

5 Days Sri Lanka Tour - (Valid Till: 31 Apr 2020)

(Pinnawela - Sigiriya - Dambulla - Kandy - Peradeniya - Nuwara Eliya - Horton Plains - Kitulgala - Colombo)

Tour Highlights:

Pinnawela Elephant orphanage, Sigiriya Rock fortress, Dambulla Cave temple, Polonnaruwa, Minneriya National Park, Anuradhapura, Aukana Statue, Mihintale spice garden, Kandy, Peradeniya botanical garden, Colombo

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DAY 01 Airport – Pinnawela – Sigiriya

Arrive in Sri Lanka and you will be met by our representatives paging your name. Thereafter will proceed to the Car / Coach park to transfer you to Sigiriya.

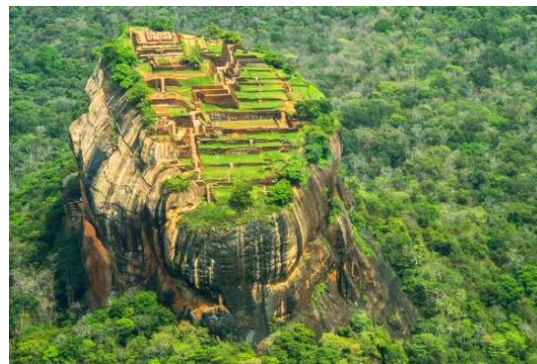
En route visit Pinawela Elephant orphanage.

Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage - App. 55 miles from Colombo, off the Colombo - Kandy road is Pinnawala, where an orphanage was started in 1975 to house the abandoned and the wounded elephants. The number of elephants has increased to more than 65 now; including Baby Elephants brought from various parts, as well as some of the more than 25 babies born, as a result of the captive breeding programme. The best time to visit is the feeding time from 0915-0945 hrs and 1415-1445 hrs and the bathing time from 1000-11.00 hrs and 1500-1600 hrs when all the elephants are taken to the river close by.



Evening visit Sigiriya rock fortress.

Sigiriya Rock Fortress - is a “UNESCO World Heritage Site” and the 5th Century “Fortress in the Sky” which is perhaps the most fantastic single wonder of the Island. It is also known as Lion Rock because of the huge lion that used to stand at the entrance to the Palace on the summit of the 600-foot high rock. On its summit are the foundations of the Royal Palace, Water Tanks to supply water and all other buildings and at the edges the guardhouses. On one of the stairways the only known ancient work of Sinhala secular painting survived in the form of Frescoes of 21 life sized damsels still shining in their original colours.



The Water Gardens, Fountain Garden, Summerhouses, Boulder Gardens and the Caves within the enclosed area should not be missed.

Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel

3*: King fisher Lodge

DAY 02 Sigiriya – Dambulla – Kandy

After breakfast proceed to Kandy en route visiting Dambulla Cave Temples, Batik Factory and a spice Garden in Matale.

Dambulla Cave Temples is a vast isolated rock mass 500 feet high and a mile around the base. Here is found the famous Rock Temple dating to the First Century B.C. The caves of Dambulla sheltered King Walagamba during his 14 years of exile from Anuradhapura. When he regained the throne he built the most magnificent of Rock Temples to be found in the Island.



In the first Cave is a recumbent image of the Buddha 47ft long cut out of the Rock. There are images of deities associated with Buddhism all around. The frescoes on the walls and the ceiling are the oldest here but they are over painted in the Kandy period.

In the Second Cave, the finest and the largest of all, there are 150 life-size statues of the Buddha in various postures with few statues of Gods and Kings. The ceiling is also covered with frescoes, which depict great events in the life of the Buddha and landmarks in the history of the Sinhalese people.

Afterwards visit a **Batik Factory** where you can see the manufacture of beautiful Batik prints. The shop contains a wide variety of Batik items.

A spice Garden, **Spice Garden at Matale** and see the luscious Cinnamons, Cardamoms, Pepper plants etc. You can also purchase your requirements of spices.

Evening commence short city tour of Kandy. Including Upper Lake Drive, Market Square, Temple of the Tooth Relic.

Kandy - the hill capital is another “World Heritage Site”. It was the last stronghold of the Sinhalese Kings during the Portuguese, Dutch and British rule and finally ceded to the British in 1815 after an agreement.

To the Buddhists of Sri Lanka and the World, Kandy is one of the most sacred sites as it is the home of the “Dalada Maligawa” - Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic of Lord Buddha.



