

# CEYLON TEA, The Journey: Sri Lanka, Part 1 - Guest Post by Linda Villano, SerendipiTea

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Gail Gastelu, owner/publisher of the much acclaimed *The Tea House Times*, was invited by the [Sri Lanka Tea Board](#) to cover the 150th year anniversary of Ceylon Tea. Thanks to a gracious invitation from Gail to accompany her on this extraordinary assignment last month, I have a treasure trove of experiences to share. It's an enormous honor to have been involved!

There were many tea garden and factory visits but like the Amazing Race this journey took us along magnificent coastlines, up and down mountains, soaring in a Sea Plane, flying on a jungle zip-line, visiting temples and sacred sites, trekking up steep tea garden terrains and meandering alongside Nature Reserves in direct contact with monkeys, elephants and water buffalo.

Some highlights of the journey included:

## **The Sri Lanka Tea Board Headquarters in Colombo**

<http://www.pureceylontea.com>



**Mlesna Tea Factory in Colombo**  
<http://mlesnateas.com/>



**Cinnamon Air Sea Plane flight from Colombo to Kandy**  
<http://www.cinnamonair.com>



**The Ceylon Tea Museum in Kandy District**  
<http://ceylonteamuseum.com/>



**Loolecondra Tea Garden in Kandy District**  
[Loolecondra-estate-](http://Loolecondra-estate-)





**Glenwood Reserve**  
**Hand-crafted specialty tea, *start-up* in Kandy District**



**Pedro Tea Garden and Factory in Nuwara Eliya District**  
<http://www.kvpl.com>



**Hayleys Instant Tea Factory in Nuwara Eliya District**  
<http://www.hayleysglobalbeverages.com>



**The Tea Research Institute (TRI) in Nuwara Elya District**  
<http://www.tri.lk/>  
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**98 Acres Spa & Resort Tea Estate in Ella, Uva Province**  
<http://www.resort98acres.com/>



**Halpe Watte Tea Factory in Uva Province**  
<http://www.halpetea.com/>





## Lumbini Tea Garden and Factory in Ruhuna District

<http://lumbinitea.com/>



## Ahinsa Organic Tea Factory in Ruhuna District

<http://www.ahinsatea.com>



Gail and I will be reporting on each experience in detail here in our personal blogs (the shortcut/direct urls are: <http://linda.theteahousetimes.com> and <http://gail.theteahousetimes.com>), and also on *The Tea House Times*' Sri Lanka Blog (<http://srilanka.theteahousetimes.com>), and in articles written

exclusively for the *The Tea House Times* (Mar/Apr, May/June, July/Aug issues- All for the 150<sup>th</sup> year of Ceylon tea celebrations.

Stay tuned!

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~ Linda Villano, [SerendipiTea](#)