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Photo tours & tutorials

# Sri Lanka 2018



“From the quiet beaches of Negombo to the tea plantations of Eliya, and the busy markets of the South Coast, Sri Lanka will take your heart”

The Sri Lankan people are one of the most welcoming populations I have ever encountered and will make us feel at ease for our photography.

This photography tour is very much dedicated to the people of Sri Lanka, and participants can expect to focus mostly on people, portraits and street photography.

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## Our philosophy

### Our Tours: The Right Angle

Not financially motivated, with small groups, some very special and exclusive itineraries, all focused on the workshops and knowledge sharing, my photo tours are among the best in the World because it all comes down to passion.

### Locations: Off The Tourist Trail

We devise an itinerary together based on the best photographic opportunities –be they seasonal or cultural. And we avoid the common tourist trails as much as possible. No 5 star hotel, but the raw culture and experience!

### Group size: Small is smart!

I limit the group size to a maximum of 6 people for tours I run alone and 8 for tours I run along with another photographer, because experience has taught me that more is less. Having a small group enables me to be more available to each member whilst on location.





### Workshops: Actively improving

We do not run photography tours but photography workshops. The tours are aimed at immersing people in the right environment and coaching them on location. All tours include at least two photo critiquing sessions as well as specific themed workshops.

### Portraits: People are our focus

While I love taking landscapes, people are my passion. Portrait shots engage viewers because they are emotive. And while we travel through stunning locations and have ample time to take landscape shots, my tours are also designed to maximize the time we spend with people in remote locations, and learn the best way to approach individuals when taking photos so that it is respectful of their values and traditions.

### Skills: Giving it your best shot

Developing your photo skills is an absolute must on my tours. While we are working a lot on camera settings, the tours are aimed at developing composition and storytelling skills.







## Negombo

Home of one the biggest community of fishermen, Negombo will allow us to warm up on its busy beaches and capture the daily fishing activity. It is also home to a very busy fish market.







## The Center

With its endless tea estates, the center of the country is ideal for getting out of the rush of the city and enjoying much cooler weather. With its amazing and very popular train ride among the tea plantations, it will offer us some great landscape photo opportunities as well as people, meeting the Tamil who are the residents of the area and the tea workers.



## The South Coast



My favorite part of Sri Lanka is its pristine coastline in the South. Numerous fishing villages are nested on its coast allowing us to visit daily fish markets and witness the busy activity







## People

Similar to the rest of the Indian subcontinent the people of Sri Lanka are very keen to have their photo taken, making it a superb place to learn and practice your people photography skills. Similar to Bangladesh, everyone is very interesting in having a chat and knowing how we feel about their country. A great way to approach them!







## Food and Tea



The huge amount of sea food will guarantee us some superb barbecues and buffets and being as it is, very inspired by Indian food, we won't go hungry for very long in Sri Lanka!

Some of the favorite images I captured in Sri Lanka were taken in the local tea shops. Being present everywhere they gather a huge crowd of local people, coming to take a break, allowing us to capture some close encounters. Also with the huge amount of shops everywhere we won't be lacking in energy during the tour





“Etienne is your passport  
to great photography...”

—TripAdvisor

## your photo tour leaders

### Etienne Bossot

Eleven years, countless S.E Asia photography tours and over 6,000 successful students ago, Etienne Bossot set up his camera in Hoi An, Central Vietnam and like many artists before him was seduced by the unique clarity of light, romanic scenery and charismatic characters and their customs.

The SE Asia Photography Tours were born of a combination of Etienne’s passion to discover ways of studying authentic populations in their living environment, his wealth of local knowledge and his uncompromising integrity. He has a canny eye for scouting out unique settings, locations and photo opportunities and an uncanny way of getting subjects to engage.



### Lee Starnes

Lee Starnes is a photographer originally from the United States now living in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. His work ranges from commercial to editorial to telling travel stories about destinations around the world. His work can be seen in The Guardian, CNN and other international publications. When he’s not working, he’s wandering around back alleys, eating all the street food, and exploring the world with his wife Urica and dog Barley.



