

07 NIGHTS / 08 DAYS

KANDY/ NUWARA ELIYA/ YALA/ GALLE/ COLOMBO

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 / KANDY

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

(Approximately 3 hrs journey (110 km) from Airport to Kandy)

Proceed to Kandy.

On the way visit Pinnawala 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.



Evening relaxes at the hotel.

Dinner and overnight stay at Kandy.

DAY 02 - KANDY

Breakfast at the hotel

Visits to the 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



After visit to the ROYAL 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 located 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.



Dinner and overnight stay at Kandy.

DAY 03 - KANDY / NUWARA ELIYA

Breakfast at the hotel

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 in to 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.

Later afternoon 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.



Dinner and overnight stay at Nuwara Eliya.

DAY 04 - NUWARA ELIYA / YALA

Breakfast at the hotel

Proceed to Yala.

(Approximately 4 hrs. journey (170 km) from Nuwara Eliya to Yala)

Evening relaxes at the hotel

Dinner and overnight stay at Yala.

DAY 05 - YALA / GALLE

Early morning Safari at Yala National Park

Also known as Ruhuna is an important national park on the south east coast of Sri Lanka. The reserve covers 979 km², although only the original 141 km² are open to the public. Much of the reserve is parkland, but it also contains jungle, beaches, freshwater lakes and rivers and scrubland. The latter zone is punctuated with enormous rocky outcrops. The range of habitats gives rise to a good range of wildlife.



Yala has the world's highest concentration of Leopards, although seeing this largely nocturnal carnivore still requires some luck. There are good numbers of Asian Elephants, crocodile, Wild Boar, Water Buffalo and Grey langurs amongst other large animals. The open parkland attracts birds of prey such as White-bellied Sea Eagle and the wetlands have waders, Painted Storks, and the rare Black-necked Stork.

Having a high concentration of leopards, Yala National Park in Sri Lanka is one of the best places in the world to spot them. This is the best place to catch leopards and other animals.

Later afternoons proceed to Galle

(Approximately 2 ½ hrs. journey (170 km) from Yala to Galle)

Evening relaxes at the hotel

Dinner and overnight stay at Galle.

DAY 06 - GALLE / MIRISSA / GALLE

Early morning leave for Mirissa Whale Watching

Clients must be at Mirissa around 6.00 am

Whale and dolphin watching in Mirissa is one of the most exciting water activities you can do in Sri Lanka during your holiday. Mirissa is the best place to start your whale and dolphin watching tour in Sri Lanka. In warm Indian ocean you can see Blue whales, Bryde's whales, Sperm whales, Fin whales, sometimes Killer whales, and Common dolphins, Bottlenose dolphins, Spinner dolphins, Risso's dolphins

and Striped dolphins. Sometimes you can see turtles and various fish species, for example Blue fin tuna and flying fish.

Proceed to the hotel again

Later afternoon city tour at Galle

Sightseeing included the Galle Fort, Galle International Cricket Stadium, Galle Lighthouse, the National Maritime Museum, the Dutch Reformed Church, etc.

Galle Fort was built in the late 1500s by the Portuguese, later fortified by the Dutch and is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Walk along the ramparts and take in panoramic views of the fort, harbor and crystal clear waters below. Meet descendants from the original merchant families. Experience the island's fascinating boutiques and museums with colonial antiques to modern bistros and bars.

Evening relaxes at the hotel

Dinner and overnight stay at Galle.



DAY 07 – GALLE / COLOMBO

Breakfast at the hotel

Proceed to Colombo.

(Approximately 02 hrs. journey (130 km) from Galle to Colombo)

Leave for 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 08 – COLOMBO/ 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 hrs. journey (40 km) from Colombo to Airport)

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

Hotel Used: 03 Star

<u>Location</u>	<u>Hotels</u>	<u>Nights</u>
Kandy	Oak ray Serene Garden	02 Nights
Nuwara Eliya	Oak ray Summer Hill Breeze	01 Night
Yala	Thaulle Resort	01 Night
Galle	Insight Resort	02 Nights
Colombo	Global Towers	01 Night

Rates: Sharing TWIN / DBL room

02 pax	USD 555 /- Per Person
04 pax	USD 483 /- Per Person
06 pax	USD 458 /- Per Person
08 pax	USD 441 /- Per Person

Hotel Used: 04 Star

<u>Location</u>	<u>Hotels</u>	<u>Nights</u>
Kandy	Amaya Hills	02 Nights
Nuwara Eliya	Araliya Red	01 Night
Yala	Hotel Charya	01 Night
Galle	Fairway Sunset Galle	02 Nights
Colombo	Zmax Fairway	01 Night

Rates: Sharing TWIN / DBL room

02 pax	USD 598 /- Per Person
04 pax	USD 527 /- Per Person
06 pax	USD 501 /- Per Person
08 pax	USD 484 /- Per Person

Hotel Used : 05 Star

<u>Location</u>	<u>Hotels</u>	<u>Nights</u>
Kandy	Cinnamon Citadel	02 Nights
Nuwara Eliya	Araliya Green Hills	01 Night
Yala	Cinnamon Wild	01 Night
Galle	Amari Galle	02 Nights
Colombo	Movenpick	01 Night

Rates : Sharing TWIN / DBL room

02 pax	USD 775 /- Per Person
04 pax	USD 703 /- Per Person
06 pax	USD 678 /- Per Person
08 pax	USD 660 /- Per Person

**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 20th December 2021 and from 10th January to 30th March 2022**

Entrance Fees (not added to the cost and 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
✓ Mirissa Whale watching	-	USD 50 Per Person
✓ Madu river boat ride	-	USD 26 per boat
✓ Galle museum	-	USD 5 Per person
✓ Turtle Hatchery	-	USD 05 Per Person
✓ Stilt fisherman	-	USD 5 per person
✓ Yala National park	-	USD 40 per person (entrance + jeep)

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.