

A journey of rich beauty.

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SRI LANKA | 8DAYS / 7NIGHTS

Route: From and to Colombo

Type of tour: Culture, nature, safari

TOUR OVERVIEW

Set in the turquoise waters of the Indian Ocean, Sri Lanka is known by a number of names all combined to create one word that says it all – paradise. Rich in beauty and heritage, a unique feature of Sri Lanka is that within a few hours of travelling, one gets to experience a delightful geographical contrast. Guests will have the chance to visit the famous cities of cultural interest such as Anuradhapura, Dambulla and Kandy, along with the fast developing commercial city of Colombo. As opposed to Colombo, Anuradhapura is a place of historical and archaeological interest, protected by UNESCO. Dambulla is home to the largest and best preserved cave temple in Sri Lanka. The immersion in the traditions and legends of the country will culminate in Kandy and its Temple of the Tooth Relic. Finally, the tour ends with Yala, the famous national park where visitors will be able to see leopards, wild elephants, boar, buffalo, bear, deer, peacock, migratory birds and crocodiles. From tropical beaches to breathtaking hillsides, through beautiful plains and lush green forests, a journey through Sri Lanka is full of pleasant changes and remarkable scenery.

DAY BY DAY

DAY 1 | ARRIVAL COLOMBO

Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel in Colombo.

- **Overnight stay in hotel in Colombo. Dinner included.**

DAY 2 | COLOMBO - PINNAWALA - ANURADHAPURA - DAMBULLA

Breakfast at the hotel. The tour begins to Anuradhapura via Pinnawala, visiting the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage. The elephant orphanage at Pinnawala is home to over 80 Asian elephants (out of which some are baby elephants) found abandoned or orphaned in the wild. They are cared for, fed and trained by the wildlife authority. The visit allows the guests to accompany the elephants to a river to see them having their daily baths. The tour continues on to the UNESCO World Heritage Site, Anuradhapura to visit many historical and archaeological places of interest.

- **Overnight stay in Dambulla on a half-board basis.**

DAY 3 | DAMBULLA - POLONNARUWA - SIGIRIYA - DAMBULLA

After breakfast at hotel, start with a visit to Polonnaruwa, which was the second capital city of Sri Lanka and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Here you visit the ruins of the Royal Palace and the Gal Viharaya where you can see the four splendid statues of Buddha carved out of rock. Then the tour will continue to Sigiriya to climb the 5th-century Sigiriya rock fortress, a UNESCO World Heritage Site built by King Kashyapa from 477-495 AD.

- **Overnight stay in Dambulla on a half-board basis.**

DAY 4 | DAMBULLA - MATALE - KANDY

First breakfast at the hotel, then the tour will begin to Kandy via Dambulla where a visit to the Dambulla Rock Temple and the most impressive of the Sri Lankan cave temples will be arranged. The tour will head onward to a spice garden in Matale and then on to Kandy to visit the Temple of the Tooth Relic. The day tour will end in Kandy with an evening cultural show and dinner.

- **Overnight stay in Kandy on a half-board basis.**

DAY 5 | KANDY - PERADENIYA - NUWARA ELIYA

Breakfast at the hotel and a tour to Nuwara Eliya via Peradeniya. The Royal Botanical Garden, Peradeniya was first built as a pleasure garden by a Sinhala king and was later expanded by the British. En route to Nuwara Eliya, we will stop at a tea plantation and tea factory. Thereafter proceed to Nuwara Eliya which is Sri Lanka's most popular hill resort and the heart of Sri Lanka's tea country, producing a significant share of the world's best tea.

- **Overnight stay in Nuwara Eliya on a half-board basis.**



DAY 6 | NUWARA ELIYA - YALA

Breakfast at the hotel and then on to Yala. In the afternoon, there will be a safari tour to Yala National Park by Jeep. Here you may see wild leopards, elephants, sloth bears and a plethora of birdlife.

- **Overnight stay in Yala on a half-board basis.**

DAY 7 | YALA - GALLE

Breakfast at the hotel before a visit to Galle. Here will be a tour of the UNESCO World Heritage Site, Galle Fort. Galle Fort was originally built by the Portuguese and later extended by the Dutch. After the visit to the fort, the tour will depart to the beach and then an evening transfer to Colombo.

- **Overnight stay in Colombo on a half-board basis.**

DAY 8 | DEPARTURE COLOMBO

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure to the airport.

END OF SERVICES

INCLUDED

TOUR GUIDE:

- Local guides, English-speaking

ACCOMMODATION:

- Six nights accommodation in hotels of chosen category

MEALS:

- Meals included on a half-board basis at selected hotels

ENTRANCE FEES AND ACTIVITIES:

- All entrances as mentioned

TRANSPORT:

- In A/C vehicle and visit to the Yala National Park by basic Jeep

NOT INCLUDED

- Tips
- Visa fees
- Personal expenses
- Meals and drinks - Lunch, breakfast on day 1 and dinner on day 8 and any meals not listed
- Permits - Video camera and still camera permits throughout the tour.
- Flights - Arrival and departure