



O'Shannessy's
QUALITY TOURS

SRI LANKA

Delights



14 DAY FULLY INCLUSIVE TOUR

14th April to 27th April, 2027

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WEDNESDAY 14TH APRIL TO TUESDAY 27TH APRIL, 2027

Welcome to our exciting tour to Sri Lanka – formerly known as Ceylon.

Sri Lanka is an island country in South Asia near South East India.

It is shaped like a pearl so is often referred to as the “Pearl of the Indian Ocean”!

It has had a rich and diverse culture – having been occupied by the Portuguese, Dutch and the British rule which lasted until 1948.

It became known as Sri Lanka in 1972.

Tour Highlights

- Tour of Negombo
- Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage
- Polonnaruwa Ancient Site
- Minneriya National Park Safari
- Dambulla Cave Temple
- Spice Gardens, Matale
- Cooking Demonstration
- Visit to a Local School
- Peradeniya Botanic Gardens
- Gem Factory, Kandy
- Kandy Dancers & Cultural Show
- Temple of the Sacred Tooth
- Tea Factory Tour
- High Tea at The Grand Hotel, Nuwara Eliya
- Ella Village
- Yala National Park Safari
- Tour of Galle Fort
- Tsunami Photo Museum & Monument
- Turtle Hatchery
- Tour of Colombo

RAIL

- Train ride Nanu Oya to Ela (or similar)

Tour Prices

Tour costs are based on economy airfares throughout. Please contact our office to enquire about upgrading to Business Class or Premium Economy, if available.

Twin share room first tour:	\$9,495
Twin share room repeat traveller 2 - 10 Tours:	\$9,395
Twin share room repeat traveller 11 - 20 Tours:	\$9,345
Twin share room repeat traveller 21+ Tours:	\$9,295
Single room supplement:	\$700

Please note a deposit of \$1,200 is required upon booking

As a thank you for travelling with O’Shannessy’s Quality Tours, you will automatically receive a saving on the total tour price for your second and subsequent tours.

O’Shannessy’s Quality Tours will match single travellers who wish to twin share with another single traveller of the same gender. However, if this is not possible, in most cases you shall be provided with single accommodation at the twin share fare (no additional cost). If you are willing to twin share but are a smoker, have a CPAP machine or snore, you will need to pay a single supplement for a sole use room.



FLIGHT



COACH



TRAIN



Active



SMALL GRP



INTERNATIONAL

Multiple Night Stays

3 nights in Habarana, 2 nights in Negombo, Kandy, Yala and Ahungalla

Activity Level - Active

Our active tours require greater mobility, making them best suited to travellers comfortable with longer days of sightseeing and more physical activity. You may be required to:

- Embark and disembark the coach unassisted
- Negotiate some steps and gentle, undulating paths
- Embark and disembark watercraft and other vehicles via stairs
- Stand or walk for up to 2 hours at a time
- Negotiate a flight of stairs
- Travel for up to 2 hours in various vehicles for guided tours
- Manage uneven ground such as sand, pebbles or gravel
- Handle different climates, including heat and humidity
- Occasionally stay above ground floor (no guarantee of ground floor rooms)
- Walk through international airports with the support of an O'Shannessy's Tour Director
- Manage long haul flights

Tour Inclusions

Complimentary Chauffeur Driven Transfers

Victorian passengers from Greater Melbourne, Bendigo, Torquay, Ballarat, Geelong, the Bellarine and Mornington Peninsulas, Phillip Island and selected areas of Gippsland will be picked up and returned home in a private chauffeured vehicle by one of our professional drivers. For passengers not within this pick up zone, or our interstate passengers, a quote can be provided for home pickup in extended areas.

Flights

Economy International flights from Melbourne to Colombo and return with Sri Lankan Airlines. All fares include transfers and taxes. Please contact our office to enquire about upgrades to Business Class or Premium Economy, if available.

Friendly Tour Directors

Enjoy peace of mind with O'Shannessy's Quality Tours, where our dedicated tour director will escort from Melbourne to ensure your travel experience is as comfortable and memorable as possible. From start to finish, they're there to assist, guide and take care of every detail. Relax and enjoy the experience without a worry.

Quality Touring Coach

Quality air-conditioned touring coach and local English speaking tour guide throughout the tour.