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## when

11-17 November 2018

## starting-ending point

Starting in Negombo

Ending in Colombo

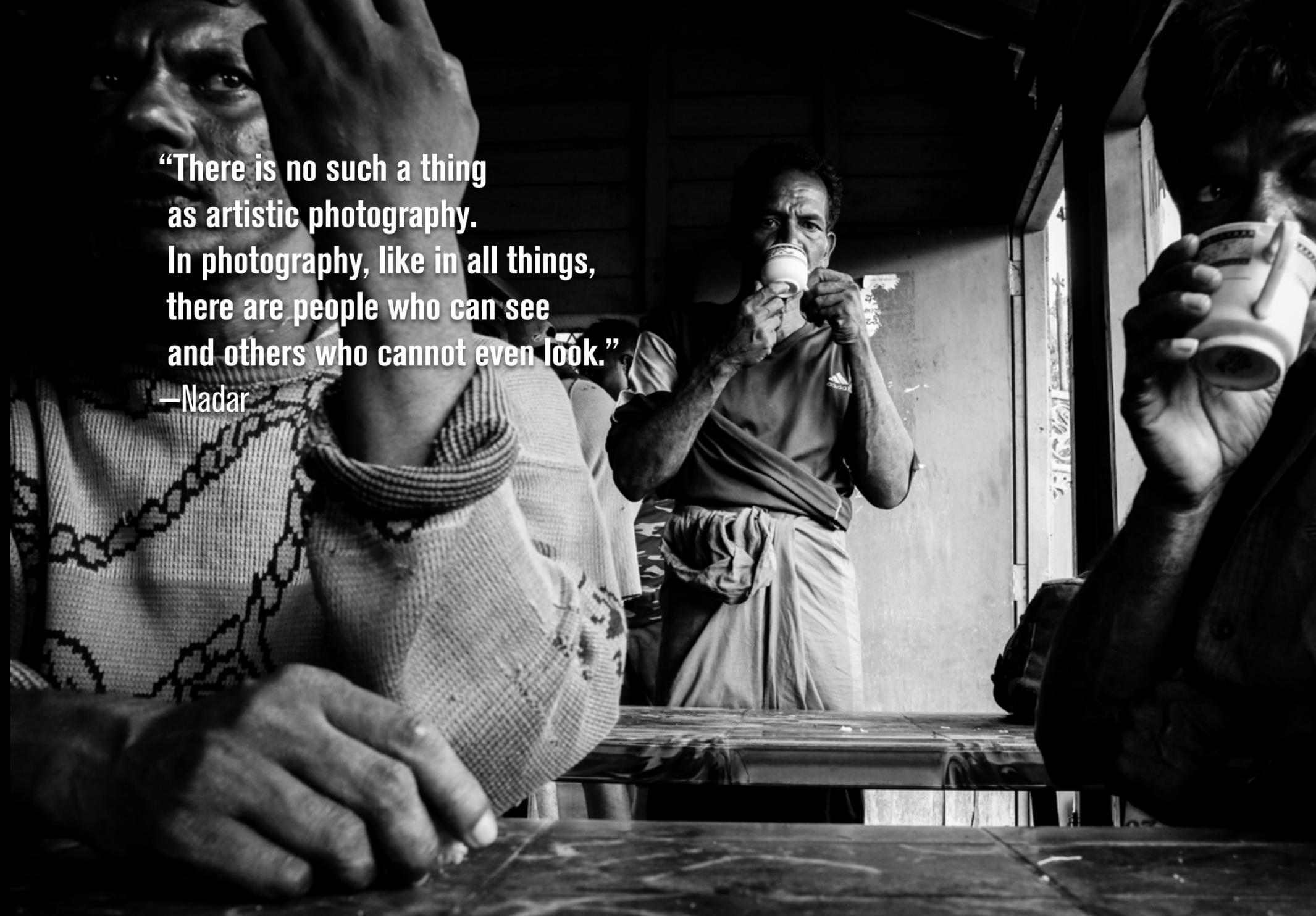
Both cities share the same airport.

## brief itinerary

- Day 1 Negombo markets  
Photo review
- Day 2 Driving to Kandy
- Day 3 The amazing train ride in the tea plantations
- Day 4 Heading down to the coast of Mirissa
- Day 5 Fish market and fishing coastal life
- Day 6 Galle and its markets
- Day 7 Colombo street photography

**“There is no such a thing  
as artistic photography.  
In photography, like in all things,  
there are people who can see  
and others who cannot even look.”**

**—Nadar**



## what's included

In all our tours we strive to make things easy so everyone can focus entirely on photography. This is the reason why our rates include everything during the tour: accommodation, transportation, all meals, and even tips to local people. What is not included is your international flight, Visa, travel insurance, and souvenir purchase.

## group size & workshops

Like in all our tours led by two photographers we limit the number of participants to 8, for a better and more personalized coaching. As it is the case in my tours, we will mostly focus on people and ways to take their photos. As we are doing photo critiques and Lightroom tutorials, make sure to take your laptop / iPad.

## accommodation & transportation

We will be staying in 3- to 4-star hotels for most of the tour. All our meals will be in local restaurants, offering us amazing food from Sri Lanka. All our transportation between cities will be made by pmini van and train and the country is quite small.

## rates

8 pax	7 pax	6 pax
\$4150	\$4250	\$4350
Single supplement + \$200		

## what now

If you are interested in joining the tour, drop us an email at [info@picsofasia.com](mailto:info@picsofasia.com). We will let you know if there are still availabilities.

Find more information into our [FAQ](#) section.

## important notice

After years of civil war Sri Lanka is now a fully opened country. The people are extremely friendly and it is very easy to approach them and take their pictures, men and women.

As there are a lot of other activities to be done in Sri Lanka that I have not included in the tour (like for example visiting the elephant parks and doing some safari) I shortened the tour to 7 days to allow you some extra time.

There are no restrictions concerning clothing as this is a very popular tourist destination and a lot of tourists just spend their days on the beach. I personally have been eating in all sorts of places and never got sick, but Sri Lanka and the Indian sub-continent are well known for tummy issues. Take all appropriate medicine.



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online photo tutorials.  
We are also  
regularly posting photos  
and thoughts about  
photography in  
our blog section.

## photo tour bookings and further information

We are adding a lot of information in the FAQ section of the website, make sure to check it out.

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