

6 Days Culture & Wild Sri Lanka

Day	Date	Program
1	Aug-19 to Apr 20	Arrival Transfer to Habarana via visit to Millennium Elephant Foundation & Dambulla Cave Temple
2	Aug-19 to Apr 20	Morning sightseeing at Anuradhapura & evening do the Minneriya Jeep Safari
3	Aug-19 to Apr 20	Morning visit to Sigiriya Rock & transfer to Kandy for sightseeing via Matale
4	Aug-19 to Apr 20	Transfer to Nuwara Eliya by Train & evening sightseeing Tour of Nuwara Eliya
5	Aug-19 to Apr 20	Transfer to Colombo for sightseeing & shopping tour via Kitulgala white water Rafting
6	Aug-19 to Apr 20	Transfer to Airport for Departure transfer

D1 | COLOMBO AIRPORT - MILLENNIUM ELEPHANT FOUNDATION & DAMBULLA CAVE TEMPLE

Arrival at the Colombo International Airport, meeting and assistance by Local staff. Then, transfer to Habarana via Pinnawala.

Millennium Elephant Foundation

The Millennium Elephant Foundation looks after elephants for their owners, and are an organization that have been working continually since their inception to improve the care, protection and treatment of captive elephants in Sri Lanka. The island has a historical cultural connection with elephants which dates back many years, and the ownership of these magnificent creatures - and their use in religious ceremonies and processions - is common practice across Sri Lanka. There are many organizations in the country which 'rescue' elephants which are privately owned and give them a home when they are old, sick or badly injured, including the Millennium Elephant Foundation, who provide not only a place of sanctuary but also medical services and the necessary facilities to look after the elephants properly.

Transfer to Habarana and evening afternoon visit to Dambulla.

Dambulla - The Golden Cave Temple

At the heart of the cultural triangle lies Dambulla known for its famous Golden Rock Temple, a most impressive cave monastery and one of the largest in South Asia. Of the 157 Buddha statues found in the five dimly lit grottos, 73 were gold plated at the behest of King Nissanka Malla, the 12-century monarch. Its walls decorated with some of the finest murals in the country are a showcase of sacred Buddhist art at its finest. A sacred pilgrimage site for nearly 22 centuries, it has been declared a world heritage site and its spectacular setting overlooking the surrounding is truly awe-inspiring.

Check-in to your hotel for a relaxing evening.

D2 | ANURADHAPURA SIGHTSEEING AND MINNERIYA JEEP SAFARI

After breakfast, set out to Anuradhapura.

Anuradhapura

Anuradhapura (UNESCO World Heritage site), possibly the most celebrated ancient capital and the first kingdom of Sri Lanka that dates back from 4th century BC to the 1st century AD flourished for nearly 1500 years BC. Anuradhapura is most notable for its Hydraulic Technology. Though it stands in ruins today, the ultimate structures still stand tall. Second only to the pyramids in Giza, the dagobas, are an amazing work of architecture in honor of Buddhism. The sacred Sri Maha Bodhi Tree in Anuradhapura (related to Lord Buddha attaining enlightenment) is the oldest recorded tree in the world (2,250 years).

The Anuradhapura Archeological Museum, the Abhayagiri and the Jetavanarama Museums, the Ruwanwelisaya are worth a visit.

Return to Habarana before setting out to Minneriya.

Minneriya National Park

Minneriya National Park offers something of a change of scenery from anyone suffering from ruin fatigue. Set amidst a beautiful landscape of open country, the terrain is a mixture of scrub and forest surrounding an ancient tank, and a short distance from Habarana. Rated, as the World's 6th greatest wildlife spectacle by Lonely Planet, "The Gathering", the largest meeting of Asian elephants anywhere in the world is the principle attraction at Minneriya, which provides the opportunity to witness elephants gathered in greater numbers than anywhere else in Sri Lanka, often in herds of over 100.

They are most numbered from July to October peaking in August and September. Other mammals found in the park include a small number of leopard, sloth bear, sambar, spotted deer and macaque and purple-faced langur monkeys. The park boasts an enormous variety of bird life too.

Return to hotel a relaxing evening

D3 | SIGIRIYA ROK FORTRESS, MATALE SPICE GARDEN AND KANDY SIGHTSEEING

Its an early start to the day with a visit to Sigiriya before setting off to the highlands.

Sigiriya (UNESCO World Heritage site)

The shortest lived but the most extraordinary of all Sri Lanka's medieval capitals, declared a world heritage site, this ancient ruin was once the Capital of King Kasapa¹. A lover of beauty, he ruled Sigiriya for 18 years, transforming the surroundings of his historical palace into a thing of beauty. Only 19 of the original 500 immortal frescoes, representing celestial maidens remain today. Its extensive network of beautifully laid out gardens; reservoirs and other structures including its unique plumbing system stand witness to the grandeur of its architecture, during its day.