Luxury Accommodation

Enjoy the best available ensuite hotel accommodation each night, ensuring a restful journey.

All Gratuities

All gratuities are included for Drivers and Guides, restaurants, craftsmen, boats and portage at accommodation is included whilst travelling with the group.

Small Tour Group Guarantee

There will be a maximum of 20 participants on this tour.

Meals

Meals include 13 fully cooked breakfasts, 7 lunches, 1 high tea, 13 dinners and inflight meals. 5 lunches in Sri Lanka are at your own expense as per itinerary.

Visas

Australian citizens require an Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) to enter Sri Lanka. The cost of this visa has been included in the tour price. O'Shannessy's Quality Tours will assist with the Visa process but will require one coloured passport photograph and a copy of your valid passport, three months before departure date.

Tour Does Not Include

- Items of a personal nature and any optional extras
- Passport - a valid national passport is required for all international holidays, with a minimum validity of 6 months after return.
- Travel Insurance is mandatory for international travel. If you would like a quotation for travel insurance, please contact our office on 1800 354 352.

Disclaimer

O'Shannessy's Quality Tours:

- Advises the airline reserves the right to amend their schedule and airfares without notice.
- Advises price is effective for the dates specified but may be subject to change without notice.
- Advises passengers require a current Passport to travel overseas with a minimum validity of 6 months after return.
- Advises non-Australian Passport holders to check re-entry Visa requirements.
- Reserves the right to vary the itinerary in any way at any time deemed necessary.
- Accepts no responsibility for damage or loss of personal belongings and suggests that suitable Insurance be effected for protection of the same.
- Accepts no responsibility or liability for delays, accidents, injury, irregularity or damage caused by other transport/touring companies used as part of this tour.
- Reserves the right to change accommodation at any time without notice.

Frequently Asked Questions

Welcome: O'Shannessy's Quality Tours believes travel is one of life's most meaningful experiences, felt with both the eyes and the heart. Designed with our passengers in mind, this tour features safe destinations, warm 5-star hospitality, UNESCO World Heritage sites, stunning landscapes, incredible wildlife, rich culture and history, delicious cuisine, vibrant cities, charming villages and authentic encounters with welcoming locals.

Weather: Temperatures will vary from the coast to the highlands. Here are the average maximum and minimum temperatures for April. Coastal towns: ~30–32 °C highs, ~24–26 °C lows. Hill country (e.g., Kandy, Nuwara Eliya): cooler, typically 18–27 °C. High humidity is typical, especially in coastal and lowland areas.

Currency: The local currency is the Sri Lankan Rupee. Credit cards are accepted in hotels and larger restaurants, but for small shops, tuk-tuks and local markets, cash is preferred. ATM machines are widely available but could incur transaction fees. Check with your local bank about the best card to take with you.

Welcome to our fascinating tour to **Sri Lanka**! After we are collected by our chauffeurs, we are transferred to Melbourne International Airport where we meet our **O’Shannessy’s Tour Director** and fellow passengers, ready to board our direct flight to Sri Lanka this afternoon. On our arrival at Bandaranaike International Airport, we will be welcomed by our local guide and transferred to our hotel in nearby Negombo. We check into our delightful accommodation and head straight to bed for a restful night.

Dinner and refreshments inflight

OVERNIGHT: Goldi Sands Hotel, NEGOMBO ★★★★★

After a leisurely breakfast we board our coach and enjoy a highlights tour of **Negombo**, which includes the amazing Fish Markets. There are several buildings of significance that we see along the way. Some date back to the Dutch and Portuguese colonial days including the Dutch Fort and Catholic Church. It is a scenic journey past picturesque sandy beaches, turquoise ocean, colourful wooden boats and a bustling fishing port. Our tour finishes with lunch before returning to the hotel for a free afternoon – the hotel is right on the beach if you feel like a walk, or there is a beautiful pool. Dinner is in our hotel this evening.

