



DESTINATION - YACHT CHARTER GUIDE

Colombo

Yacht Charter Guide

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Charter a Yacht in Colombo

Region: Indian Ocean

Gateways: CMB - HRI

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COLOMBO

Overview

Colombo yacht charter sits inside the Sri Lanka ecosystem - Colombo port / yacht access berthing, local day-anchors and shore tables we hold before you fly.

Yacht charter Colombo - Colombo port / yacht access, captain-led itineraries and what it costs (APA guidance). Plan a private Indian Ocean week with Blue Oce...

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WHEN TO GO

Season & rhythm

- How a Colombo week actually runs.: A choreographed operation - berths, tenders and tables locked before wheels-down.
- Embark ready: APA open, crew briefed, transfer timed to Colombo port / yacht access.
- Local cadence: Morning toys, held lunch, short reposition around Colombo, quiet overnight.
- Concierge lock: Restaurants and clubs confirmed weeks out - not left to chance.
- When to berth. When to anchor.: In Colombo, quay nights buy access; hook nights buy privacy.
- Quay nights: Harbour energy around Colombo port / yacht access, walk-ashore dinners, event visibility.
- At anchor: Swim platforms, quiet mornings, tender-only shore calls.
- The usual play: One or two quay nights; the rest swinging in protected water.

ON THE WATER

Cruising grounds

Colombo metro

Capital port staging.

Galle fort coast

UNESCO harbour nights and south swells.

QUAY NIGHTS

Marinas & berthing

Colombo port / yacht access

Colombo port / yacht access - primary Colombo yacht berthing. - Max LOA ~50 m - Draft ~4 m - Gateway CMB - Transfer 20-40 min from CMB - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

DAY WATER

Anchorage

Colombo day anchorage

Protected day-stop captains favour near Colombo port / yacht access.

Colombo overnight roadstead

Deeper holding when Colombo port / yacht access is full.

Colombo lee cove

Weather-aware swim cove on the Sri Lanka circuit.

Galle day anchorage

Protected day-stop captains favour near Galle Harbour yacht berths.

SHORE TABLES

Restaurants

Colombo Harbour Table

Colombo

Walk-ashore or tender dining near Colombo port / yacht access - book peak weeks ahead.

Colombo Shore Kitchen

Colombo

Local plates after a day around Colombo in the Sri Lanka circuit.

Colombo port / yacht access Quay Dining

Colombo

Marina-adjacent dining for embarkation nights at Colombo port / yacht access.

Galle Harbour Table

Galle

Walk-ashore dining near Galle Harbour yacht berths - book peak weeks ahead.

DAY ASHORE

Beach clubs

Colombo Shore Club

Colombo

Shore lunch stop near Colombo port / yacht access - advance booking in peak weeks.

Colombo Day Shore

Colombo

Secondary shore stop when the primary club densifies.

TRANSFERS

Airport to gangway.

We choreograph CMB / HRI arrivals into Colombo port / yacht access.

Helicopter / GA

Private hops when Colombo supports coastal helipads or GA strips into the Indian Ocean gateway. CMB corridor HRI corridor

Chauffeur

SUV / S-Class briefed on Colombo port / yacht access gates - timed to embarkation. To Colombo port / yacht access 20-40 min from CMB

Door-to-deck options are confirmed against your embarkation slot.

NUMBERS - COLOMBO

VAT & APA - Colombo short version.

On a Colombo charter the base fee is only the starting line. Budget tax treatment and a realistic APA before you lock dates.

VAT / tax

Sri Lanka cruising permits and monsoon timing dominate planning - confirm APA and harbour dues with broker. Confirm commercial charter tax treatment and APA with the broker before deposit.

APA

For Sri Lanka in high season, budget APA at roughly 30-40% of base fee covering fuel, berths, permits and held tables - confirm against LOA and itinerary.

What we send PAs

A line-item estimate before deposit, then a live APA report from the captain during the week.

WITHIN THIS COAST

Local guides

Colombo

Colombo is a core Sri Lanka charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Colombo port / yacht access - Day-anchor: Sri Lanka overnight roadstead - Table: Colombo Shore Kitchen

BEFORE YOU FLY

FAQ

When is the best time for yacht charter in Colombo?

Shoulder months in Indian Ocean usually balance weather and berth availability for Colombo near Colombo port / yacht access.

Which marina should we embark from in Colombo?

Colombo port / yacht access is the primary embarkation for Colombo, with anchorage fallbacks when LOA or events block the preferred quay.

How far ahead should we book berths in Colombo?

For peak season around Colombo, 4-12 weeks is typical for larger yachts; shoulder season is more flexible. We open the berth conversation with the yacht shortlist.

What does APA usually cover on a Colombo charter?

Fuel, berthing, food and beverage, and most guest concierge extras. For Colombo we set an honest APA band before contract - not a vague percentage.

Can you arrange airport transfers into Colombo?

Yes - chauffeur and helicopter where available from CMB / HRI, timed to the embarkation slot at Colombo port / yacht access.

How does a Colombo week use Colombo metro?

Colombo metro is a core Colombo pocket - we sequence Colombo port / yacht access nights and day-anchors so the week feels unhurried. Colombo sits inside Sri Lanka as a focused stop, not a duplicate of the country hub.

OPERATIONAL

Mooring notes

Colombo - Colombo port / yacht access

High in peak season around Colombo - broker relationships matter for larger LOA. 4-12 weeks for peak season slips Event or festival weeks near Colombo can multiply rates and eliminate availability. We hold Colombo port / yacht access alternatives and anchorage fallbacks before you sign.

Berth fees, APA budgets and event lead times are indicative and move with LOA, season and harbour policy. Blue Ocean Club confirms live figures in writing before deposit. Not a substitute for captain pilotage or marina contracts.

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