Close by are the remains of the Royal Palace (“Maha Wasala”), “Palle Wasala” - where the Queens stayed-now used for the National Museum, “Meda Wasala” where other close relatives lived, Audience Hall, Natha Devala and Vishnu Devala are situated close by. The Bathing Pavilion (“Ulpenge”) is by the Lake and in the Center of the lake is the Island called “Kiri samudraya” (Milk white ocean) used by the kings as the summerhouse. Today it is the center of Buddhism, Arts, Crafts, Dancing, Music and Culture. Visitors can see these Dance & Music at the daily Cultural Performances held at several places in the city.

Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic - ever since 4th Century A.D, when the Buddha's Tooth was brought to Sri Lanka hidden from sacrilegious hands in an Orissan princess' hair, the Relic has grown in repute and holiness in Sri Lanka and throughout the Buddhist world. It is considered Sri Lanka's most prized possession.

Evening Witness a Kandyan Cultural Show.

Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel

3*: Kandyan Arts residencies

DAY 03 Kandy – Peradeniya – Nuwara Eliya

After breakfast visit Royal Botanical Gardens in Peradeniya and Gem Museum

Royal Botanical Garden - 147 acres in extent; Started in 1374 as a pleasure garden of the Kings of Gampola and Kandy. There are more than 4,000 species of trees, plants and creepers. Some rare and endemic as well as flora from the tropical world are found in the gardens. Spice Garden and Orchid House are popular with tourists.

There are 5 Palm Avenues beautifying the gardens, the earliest and tallest Palm Avenue (Royal Palm Avenue) was planted in 1905 and the Double Coconuts from the Seashells Island, with the largest seed of all plants in the world is one such avenue.

Thereafter proceed to Nuwara Eliya visiting a tea estate & factory en route.

Evening commence city tour in Nuwara Eliya,

Nuwara Eliya -The 'Little England' of Sri Lanka, is set against beautiful backdrops of Mountains, Valleys, Waterfalls and Tea Plantations. It is supposed to be one of the coolest places in the Island, but it is really just like an English spring day, although the temperature does drop at night. All around Nuwara Eliya you will see evidence of the British influence, houses like country cottages or Queen Ann style mansions.

The Victoria Park, in the middle of the town, is a lovely place for a stroll or a picnic and is also good for Birding as you get some rare birds in this Park. Seasons may be absent elsewhere in Sri Lanka, but here you can read them by the flowers, which bloom in the spring (march to May) and the fall (August and September). These are the "seasons" when low-country folk flock to Nuwara Eliya to escape the sea level heat and humidity.

Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.

3*: Country comfort bungalow



DAY 04 Nuwara Eliya – Horton Plains – Kitulgala - Colombo

After breakfast transfer to Kitulgala and White water rafting.

Thereafter transfer to Colombo.

Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.

3*: Concord grand hotel



DAY 05

Colombo – Airport

Breakfast at the hotel.

After commence city tour of Colombo

Colombo - is the business and commercial center and the new capital is Sri Jayawardhanapura Kotte, only a few miles away. Colombo was only a small seaport, which came into prominence in the 16th Century with the arrival of the Portuguese in 1505 and the development of it as a major Harbour took place during the British period. Colombo became the capital of Sri Lanka in 1815 after Kandyan Kingdom was ceded to the British.



The remains of the buildings during the period of the Portuguese, Dutch and British rule are found in every area of the city.

None of the Portuguese & Dutch fortifications are found today but some of their buildings and churches could be seen in the Fort & Pettah areas.

Visit Fort, the former British administrative center and military garrison, Sea Street - the Goldsmith's quarters in the heart of Pettah, the Bazaar area where there is also a Hindu Temple with elaborate stone carvings, the Kayman's Gate with the Belfry at the original gate to enter the Fort, the Dutch Church of Wolfendhaal dating back to 1749, Kelaniya Buddhist Temple dating to 6th C.B.C., Davatagaha Mosque, Colombo Museum and the Natural History Museum are some of the sites to be visited. Also visit the BMICH (Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall), see the replica of Avukana Buddha in front and the Independence Memorial.

After transfer to the airport for departure.

Price Per Person in USD

2PAX	3 PAX	4 PAX	5 PAX	6 PAX	7 PAX	8 PAX
276	244	225	214	209	205	202
USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD

Single room Supplement: 90 USD

Price Includes

- 4 Nights Hotel Accommodation Sharing Twin or Double room
- All transportation in the destination location by air conditioned vehicle
- English speaking Driver Guide
- Discount vouchers for shopping
- Water bottle per person per day

Price Excludes

- Air Fare / Visa
- Any Private Expenses
- Room Service Fees
- Any Entrance fees at sightseeing
- Video and Camera permits
- Lunch & Dinners throughout the tour
- Early Check-in & late check out at the hotel
- Usage of a vehicle beyond the given route drives after 06.00 PM
- Usage of guide beyond the mentioned timings or anything beyond the itinerary

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