



EXCEPTIONAL JOURNEYS

Ceylon Tours has been creating just that for the last 79 years.





YESTERDAY

As the first, oldest and most experienced tour operator on the island, we pioneered showcasing Sri Lanka to the world.

Ours is a story that began when journalist, film producer and Sri Lanka's "Father of Tourism", P. A. Ediriweera founded Ceylon Tours in 1946, as a service for the foreign film industry using Sri Lanka as a film destination. To name a few, 'Outcast of the Islands' (1951), 'Elephant Walk' (1954), 'The Bridge on the River Kwai' (1957) and 'Never So Few' (1959) were shot in Sri Lanka with the assistance of Ceylon Tours.



TODAY

79 years later, we remain a family-run Destination Management Company that believes in authentic and tailor-made travel. Our team is passionate about creating distinctive and purposeful holidays, offering exclusive bespoke travel experiences to all clients. We are obsessive about our standards of service, attention to detail and our creativity – from crafting your tailor-made holiday experience to on-tour delivery and support services.

Our Business Segments:

- > Tailor-made Travel — Sri Lanka & the Maldives
- > Airline Representation
- > Transportation
- > Corporate Travel & Events
- > Meetings, Incentive Tours, Conferences, Events and Weddings
- > Outbound Travel & Tours
- > Sports & Entertainment Events

THE JOURNEY

1946 - Establishment of Ceylon Tours

1988 - Membership in the distinguished 25 year club - American Society of Travel agents

1992 - Certificate of recognition by his Excellency Mohammed Abdul Gayoom for our successful efforts to develop the tourism industry in Maldives

2003 - Appointed Franchise Directors for the Miss World Pageant, Sri Lanka.

2009 - The Tourism Pioneer Award at Presidential awards for Travel and Tourism.

2010 - Opens first office in Guanghzan, China and Japan.

2010 - Special recognition award by Legends Awards held by the IATA Agents Association for being the oldest IATA travel agency (member of IATA since 1951).

2012 - Official travel partners for the first online medical tourism initiative



OUR VALUES

Our mission is to achieve optimum satisfaction in all our stakeholders through our services and the unique set of core values that we abide by.

We thrive thanks to the respect, integrity and mutual trust we share within the company.

Teamwork: There is no "I" in Ceylon Tours — we do great things together as a family.

Trust: We are built on a foundation of trust and loyalty.

Learning from mistakes: Mistakes are speed bumps on the road to success. Every mistake is a new lesson.

Ceylon Tours Hospitality: We maintain professionalism, friendliness, warmth, commitment and a 'can do' attitude.

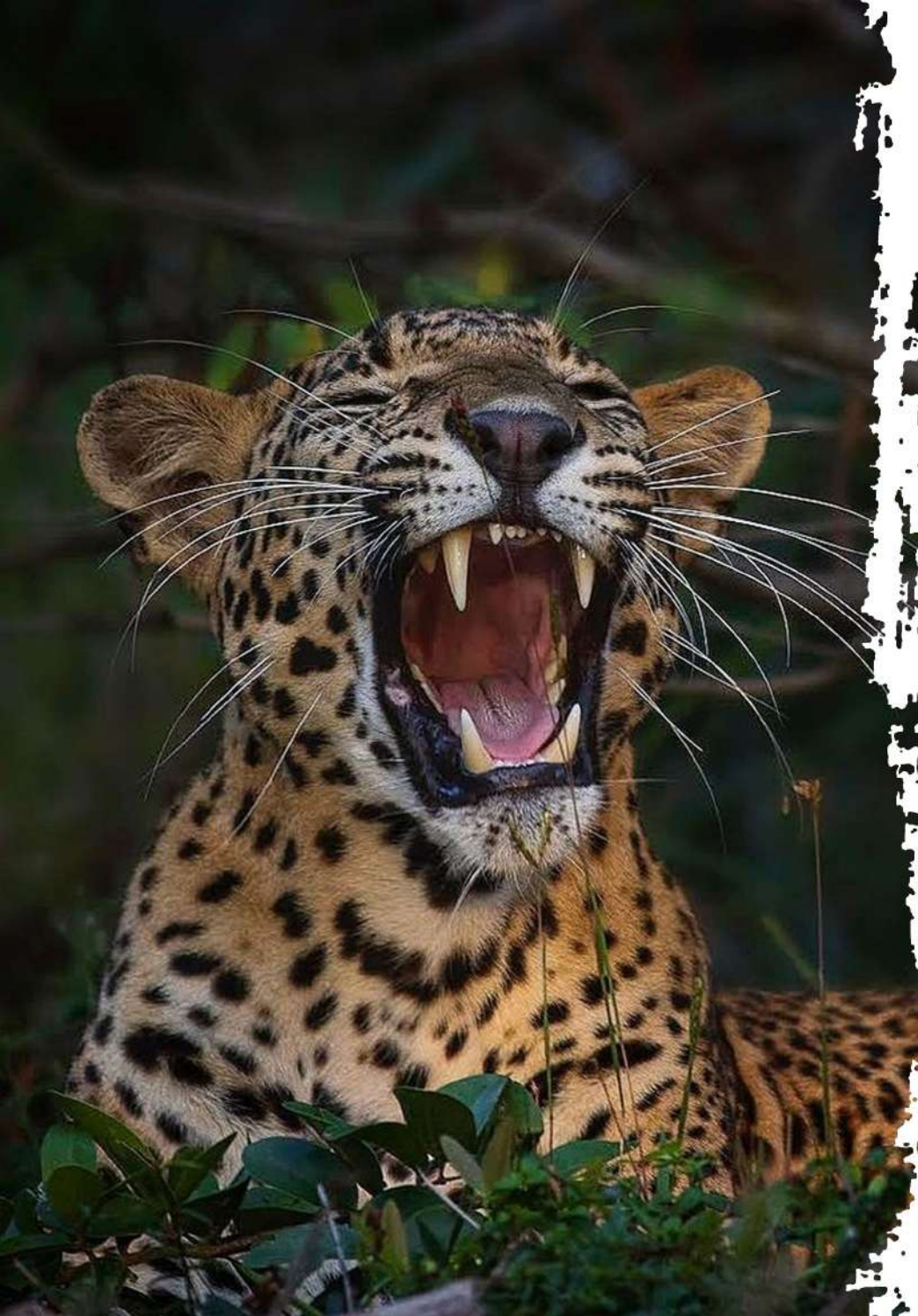
Commitment & Accountability: Follow through-talk is cheap. Actions and results count.

