

**05 NIGHTS / 06 DAYS**  
**COLOMBO/ KANDY/ NUWARA ELIYA / BENTOTA**

## **Tour Itinerary**

### **ABOUT SRI LANKA**

Sri Lanka is a lush, tropical island paradise, known to Arab traders as Serendib – hence "serendipity", meaning discovery by happy accident. Set in the Indian Ocean in South Asia, the tropical island nation of Sri Lanka has a history dating back to the birth of time. It is a place where the original soul of Buddhism still flourishes and where nature's beauty remains abundant and un-spoilt. There are 8 world Heritage sites in Sri Lanka. The 3 ancient and magnificent cities of Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa and Sigiriya were inscribed in the UNESCO World Heritage list in 1982 followed by Galle, Kandy, and the Sinharaja Forest Reserve in 1988. The Golden Temple of Dambulla in 1991 and finally the Central highlands were added in 2010. These places of historical and natural significance are not to be missed for any visitor to Sri Lanka. Being an ancient kingdom, Sri Lanka has preserved its most precious treasures, its culture and tradition. An integral part of this is its cuisine. Sri Lankan cuisine has many influences from varied destinations such as North and South India, Persia, Malaysia, Holland, and Portugal. Rice, which is usually consumed daily, can be found

at any special occasion, while spicy curries are a favorite dish for lunch and dinner. Fish curry is a particular specialty. Having a history marked by four centuries of colonial rule, all three in such proximity. Sri Lanka is ranked amongst the world's best biodiversity hot spots. As a country with a high rate of endemism, it has many groups of animals including birds, mammal, reptiles, and amphibians which cannot be found anywhere in the world. With over 12 per cent of the country designated for wildlife country still manages to safeguard remnants from the past in their original grandeur. Some of the more renowned historic sites are the Galle Fort built originally by the Portuguese, Colombo Harbor, and the ancient city of Polonnaruwa all confirm Sri Lanka's ancient and colorful past. The rock temple of the Buddha, Gal Vihara is one of the finest examples of the religious heritage. Temples play an important part in everyday life and a visit to one should be a must for all visitors. Sri Lanka's wildlife is as varied as the island itself, ranging from elephants and leopards to Whales – it is the only place in the world to find.



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**DAY 01 - AIRPORT / COLOMBO**

“Ayubowan” On arrival at the International Airport, you will be blessed to get your first taste of warm Sri Lankan hospitality; Representative or the guide from Exciting Travel Holidays will welcome you at the Airport & transfer clients to Colombo.....

**(Approximately 1 hrs. journey (40 km) from Airport to Colombo)**

Evening relaxes at the hotel.

Dinner and overnight stay at Colombo.

**DAY 02 - COLOMBO**

Breakfast at the hotel.

City tour at Colombo.

Colombo was probably known to Roman, Arab, and Chinese traders more than 2,000 years ago. Muslims settled there in the 8th century and controlled much of the trade between Sinhalese kingdoms and the outside world. The Portuguese arrived in the 16th century and built a fort to protect their spice trade. The Dutch captured the city in the 17th century. The British made the city the capital of their crown colony of Ceylon in 1802

Sightseeing highlights include the

Colombo National and Dutch period museums, old and new parliament houses, Gangarama Buddhist Temple, Town Hall, and the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall. Apart from excellent shopping, Colombo offers visits to one of the world's leading tea auctions, an 18-hole Golf Course, seasonal Buddhist and Hindu pageants, international cricket tournaments, plush casinos, enjoyable evening entertainment and excellent restaurants. State-of-the-Art communications and Cyber services are available in the hotels and other outlets.

Dinner and overnight stay at Colombo.



### **DAY 03 - COLOMBO / PINNAWALA / KANDY**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Proceed to Kandy via Pinnawala

**(Approximately 5 hrs. journey (160 km) from Colombo to Kandy via Pinnawala)**

On the way visit **PINNAWELA ELEPHANT ORPHANAGE**- Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage – set amongst the verdant hills of Kegalle is a unique orphanage, where the tiny tots weigh 60 kg or more. This is the Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage, the world's first and only elephant orphanage established to feed, nurse and house young elephants lost or abandoned by their mothers. Other occupants are elephants displaced from their natural environs by development projects or those found wounded. Visitors could see the baby elephants being fed milk from gigantic feeding bottles or bathed in the river which flows nearby – an unforgettable sight! Established in 1975, by the Wildlife Department and National Zoological gardens which subsequently led to a breeding programme through which more than twenty-five elephants have been born since 1984.