OVERNIGHT: Goldi Sands Hotel, NEGOMBO ★★★★★





DAY 3 - NEGOMBO - PINNAWALA - HABARANA

Friday 16th April, 2027

We have a fabulous day in store today as we depart early from Negombo and travel up towards the Central Province Region. Enroute, we stop in Pinnawala, home to the **Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage**. We get up close and personal with the elephants in a lush natural setting as they bathe in the Maha Oya River. The orphanage is set on a beautiful 24 acres property and is also a breeding place for elephants. With only 5 baby elephants upon opening in 1975, the orphanage now has the greatest herd of elephants in captivity in the world. We enjoy lunch overlooking the Maha Oya River and watch these majestic animals happily bathing. It will be an experience we'll never forget!! This afternoon, we continue our drive into the Central Province Region arriving at our hotel in **Habarana**, home for the next three nights. Our hotel is in the midst of what is known as the "Cultural Triangle".

OVERNIGHT: Cinnamon Lodge, HABARANA ★★★★★

DAY 4 - THE ANCIENT CITY OF POLONNARUWA

Saturday 17th April, 2027

Setting off after breakfast we visit **Polonnaruwa** today, which was once the capital of Sri Lanka from the 11th to the 13th century. The site is now listed as a World Heritage site by UNESCO as the ancient remains consist of a walled inner and outer city, surrounded by monasteries and temples, with palaces, gardens and a manmade lake in its midst. This fascinating place will be explained to us throughout our tour. As we make our way back to Dambulla we stop at a local restaurant for lunch. This afternoon, we have time to relax and enjoy the pool and hotel facilities before dinner.

OVERNIGHT: Cinnamon Lodge, HABARANA ★★★★★

The day has been left free for us to choose how we wish to spend it...

1. One option is to relax at the hotel and enjoy the wonderful facilities it offers. Take a swim in the magnificent pool or simply read a book with a cool drink in hand, beside the pool. Book in a spa treatment at the wellness centre, or use the gym for a bit of exercise.



2. Sigiriya Citadel Rock is an iconic attraction which is a plateau formed from magma of an extinct volcano 200 metres higher than the surrounding jungles. On the top of the rock is a fortress complex which required advanced architectural and engineering skills but was constructed 1600 years ago! It is possible to climb the rock but this is not for the faint-hearted. This will be an early morning exercise.



3. Oxen cart and village tour will give us a diverse experience with a cart ride, then a small water vessel across the lake to see how locals in rural village areas live and if we are lucky - take a tuk-tuk out of the area. This is great fun and very popular so decide quickly if you choose this!



All activities are at our own expense today.

This afternoon, enjoy an **elephant safari**. If you're up for a serious rumble in the jungle, then don't miss out on this activity. Spreading over 8800 hectares, this is a sanctuary for elephants and other animals, but the spotlight remains between swaying trunks and flapping ears. Meet our fellow passengers for dinner to hear stories of today's adventures.



Lunch at own expense and arrangement

OVERNIGHT: Cinnamon Lodge, HABARANA ★★★★★

Before we start our journey to Kandy, we make a brief stop for a photo opportunity at the Dambulla Cave Temple where the **Golden Temple** is situated. This is the largest and best-preserved cave-temple complex in Sri Lanka. We now make our way south towards the centre of Sri Lanka. A large part of the unique experience of being in Sri Lanka has to do with their food. Today we travel through the area of **Matale** where most of the spice gardens are located. The Sri Lankans believe these spices help people “live a long and healthy life” and we will be given an educational spice tour at a **spice garden** to see how some of the more unusual items are grown. This is also the perfect place to watch a cooking demonstration to show how easy it is to use the spices to make some delicious food. With the food made and the smells wafting around us we enjoy lunch. This afternoon we have been invited to a **local school*** to meet some of the children who take education seriously. They are sure to be happy to see us and the smiles come so readily in Sri Lanka so it should be a joy for us to visit them too. Later, we arrive in the cultural city of Kandy where we check into our next two nights accommodation.