Creativity & Innovation: Our competitive advantage.

Openness & Transparency: We encourage open communication and approachability.

Sustainability: We try to lead by example, in all aspects from human to environmental to wildlife.





THE CROWD-PLEASERS

We understand that no two clients nor their expectations are alike and we strive to deliver the perfect holiday experience to our guests. Our team of experts negotiate the best rates on behalf of our clients, and from city tours and affordable accommodation to all-inclusive luxurious getaways at star class hotels and high end boutique properties, we will arrange your dream vacation for you.



Island Life | To Sri Lanka and the Maldives

- > Customized Tour Packages
- > Accommodation & Transfers
- > Multilingual Guides & Chauffeur Guides
- > Group & Incentive Tours
- > Corporate Travel
- > Wedding & Events
- > Handling of Cruise Liners
- > Domestic Airline Reservation
- > 24-hour Support Team for on-tour guests



Gaman | From Sri Lanka

- > Airline Reservation - Domestic & International
- > Travel Insurance
- > Package Tours
- > Visa Services
- > Travel Insurance



OF SANDY BEACHES AND KING COCONUTS

We specialise in managing tours into Sri Lanka and Maldives via Charter and regular scheduled flights, as well as via sea ports. Allow our team of experienced consultants tailor your holiday to surpass your expectations whilst meeting your budget. Just let us know of your preferences - be it a laid-back vacation, an adrenaline-pumping adventure, a dive into centuries of culture and heritage or catching a glimpse of the island's Big 5 (blue whales / sperm whales / elephants / leopards / sloth bears), and we will deliver. Our priority is to ensure you enjoy the most comfortable and memorable travel experience in our paradise isle.

SPECIALIZED BUDDHIST PILGRIM TOURS

Buddhism is deeply engrained into Sri Lankan culture, with roots dating back to the 3rd Century BC when a sapling of the sacred Bo tree was brought to the island.

Over the centuries, Buddhism has flourished in Sri Lanka, and the island is scattered with ancient historical sites and places of worship, and is home to thousands of Buddhist temples, stupas, pagodas and shrines.

Of all the temples on the island, the Tooth Relic Temple located in the hills of Kandy is the most special, steeped in historical, religious and symbolic value. It is one of eight holy pilgrimage sites and is home to the sacred left-eye tooth of Lord Buddha.

Our Buddhist pilgrimage tours are the best way to discover the island's Buddhist history and religious pilgrim sites. Buddhist temples in Sri Lanka are well preserved despite their antiquity and most of them are considered to be archaeological masterpieces, and what better way to explore them and learn the intricate history and teachings of Buddhism, than with Ceylon Tour's specialist guides.



MEETINGS, INCENTIVE TOURS, CONFERENCES, EVENTS AND WEDDINGS

Our MICE department was another addition to our spectrum of services. Leave it to us to plan and flawlessly execute the entire event for you - everything from the moment your group lands till they depart, including road, rail, air transport, guiding, accommodation, exclusive experiences and events, private lunches and dinners, conferences, meetings and gala award ceremonies, team building activities and so much more. All with our signature white glove treatment to fit your vision and budget. We even have an experienced team of veterans that travel with your group, advancing ahead at every location to ensure a seamless experience.



AROUND THE WORLD WITH



We are additionally renowned for our expertise in travel planning outside of Sri Lanka. Organize and schedule your business trip or plan the perfect getaway with us. We tailor-make global travel plans for both corporate travellers and individuals to suit their specific preferences and budgets. Be it a sunny holiday in the Maldiv islands or an authentic Vietnamese experience cycling through historic sites, we are geared to turn your travel dreams into reality.