It can be a hard 200m climb to the top, but once there, the view is magnificent.

Transfer to Kandy via Matale.

Matale

Matale is a major town, bordering the knuckles mountain range and is located in a region famous for its spices.

It is a mainly agricultural area, where tea, rubber, vegetable and spice cultivation dominate. Spices pervade the air of this broad fertile valley at an elevation of 300 m.

A quick visit will give an introduction to the island's spices, their role in Sri Lanka's traditional cuisine and their medicinal properties.

Continue to Kandy.

Kandy

Kandy (UNESCO World Heritage site), is the Hill Capital of Sri Lanka, locally referred to as "Nuwara" meaning The Great City, the most scenic ancient city in the country and the only one that borders a natural reserve - the Udawatte Kele famous for its avifauna.

Nestled in the highlands, not only does its rich historical significance make "Nuwara" a popular tourist destination, but also the many shops displaying precious and semi-precious stones, skillfully crafted jewelry, handicrafts, colorful batiks and silks, and local food add unforgettable flavor to this beautiful city.

Temple of the Tooth

Sri Dalada Maligawa as its known locally or The Temple of the Tooth is one of the most sacred & famous Buddhist sites, not just in Sri Lanka but also in the religion worldwide.

The spectacular 17th century temple took nearly a hundred years to construct from 1687 to 1782 and houses the sacred tooth relic of Lord Buddha. Rituals are performed daily at 04:30, 10:30 and 6:30 p.m. The sacred square and old city centre within the temple complex contain the four shrines of the Gods Vishnu, Natha, Kataragama and the Goddess Pattini and many historical buildings and museums.

The temple is host to one of Asia's most celebrated festivals, The "Esala" procession, held during the month of July/August around the Full Moon. The casket of the tooth relic is paraded through the streets on the back of a tusked elephant in a grand procession followed by several traditional dancers, drummers and torch bearers accompanied by over a hundred beautifully costumed elephants.

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D4 | TRAIN TO NUWARA ELIYA AND SIGHTSEEING TOUR

After breakfast, set out to Nuwara Eliya by Train.

Nuwara Eliya

Perched high up in the hills, nearly a mile above sea level, Nuwara Eliya sits like a sentinel overlooking tea country on all sides. A replica of English country towns with their lush greenery and profusion of gorgeous flora, Nuwara Eliya is touted as "Little England" with its Victorian houses, a colourful park, a golf course, Lake Gregory, a racecourse and Hakkala Botanical Gardens. A number of hotels including colonial structures like the Hill Club and the Grand Hotel which lives up to its name to this day, a uniquely converted tea factory hotel, with amazing attention to detail built among tea gardens only hours away from the town.

The climate is cool throughout the year with an annual average temperature of a chilly 15.9C and nearly 2,000 mm of rain, alternated by days of bright sunshine.

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D5 | KITHULGALA WHITE WATER RAFTING & COLOMBO SIGHTSEEING TOUR

After breakfast set out to Colombo via Kitulgala.

Kitulgala

Made popular for its white water rafting in recent times, Kitulgala is on the banks of the Kelani River originating from the Adam's Peak mountain range. The stretch for rafting will take about an hour and a half to complete and extends for approximately 6.5 kilometers. Surrounded by pristine forest-covered hills and the picturesque Kelani River that were beautifully captured by David Lean in the classic Oscar award winning film 'The Bridge on the River Kwai'. The memorable final scene captures the moment when the bridge is blown up.

Some of the attractions in the area include exotic rainforest walks scattered with beautiful streams and waterfalls, stream slides, canyoning, waterfall abseiling, mountain biking, exploration of the Belilena caves, bird watching & river expeditions.

Continue to Colombo.

Colombo

A cosmopolitan city boasting fine dining restaurants, trendy boutiques and a history which vies many other large cities around the world has evolved to be the commercial hub of the island. The city's impressive commercial and cultural life grows apace and a heady mixture of Asian anarchy, colonial charm and modern progress defines its character. Showily opulent and shiny office blocks rub shoulders with tumbledown local cafes and shops while serene Buddhist shrines and colonial churches stand cheek-by-jowl with ornate, colourful Hindu temples - all evidence of a rich mix of races and religions that has blossomed into this cosmopolitan city.

A rebuilt and revitalized Pettah, the more colonial styled Fort area, the renovated Dutch Hospital, the old parliament, the Independence Square, Beira Lake, the Nelum Pokuna theatre hall, the Victoria Park, now ablaze with lights are all elegant architectural landmarks, that the city can justly be proud of.

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D6 | DEPARTURE TRANSFER

After breakfast, set out the airport to board your flight for your onward journey.

