The festival is spread over a period of twenty five days. The major religious days people flock to witness are the Sapparam (Aug 30th), Ther (Sep 1st) & Theertham (Sept 2nd). The Ther Thiruvila (chariot festival) the most popular of all events is a very colorful ceremony. The glamorously dressed Lord Murugan is brought out and placed on an elaborately designed silver throne. The huge and heavy chariot carrying the statue of God Murugan is paraded along the streets of Nallur. The chariot pulled by a rope of thousands of devotees, rich and poor, old and young stand shoulder to shoulder in pulling it giving God Murugan the opportunity to witness the sincerity and purity of the devotees. By far this is the premier festival within Jaffna.	

***** Kandy Annual Esella Perehara (August 8th to August 17th):** The Kandy Esala Perahera (the Esala procession of Kandy) is a grand festival. This historical procession is held annually to pay homage to the Sacred Tooth Relic of Lord Buddha, which is housed at the Sri Dalada Maligawa in Kandy. A unique symbol of Sri Lanka, the procession consists of many traditional local dances such as fire-dances, whip-dances, Kandyan dances and various other cultural dances, in addition to the elephants who are usually adorned with lavish garments. The Peraheras parade, spectacular cultural event that popular with foreign visitors. If you can plan, it would be a great event to attend. Please be aware that city of kandy would be engulfed in traffic during these days. Also note cost of stay during these days would be very high in Kandy.