Proceed to Kandy.

Later afternoons proceed to visit Kandy Temple of the Tooth Relic

DALADA MALIGAWA or the Temple of the sacred Tooth Relic in Kandy is the most venerated place of worship for Buddhists throughout the world. Built in the 16th century this temple houses the sacred Tooth Relic of the Buddha brought to Sri Lanka from the Kalinga province in ancient India in the 4th century AD. Several buildings have been added to the temple complex by successive rulers, the latest being the Golden Canopy over the inner shrine where the Tooth Relic is placed. Originally the Temple was within the King's palace complex as it was the symbol of Royal Authority.



Dinner and overnight stay at Kandy.

## **DAY 04 – KANDY / NUWARA ELIYA**

Breakfast at the hotel

After visit Peradeniya Botanical gardens

ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS - at Peradeniya (109 km. from Colombo) near Kandy was laid out in 1821 by the British colonial rulers. Prior to that it was the Royal Pleasure Garden of the Kandyan Kings. It is in a beautiful setting with the longest river of Sri Lanka, Mahaveli bordering on one side. This attractively laid out garden displays many varieties of floral and green plants. Special features are the Orchid House which displays a fine collection of Sri Lankan orchids, the fernery, spice garden, and the trees planted by distinguished visitors to the Island



Transfer to Nuwara Eliya.

**(Approximately 3 hrs journey (80 km) from Kandy to Nuwara Eliya)**

On the way visit Ramboda Falls

It is 109 meters high and is the 11th highest waterfall in Sri Lanka. It is the 729th highest waterfall in the world. This is also known as “Puna Ella”. It is formed by a tributary on the Kotmale River, namely Panna Oya. Ramboda Falls is situated at an altitude of 945 m above sea level. Ramboda Falls is a spectacular tiered type of waterfall which falls into a large basin pool. This natural pool is a popular area for swimming. Ramboda Falls stands among some of the top most beautiful waterfalls of Sri Lanka. The waterfall is surrounded by amazing landscapes which consist of hills, highlands, plains and ridges.



Proceed to Nuwara Eliya.

Dinner and overnight stay at Nuwara Eliya

## **DAY 05 – NUWARA ELIYA / BENTOTA**

Breakfast at the hotel

City tour at Nuwara Eliya

Nuwara Eliya is nicknamed “Little England” because It was established by the British in the 1840s as a base for the colonialists and still retains some of the British quirks.

Visit the iconic Nuwara Eliya Golf Club, one of the oldest golf clubs in Asia from outside. Also visit one of Sri Lankas oldest post offices. A typical Tudor styled colonial building that stands proud with its red brick exterior. Then visit traditional colonial buildings that reflect the British influence during their colonial years. Such buildings would be the HNB Bank, Nuwara Eliya Police Station, St. Xavier’s Church and Nuwara Eliya’s pride, the prestigious colonial masterpiece of the Grand Hotel with its gorgeous manicured lawns from outside. Then visit to the Nuwara Eliya Race Course, another colonial beauty stemming from the British era. Then visit Lake Gregory, a man made marvel of colonial days. It was initially built for the purpose of electricity and is now used for recreation and leisure. This beautiful lake is surrounded by breathtaking views of mountains in the distance.



Later afternoons proceed to Bentota.

**(Approximately 6 hrs. journey (210km) from Nuwara Eliya to Bentota )**

Evening relaxes at the hotel.

Dinner and overnight stay at Bentota

## **DAY 06 – BENTOTA / AIRPORT**

Breakfast at the hotel

This is the last day of your tour; Clients proceed to the Colombo International Airport from where you can board the flight for your onward destination..