CORPORATE TRAVEL

We tailor-make corporate travel packages for your company. Our ultimate goal is customer satisfaction while providing high quality service for an affordable rate. We will assist you with the visa formalities and guide you through the Travel Insurance policies.

- A Travel Consultant
- A Holiday Consultant
- Key Account Management
- Management Information Service Reports

OUR
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SERVICES LANKA

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AIRLINE & AVIATION



General Sale Agent for Alliance Air



OTHER BRAND AFFILIATIONS

In 2003, along with the privilege of becoming of the franchise holders of Miss World Sri Lanka, we initiated our entertainment division. Fifteen years later, with a Miss Sri Lanka for Miss World pageant held annually and televised on national TV, we're proud to continue to play an integral part of the grand event through and through.

In 2017, Ceylon Tours signed a strategic partnership with-the prestigious Auckland Rugby Union — Rugby Academy, affiliated to the All Blacks. For this venture, we work together with the Ministry of Sports and The Rugby Union of Sri Lanka. Our primary goal is to facilitate a High Performance Programme for our Sri Lankan rugby players to help develop their rugby career.

In March 2018, Ceylon Tours signed a strategic partnership with Europe's largest online revenue management company, Franco Grasso Revenue Team, where Ceylon Tours is the representative for Sri Lanka and the Maldives. With a steady set of clients, Ceylon Tours sees this as lucrative growth potential for the company.

Holland America Line is also one of our Passenger Sales Agents for Sri Lanka.

WHY PARTNER WITH US

We are the first, oldest and most experienced tour operator in Sri Lanka. With decades of experience, our mission is to provide quality excellence and value for money for the package you choose to suit your budget. We have a very experienced and flexible team who negotiate hard with our suppliers to give you the most unique travel experience with the best rates. We have an in-house fleet to suit your convenience and comfort.

We are dedicated to exceeding our customers' expectations by giving them a personalised experience with:

- >Tailor-made Tour Packages
- >Full-time Airport Staff
- >Chauffeur Guides
- >24-hour Support Team



CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

We do not promote unethical practices or animal cruelty.

We have always held sustainability very close to our hearts, striving to promote sustainable tourism, from experiences and excursions to plastic consumption and waste as well as ethical wild life practices.

We work with local rescue organisations like Cat Protection Trust to help street animals, including rescue work and Spay & Neuter programs.

We are also a part of The Federation of Environmental Organizations (FEO) of Sri Lanka. The FEO is a non-political, non-partisan organization that provides a platform for connecting interest groups with a patriotic interest in safeguarding Sri Lanka's natural heritage through conservation and advocacy.



OUR DIRECTORS



Suren Ediriweera
Managing Director

Suren took after his father P.A. Ediriweera, the founder of the company and joined Ceylon Tours in 1971. He studied Business Management in Germany and returned to Sri Lanka in 1973. He played a pivotal role in positioning the Maldives as a tourist destination. In 1975, he stepped into the Ceylon Tours Board of Directors and in 1982 he became Managing Director of the company and continues to contribute to the thriving of the tourism industry.



Chandra Ediriweera
Executive Director

Chandra also followed his father P.A. Ediriweera's footsteps and joined Ceylon Tours in 1971. He started his career in the travel industry as a young executive responsible for groups from the European & the Japanese markets. He joined the management team in 1983 and stepped into the Board of Directors in 1999. Almost 5 decades later, he is the Executive Director overlooking the European, Japanese, S.E.A and C.I.S Markets.



Lal Wijekulasuriya
Director Operations

Lal joined Ceylon Tours in 1969. He started his career as an executive in the airline department and switched to the tours department by becoming a Tour Executive in 1973. He joined the Board of Directors in 1999. He is instrumental in bringing charters to Sri Lanka especially from France and Italy combining Sri Lanka and Maldives. As Director Operations, he contributes immensely to the growth of the company.



Upul Jayasuriya
Director Legal Affairs

Upul joined Ceylon Tours in 1998. He is a senior member of the legal profession in Sri Lanka and has been conferred Silk, a President's Counsel which is equivalent to Queen's Counsel. He was elected President of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka in 2013, the official body of the legal fraternity. He was appointed in January 2015 as the Chairman of the Board of Investments, the country's prime body for the investments, a position he held until July 2017.



Nushani Ediriweera Dias
Sales & Marketing Director

Nushani, daughter of Chandra, joined Ceylon Tours as Manager Sales & Marketing in November 2009 and the Board of Directors in May 2012. Having completed her secondary education in Sri Lanka she proceeded to Australia and graduated in 2004 with a BSc in Marketing & Business Systems Management from Deakin University in Melbourne. As Director Sales & Marketing, She is responsible for managing sales, marketing communication and all related support functions.



Arosh Ediriweera
Director Finance

Arosh, son of Suren, joined the Board of Directors in May 2012. Prior to joining the family business he worked for Brandix in the Finance sector for a period of 3 years. Having completed his secondary education in Sri Lanka, he proceeded to London and graduated in 2008 with a BSc in Accounting and Finance from the London School Of Economics and Political Science. He is also a part qualified member of the Association of Certified Chartered Accountants (ACCA). As Director, he is responsible for managing risk and establishing control systems.



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