**Please note: If you wish, you can donate school supplies such as exercise books, pens, coloured pencils, footballs, tennis balls, games etc. All will be greatly appreciated.*

OVERNIGHT: Earl's Regency Hotel, KANDY ★★★★★



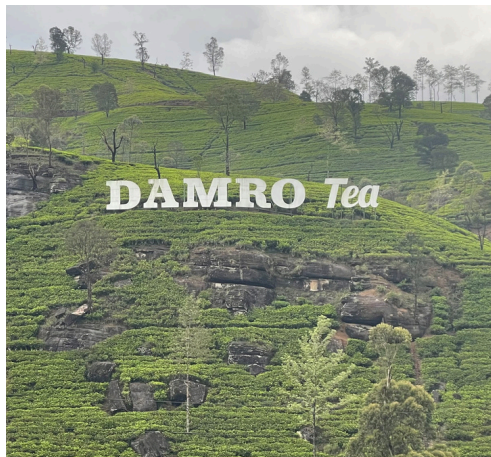


DAY 7 - DISCOVERING KANDY

Tuesday 20th April, 2027

This morning we take a guided stroll through the lush **Royal Botanical Gardens of Peradeniya**. The gardens were established in 1821 and now cover 140 acres, snuggled in a loop in the Mahaweli River, the longest river in Sri Lanka. Its primary purpose was the testing and acclimatizing of plants for commercial use in Sri Lanka. Today the Gardens have one of the largest collections of around 4000 species of flora from sub tropical climates around the world. Among them, the Giant Bamboo, Double Coconut, over 180 species of gorgeous Orchids, and the Ehetu tree which spreads its branches and foliage out to a staggering 2000 square metres. Leaving the gardens we visit a gem factory where we enjoy a wonderful insight into the history and mining of gemstones in Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka has been famous for its gems for more than 2000 years. The **National Gem** of Sri Lanka is the Blue Sapphire, one of the most celebrated gem varieties in the world. The world's biggest Blue Sapphire was recently found in a Sri Lankan mine, weighing an astonishing 1404 carats. After our audio visual and museum tour we have a chance to check out the beautiful stones and set jewellery pieces in the showroom. We then transfer to the city for our lunch. The city of Kandy is also known for its performers that dance and play music. Late afternoon, we are treated to a performance by **Kandy dancers**. This type of dancing cannot be found anywhere else in the world. The costumes are specific to the Kandy area also. Our final stop today is the **Temple of the Tooth** (Dalada Maligawa), the most important shrine in the country. It houses a relic of a tooth of Buddha taken from his funeral pyre in 543 BC. It is renowned for its daily 'Thewawa' ceremony. Each evening, the day's worship culminates when the casket containing the tooth relic is put on display for devotees who have travelled from all over the Buddhist world. We now make our way back to our hotel for dinner.

OVERNIGHT: Earl's Regency Hotel, KANDY ★★★★★



DAY 8 - RAMBODA FALLS - TEA FACTORY - NUWARA ELIYA **Wednesday 21th April, 2027**

Leaving Kandy, our drive to **Nuwara Eliya** is a picturesque journey through the mountains and Sri Lanka's tea growing centre. We enjoy spectacular views of tea carpeted valleys and the bright flash of the "tea pluckers" in their pimento, fuchsia and cerise coloured saris. We stop to see **Ramboda Falls**, which is the 11th highest waterfall in Sri Lanka. After taking in the stunning scenery, we continue our scenic drive through the tea country and we have arranged a short **factory tour** at a tea plantation after which we can enjoy a cuppa! Arriving in Nuwara Eliya, we could easily make the mistake of thinking we are in a small English village. Nuwara Eliya's climate lent itself to becoming the prime sanctuary of the British civil servants and planters in Ceylon. Called Little England, this hill country retreat is where the British colonialists immersed in their pastimes such as fox, deer and elephant hunting, polo, golf and cricket. We take a look around the small town before we arrive at The Grand Hotel for a very **English High Tea!**

Lunch at own expense and arrangement

OVERNIGHT: The Grand Hotel, NUWARA ELIYA ★★★★★

Note: This hotel has a shower over the bath

DAY 9 - NUWARA ELIYA - ELLA GAP - YALA **Thursday 22nd April, 2027**

This morning, we take a train journey from **Nanu Oya to Ella**. This train ride is one of the world's most scenic rail trips, making it a must for experiencing the full beauty of Sri Lanka's heartlands and it will be a wonderfully exhilarating trip. We will travel in a first class cabin but it's not what we may expect! When we disembark, our coach will be waiting to take us to nearby **Ella** where we stop for our lunch break and a chance to purchase some souvenirs in this fast growing village, popular with hikers, climbers and backpackers. This afternoon, we stop briefly at **Ravana Falls** for a photo opportunity before heading down to Yala. Here, we check into our next two night's accommodation.