End of Tour

Applicable Rates

STANDARD OPTION

Hotels Used - Habarana Village By Cinnamon or Similar
Oak Ray Regency Hotel or Similar
Lourdes Hotel By Jetwing or Similar
Mirage Colombo Hotel or Similar

AUG 01 – NOV 30

No of Pax	2 Pax	3-6 Pax	7-12 Pax	13-20 Pax	21-25 Pax	26-40 Pax	41-45 Pax
P P Sharing Double	685.00	625.00	595.00	555.00	540.00	535.00	420.00

Single Supplement	175.00
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DEC 01 – APR 30

No of Pax	2 Pax	3-6 Pax	7-12 Pax	13-20 Pax	21-25 Pax	26-40 Pax	41-45 Pax
Per Person Sharing Double	700.00	650.00	620.00	580.00	565.00	560.00	545.00

Single Supplement	190.00
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HOTEL PEAK PERIOD SUPPLEMENTS

Preferred Category	Hotel Supplement Charges - All Hotels			Per Person Supplement	
	Hotel Name	Effective Period / in USD / Per Room Per Night		24 DEC-19	31-DEC-19
Standard	Habarana Village by Cinnamon	21-DEC-19 to 29-FEB-20	116	120	130
		01-MAR-20 to 30-APR-20	107		
	Oakray Regency	15-DEC-19 to 20-JAN-20	30	35	35
	Lourdes Hotel	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Mirage Colombo	21-DEC-19 to 30-APR-20	15	30	40

SUPERIOR OPTION

Hotels Used - Cinnamon Lodge or Similar
Cinnamon Citadel or Similar
Araliya Green Hills or Similar
Ramada Colombo or Similar

AUG 01 – NOV 30

No of Pax	2 Pax	3-6 Pax	7-12 Pax	13-20 Pax	21-25 Pax	26-40 Pax	41-45 Pax
P P Sharing Double	790.00	730.00	700.00	660.00	645.00	640.00	625.00

Single Supplement	260.00
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DEC 01 – APR 30

No of Pax	2 Pax	3-6 Pax	7-12 Pax	13-20 Pax	21-25 Pax	26-40 Pax	41-45 Pax
Per Person Sharing Double	830.00	770.00	740.00	700.00	685.00	680.00	665.00

Single Supplement	375.00
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HOTEL PEAK PERIOD SUPPLEMENTS

Preferred Category	Hotel Supplement Charges - All Hotels			Per Person Supplement	
	Hotel Name	Effective Period / in USD / Per Room Per Night		24 DEC-19	31-DEC-19
Superior	Cinnamon Lodge	21-DEC-19 to 29-FEB-20	109	130	140
		01-MAR-20 to 30-APR-20	86		
	Cinnamon Citadel	21-DEC-19 to 29-FEB-20	146	120	130
		01-MAR-20 to 30-APR-20	126		
	Araliya Green Hills	NA	NA	70	70
	Ramada Colombo	NA	NA	45	50

The above rate is US\$ and based on 02 - 45 Pax

MODE OF TRANSPORT

1 - 2 Pax	-	CAR
3 - 6 Pax	-	MICRO VAN
7 - 12 Pax	-	MINI COACH
13 - 20 Pax	-	29 SEATER COACH
21 - 25 Pax	-	35 SEATER COACH
26 - 40 Pax	-	45 SEATER COACH
41 - 45 Pax	-	52 SEATER COACH

Includes

- ❖ Hotel Accommodation on the given basis at hotels mentioned or similar
- ❖ Transport for the entire tour including sightseeing
- ❖ Local government taxes
- ❖ Services of an English Speaking Guide throughout the entire tour
- ❖ Welcome Garlands & Mineral Water Bottles on Tour
- ❖ Meals: Dinner & Breakfast basis at Hotels (Half board Basis)
- ❖ Entrance fees to

Millennium Elephant Foundation
Anuradhapura Ancient city
Sigiriya Rock Fortress
Dambulla Cave Temples
Kandy Temple of the tooth
Kandy Cultural Dance Show
Tea Factory & Plantation Visit
Kitulgala White Water Rafting
Minneriya National Park with Jeep
Train Ride from Kandy to Nuwara Eliya (Bases on seat availability at the time of confirmation)

Does Not Include

- ❖ Tips and portorage
- ❖ Visas | Insurance | Flights | Airport Taxes | Camera & Video Permits At The Cultural Sites
- ❖ Expenses of a personal nature

- ❖ Any services not mentioned
- ❖ Lunch on Tour
- ❖ Breakfast on Day 1
- ❖ Dinner on Day 6
- ❖ Beverages - Alcoholic and Non Alcoholic

Notes

Significant fluctuation in the currency rates or taxes may affect final rate

If the given hotels are not available at the time of allocations, alternate properties of a similar or better standard will be provided

Quote is subject to room availability and price fluctuations prior to booking.

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