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Sri Lanka

Yacht Charter Guide

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SRI LANKA

Overview

A Sri Lanka week succeeds on choreography: Galle Harbour yacht berths nights, Galle fort coast day-anchors (including Sri Lanka overnight roadstead), and APA set before deposit. Blue Ocean Club brokers the Indian Ocean reality - embark via CMB / HRI, not a brochure loop.

Crewed Sri Lanka yacht charter - Galle fort coast cruising, marina nights and yacht charter cost clarity. Live fleet with Blue Ocean Club.

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WHEN TO GO

Season & rhythm

- How a Sri Lanka week actually runs.: A choreographed operation - Galle Harbour yacht berths, tenders and tables locked before wheels-down.
- Embark ready: APA open, crew briefed, transfer timed to Galle Harbour yacht berths.
- Coastal cadence: Morning toys at Galle day anchorage, held lunch, short reposition through Galle fort coast, quiet overnight.
- Concierge lock: Galle Harbour Table and Galle Beach Club confirmed weeks out.
- When to berth. When to anchor.: In Sri Lanka, quay nights buy access; hook nights buy privacy.
- Quay nights: Harbour energy at Galle Harbour yacht berths, walk-ashore dinners, event visibility.
- At anchor: Galle day anchorage - 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

Galle fort coast
UNESCO harbour nights and south swells.

Colombo metro
Capital port staging.

Trinco bay
East-coast monsoon alternative.

South sand
Whale-season day culture.

QUAY NIGHTS

Marinas & berthing

Galle Harbour yacht berths
Galle Harbour yacht berths - primary Galle yacht berthing. - Max LOA ~45 m - Draft ~4 m - Gateway CMB - Transfer 120-150 min from CMB / nearer HRI - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

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

Trincomalee yacht harbour
Trincomalee yacht harbour - primary Trincomalee yacht berthing. - Max LOA ~45 m - Draft ~4 m - Gateway CMB - Transfer Air staging preferred - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

Mirissa / south-coast yacht access
Mirissa / south-coast yacht access - primary Mirissa yacht berthing. - Max LOA ~35 m - Draft ~4 m - Gateway CMB - Transfer Coastal hop from Galle - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

Sri Lanka Hub Berths
Pillar-retained secondary berthing capacity for Sri Lanka ecosystem maps. - Max LOA ~45 m - Draft ~4 m - Gateway CMB - Transfer 120-150 min from CMB / nearer HRI - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

DAY WATER

Anchorages

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

Sri Lanka overnight roadstead
Deeper holding when primary quays are full in Indian Ocean.

Colombo lee cove
Weather-aware swim cove on the Sri Lanka circuit.

Trincomalee quiet hook
Lower-density day-hook for privacy mornings.

Sri Lanka weather alternative
Captain-selected fallback when the primary plan densifies.

SHORE TABLES

Restaurants

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

Colombo Shore Kitchen
Colombo
Local plates after a day on the water around Sri Lanka.

Sri Lanka Quay Classic
Galle
Marina-adjacent dining for embarkation nights.

Trincomalee Waterfront
Trincomalee
Harbour-view restaurant our captains favour for quay nights.

Mirissa Concierge Table
Mirissa
Held table for yacht parties - advance booking in season.

DAY ASHORE

Beach clubs

Galle Beach Club
Galle
Signature shore stop near Galle Harbour yacht berths - tender access and advance booking in peak weeks.

Colombo Day Shore
Colombo
Secondary shore lunch when the primary club is dense.

Sri Lanka Sunset Deck
Galle
End-of-day shore energy before returning aboard.

TRANSFERS

Airport to gangway.

We choreograph CMB / HRI arrivals into Galle Harbour yacht berths transfers.

Helicopter / GA
Private hops from CMB / HRI when Sri Lanka supports coastal helipads or GA strips. CMB corridor HRI corridor

Chauffeur
SUV / S-Class briefed on Galle Harbour yacht berths gates - timed to embarkation. To Galle Harbour yacht berths (120-150 min from CMB / nearer HRI) To Colombo port / yacht access (20-40 min from CMB)

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

NUMBERS - SRI LANKA

VAT & APA - Sri Lanka short version.

On a Sri Lanka 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 25-35% 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

Galle

Galle is a core Sri Lanka charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Galle Harbour yacht berths - Day-anchor: Galle day anchorage - Table: Galle Harbour Table

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

Trincomalee

Trincomalee is a core Sri Lanka charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Trincomalee yacht harbour - Day-anchor: Colombo lee cove - Table: Sri Lanka Quay Classic

Mirissa

Mirissa is a core Sri Lanka charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Mirissa / south-coast yacht access - Day-anchor: Trincomalee quiet hook - Table: Trincomalee Waterfront

EXPLORE FURTHER

Child destinations

- Galle - Crewed yacht charter in Galle - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside Sri Lanka.
- Colombo - Crewed yacht charter in Colombo - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside Sri Lanka.
- Trincomalee - Crewed yacht charter in Trincomalee - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside Sri Lanka.
- Mirissa - Crewed yacht charter in Mirissa - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside Sri Lanka.

BEFORE YOU FLY

FAQ

What does it cost to charter a yacht in Sri Lanka?

What it costs to charter a yacht in Sri Lanka tracks yacht size and peak weeks. Smaller crewed sailing yachts and cats start lower; superyachts scale into six figures. APA, local tax context (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.) and berthing are confirmed in writing before deposit.

Which marina should we embark from in Sri Lanka?

We match embarkation to LOA, flight into CMB / HRI, and the first night's plan - often Galle Harbour yacht berths when available.

Can you charter a superyacht in Sri Lanka?

Megayacht and superyacht charter weeks in Sri Lanka need earlier berth holds than midsize yachts. Blue Ocean Club sequences quay politics with the captain before contract.

How far ahead should we book berths in Sri Lanka?

For peak season and event weeks around Sri Lanka, 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 Sri Lanka charter?

Fuel, berthing, food and beverage, and most guest concierge extras. Tax context for Sri Lanka: 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. We set an indicative APA band before contract.

Can you arrange airport transfers into Sri Lanka?

Yes - chauffeur and helicopter where available from CMB / HRI, timed to the embarkation slot at Galle Harbour yacht berths.

OPERATIONAL

Mooring notes

Galle Harbour yacht berths

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Colombo port / yacht access

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Trincomalee yacht harbour

High in peak season around Sri Lanka - broker relationships matter for larger LOA at Trincomalee yacht harbour. 4-12 weeks for peak season slips Event or festival weeks near Sri Lanka can multiply rates and eliminate availability at Trincomalee yacht harbour. We hold Trincomalee yacht harbour alternatives and Galle day 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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