Lunch at own expense and arrangement

OVERNIGHT: Hilton Yala Resort, YALA ★★★★★

We're right in the heart of another "must see" of Sri Lanka, the **Yala National Park**. The Park is famous for the elusive leopard and has one of the highest populations of leopards in the world. We may also spot the Sloth Bear, Crocodiles and the Asian Elephant. With "good luck" and our naturalist guide, we hope to witness all these creatures and more on our Jeep Safari. After our early morning safari it's back to Jetwing Yala where we now have a few hours free to relax and enjoy the hotel and the facilities – the gorgeous swimming pool, the spa and wellness centre – or a stroll along the beach and perhaps spot some of the playful monkeys who live here. Later, we enjoy an afternoon game drive which showcases the park quite differently to the morning drive. After our safari, we enjoy dinner overlooking the turquoise blue waters of the Indian Ocean.

Lunch at own expense and arrangement

OVERNIGHT: Hilton Yala Resort, YALA ★★★★★



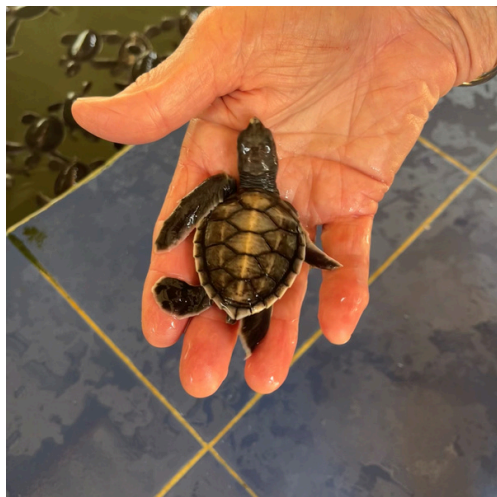
After breakfast and check out, we depart Yala and head west to **Galle**. Here we visit the historic **Galle Fort precinct**. Galle was once the chief port of Ceylon and a town rich in history. It was the centre of the Dutch regime in the 17th century and the majestic Galle Fort (spanning 90 acres) bears testimony to this fact. The city of Galle is one of the most well preserved colonial-era cities in Southeast Asia and has been declared a 'World Heritage Site'. The Dutch museum and the Dutch church are two famous tourist attractions within the Galle Fort. After lunch, we enjoy a leisurely walking tour through the cobbled stone pathways of the Galle Fort, which is an UNESCO World Heritage Site. The scenery illustrates the interaction of European architecture and South Asian traditions from the 16th to the 19th centuries. We now head along the coast to Ahungalla, passing the **Tsunami Monument** just after Hikkaduwa town. On the 26th of December 2004, the tsunami hit different countries across the Indian Ocean including Sri Lanka. We share stories of this devastating event and remember those who died in this tragedy. To set foot in this area is quite surreal as we hear of the many tales of survival. We now check into our next two night's beautiful accommodation located right on the beach.

OVERNIGHT: Heritance Ahungalla, AHUNGALLA ★★★★★

This morning we visit a Turtle Hatchery where eggs are kept safe from predators and released after hatching for a better chance of survival. Sri Lanka has five breeds of turtles calling it home and we are shown the various stages of natural incubation, hatching, feeding and releasing. This will be a thoroughly enlightening experience! The rest of the afternoon is free to enjoy a swim in the pool, a walk along the beach or perhaps, make the most of the spa and book a treatment.