**(Approximately 1 ½ hrs journey (60 km) from Bentota to Airport)**

-----End of tour-----

**Hotel Used : 03 Star**

<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Hotels</u></b>	<b><u>Nights</u></b>
Colombo	Global Towers	02 Nights
Kandy	Oak ray Serene Garden	01 Night
Nuwara Eliya	Oak ray Summer Hill Breeze	01 Night
Bentota	Joes Bentota	01 Night

**Rates : Sharing TWIN / DBL room**

02 pax	USD 420 /- Per Person
04 pax	USD 364 /- Per Person
06 pax	USD 345 /- Per Person
08 pax	USD 332 /- Per Person

**Hotel Used : 04 Star**

<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Hotels</u></b>	<b><u>Nights</u></b>
Colombo	Zmax Fairway	02 Nights
Kandy	Amaya Hills	01 Night
Nuwara Eliya	Araliya Red	01 Night
Bentota	The Palms	01 Night

**Rates : Sharing TWIN / DBL room**

02 pax	USD 460 /- Per Person
04 pax	USD 405 /- Per Person
06 pax	USD 385 /- Per Person
08 pax	USD 372 /- Per Person

### **Hotel Used: 05 Star**

<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Hotels</u></b>	<b><u>Nights</u></b>
<b>Colombo</b>	<b>Movenpick</b>	<b>02 Nights</b>
<b>Kandy</b>	<b>Cinnamon Citadel</b>	<b>01 Night</b>
<b>Nuwara Eliya</b>	<b>Araliya Green Hills</b>	<b>01 Night</b>
<b>Bentota</b>	<b>Cinnamon Bey</b>	<b>01 Night</b>

### **Rates: Sharing TWIN / DBL room**

<b>02 pax</b>	<b>USD 503 /- Per Person</b>
<b>04 pax</b>	<b>USD 449 /- Per Person</b>
<b>06 pax</b>	<b>USD 428 /- Per Person</b>
<b>08 pax</b>	<b>USD 414 /- Per Person</b>

*\*The above rates are valid for fully vaccinated clients with both doses, 14 days prior to arrival to Sri Lanka*

**\* The above rates are valid upto 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021 and from 10<sup>th</sup> January to 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

### **Entrance Fees Supplements (not added to the cost& subject to change)**

✓ Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage	-	USD 15 Per Person
✓ Kandy Temple	-	USD 15 Per Person
✓ Peradeniya Botanical Garden	-	USD 15 Per Person
✓ Lake Gregory	-	USD 05 Per Person
✓ Victoria park	-	USD 05 Per Person
✓ Hakgalla Botanical Garden	-	USD 15 Per Person

### **Tour Price Inclusive of**

- Accommodation in shared TWIN / DBL standard rooms with private bathrooms
- Meals are as stated in the program inclusive of H/B basis
- Transfers and tours in air-conditioned vehicles.
- Services of English-speaking chauffeur
- Meeting and Greeting at Airport

### **Additional Notes**

- In case the clients want an additional PCR to be done before the departure, there will be an additional charge of USD 40 per person & the transfer charges from the hospital to the hotel will also be extra)

### **Tour Price Excludes**

- International airfare to / from Sri Lanka (quoted separately, if requested)
- Visas USD 30 p.p (or eta.gov.lk)
- Lunch
- Entrance Fees
- Covid 19 insurance USD 12 p.p
- PCR test USD 40 p.p
- Optional tours
- Personal expenditure, such as drinks, souvenirs, laundry, camera fees, communications, postage, gratuities etc.
- Compulsory gala dinners during festive seasons and peak season surcharges which will be advised at the time of booking.
- Early check-in and late check-out at hotels, if not mentioned in the program
- Bank charges for T/T (USD 30) or C/C (3.6%)

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

- ROOMS WILL BE PROVIDED ON AVAILABILITY AT THE TIME OF CONFIRMATION.
- IF ABOVE MENTIONED HOTELS ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF CONFIRMATION A SIMILAR CATEGORY HOTEL WILL BE PROVIDED FROM THE SAME AREA WITH PRIOR NOTIFICATIONS.
- ALL RATES ARE IN US\$ & SUBJECT TO CHANGE IF CHANGES APPLY FROM HOTEL
- Check in 14.00 hrs and check out 11.00 hrs from hotels
- The consumption of alcohol during “Poya Days and religious holidays” at bars, clubs and other public areas of the hotel and operation of similar forms of entertainment establishments is prohibited by law in Sri Lanka. It is recommended that clients contact the reception to obtain their respective formalities during their holiday.
- Please note that the transfer duration if mentioned is an approximate only. Transfer durations are subject to change due to weather, traffic, road conditions, according to the chosen route, or issues beyond our control.
- Management will not be responsible for any belongings that are lost or stolen or damaged during the tour.
- The guests should carry their passports and covid vaccination cards with them at all times.