Lunch at own expense and arrangement

OVERNIGHT: Heritance Ahungalla, AHUNGALLA ★★★★★



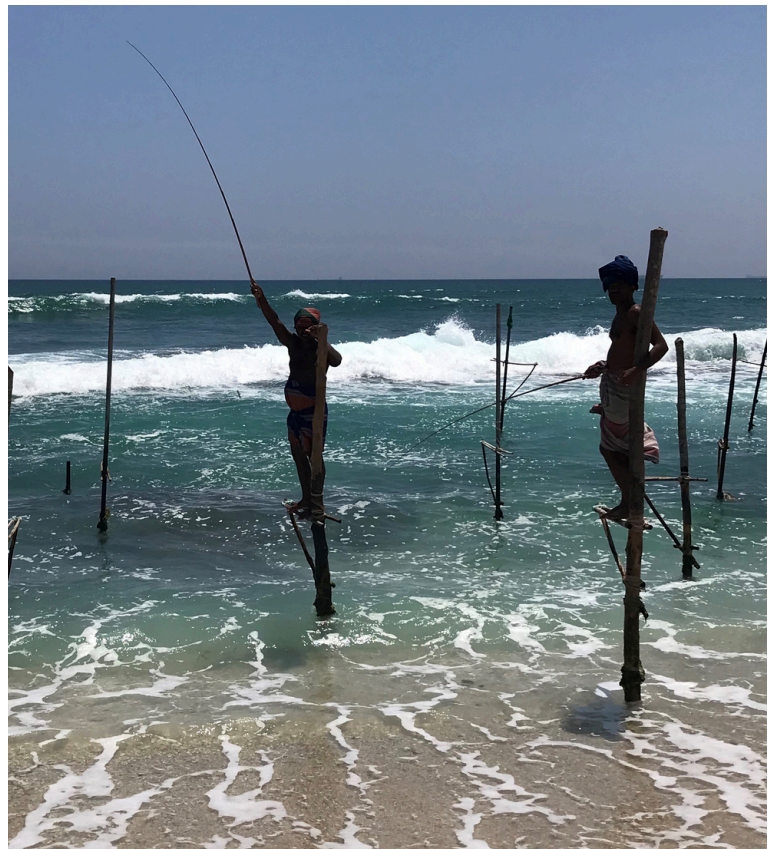
Our last day in Sri Lanka so we're going to make the most of it! Today's travels see us head straight to the bustling city of **Colombo**. Here, we embark on a sight-seeing tour of this port city which has a rich colonial heritage with a potpourri of races, religions and cultures. With these diversities comes understanding and tolerance – being one of the stand-out features of its people and consequently the whole country. We will see Colombo is a colourful place with a diverse range of new buildings, old Colonial buildings and street markets. Our tour ends with lunch. We have day use of the beautiful **Cinnamon Grand Hotel** so this afternoon, there is free time to enjoy the hotel facilities, including the beautiful swimming pool or some last minute shopping in the mall next door, or simply relax in our rooms. We have use of our rooms until late afternoon. We enjoy our **farewell dinner** together before our transfer to the airport.

Full day use of hotel - Cinnamon Grand, Colombo / Refreshments and meals inflight

OVERNIGHT: Inflight

After our return flight we arrive back in **Melbourne**. Once we have completed Customs and Immigration, our chauffeurs will be waiting for us in the arrival lounge. We're sure you will arrive home with a sense of well-being, appreciation and an absolute love for **Sri Lanka**.

Inflight Meals



PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION POLICY

Receipt of payment of funds will be taken as acceptance of O'Shannessy's Quality Tours conditions of travel for this tour. Prices include GST and all taxes. Deposit is fully refundable until **101 days** prior to departure date. Balance due on invoice.

Cancellation within **100 days** of tour departure date: **No refund**

Cancellation **on or after** tour departure date: **No refund**

If a tour is cancelled for any reason by O'Shannessy's Quality Tours before the departure date, all passengers will be offered the option of transferring to another tour of their choice, hold the funds in trust for a future tour or a full refund. There is no time limit as to when this must be used. If a lockdown is implemented while a tour is in progress, our first priority is the safety and wellbeing of our passengers and ensuring that we get each and every one of them home safely, and therefore we treat every situation individually. The Australian Government (see www.smarttraveller.gov.au) recommends all travellers no matter where you are going, obtain comprehensive travel insurance from a reputable provider. It may enable you to claim back the cost of your tour if you are unable to travel or have to cancel at late notice. Always read the PDS provided, to ensure the cover meets all of your needs. We are able to provide travel insurance through Nib Insurance.

If you would like a quote for travel insurance, please call our office on 1800 354 352.

CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL

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Christmas in July on the Murray Princess - July 2027

Cape York Adventure - August 2027

South African Adventure - September 2027

Norfolk Island in Spring - October 2027

Discover Tasmania in Spring - November 2027

Travelling with like-minded, mature aged travellers means you'll experience a casual and relaxed atmosphere, where fellow travellers become new-found friends.

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