

8 DAYS SUMMER SPECIAL

Valid Till : Oct 2018

Day 1

Colombo/Airport (BIA)/Kandy

Arrival in Sri Lanka & Clients will be met by our representative on arrival and transferred to Kandy,

En route Visit Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage

Pinnawala - Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage

App. 90km away from Colombo. Off 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 now, including baby elephants brought from various parts, as well as the babies born, as a result of the captive breeding programs. The best time to visit is the feeding time from 0930-1000 hrs and 1330-1400 hrs and the bathing time from 1000-1030 hrs and 1400-1430 hrs when all the elephants are taken to the river close by.

Day 2

Kandy

After Breakfast Proceed to Kandy & Commence Sightseeing

Kandy - Kandy

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

Visit Kandy Temple, Peradeniya Botanical Garden, Cultural show, Gem Museum & Gem Shop, Kandy City tour

Kandy - Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic (Dalada Maligawa)

When King Wimaladharmasuriya I (1592-1604 A.D.) became King in Kandy, he searched for the Tooth Relic and the bowl Relic of the Buddha and found that it was kept at the Delgomuwa Buddhist Temple at Kuruwita, for more than 44 years, hidden in a grinding stone. The King had gone there personally and brought the Sacred Tooth Relic to Kandy in a procession accompanied by the King. The first Temple of the Tooth Relic was constructed by Wimaladharmasooriya I to house it next to the Royal Palace. The Portuguese burned down the 2-floored building and King Wimaladharma sooriya II (1687-1707) erected a 3-storied building to house the Sacred Tooth Relic. It was burnt down once again and a new 2-storied building was constructed by King Narendra singhe (1707-1739 A.D.) and what we see today may be the building constructed by him. The last King of Kandy Sri Wickrama

Rajasinghe added the Pattirippuwa or the Octagon and it was not a part of the Temple, but a resting place for the King.

Peradeniya - Royal Botanical Gardens

147 acres in extent; Started in 1374 as a pleasure garden of the Kings of Gampola and Kandy. There are more than 5,000 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.

Kandy - Cultural Dancing

Kandyan dance takes its name from Kandy, the last royal capital of Sri Lanka, which is situated about 120 kilometers from the modern capital at Colombo. This genre is today considered the classical dance of Sri Lanka. In Sanskrit terminology it is considered pure dance (nrta); it features a highly developed system of "tala" (rhythm), provided by cymbals called "thalampataa". There are five distinct types; the ves, naiyandi, uddekki, pantheru, and vannams.

The three classical dance forms differ in their styles of body- movements and gestures, in the costumes worn by the performers, and in the shape and size of the drums used to provide rhythmic sound patterns to accompany the dancing. The drum used in Kandyan dancing is known as the Geta Bera, the drum in Ruhunu dancing as the "Yak Bera", and drum in Sabaragamu dancing as the "Davula" (the word Bera or Bereya in Sinhale means "Drum") .

Day 3

Kandy/Nuwara Eliya

Breakfast at the Hotel & then Proceed to 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.

Visit Tea Factory & Tea Garden

Nuwara Eliya - Tea Plantation

Tea was first planted in Sri Lanka in 1824 at the Botanical Gardens at Peradeniya, when a few plants were brought from China. More were introduced from Assam in 1839.

In 1867, a Scottish Planter named James Taylor planted tea seedlings in an 8 hectares of forestland, in the Loolkondura Estate. In 1873, the tea export industry of Sri Lanka began with a modest 23 lbs. being shipped to London.

Tea will grow only on rolling terrain and is classified by elevation into low grown, medium grown and high grown into 3 main groups. Today more than 200,000 hectares in highlands and other areas are under Tea and around 300 million Kilograms, with a 25% of world tea exports are done by Sri Lanka as the World's largest Tea exporter.

Day 4

Nuwara Eliya

After Breakfast Proceed back to Nuwara Eliya & Commence Sightseeing,

Visit Sitha Amman Temple, Gregory Lake, Victoria Park & Nuwara Eliya City tour

Nuwara Eliya - Sita Amman Kovil

According to the Indian Epic Ramayanaya and the legends, the area where Sita, Queen of King Rama of Ayodhya in India, who was abducted by Ravana the King of Sri Lanka, was kept in hiding and the area she roamed is in the hill country of Sri Lanka.

In Nuwara Eliya is the "Sita Amman Kovil" - a quaint little Kovil, with the statues of Rama, Sita, Hanuman, Lakshmana and Sugriva.

This is supposed to be the only Kovil in the entire World dedicated to Sita. The stream by the side of the Temple is a famous spot where she went for bathing.

Out of the 13 Palaces of Ravana, two caves in the Strict Nature Reserve of Hakgala, starting from Temple land and the cave at Ella close to the waterfall "Ravana-Ella" (1080ft. high) where Ravana went for bathing, are supposed to be three Palaces Sita was kept in hiding.

The Hakgala Gardens may be the "Ashok Vanaya" of Ramayana where Rhododendrons identified as Ashok Flowers in the epic, are found in bloom throughout the year.

Day 5

Nuwara Eliya/Bentota

Breakfast at the Hotel & then Proceed to Bentota

Bentota - Bentota

is the first National Holiday Resort developed by the Ceylon Tourist Board as a planned resort. There are 6 tourist hotels in the beach span of 5 miles with all the facilities a resort would require. Water sports facilities are available as in the Beruwela Resort. Many interesting sightseeing tours are possible from here, such as the Turtle Hatchery, Boat trips on Bentota River etc.

Check into the Hotel & Rest ..

Day 6

Bentota

After Breakfast Proceed to Bentota for Sightseeing

Bentota - BOAT RIDE

A journey into Sri Lankan nature with a river boat cruise which takes you on the Bentota River and under the Bentota Bridge. You are taken through mangroves which surround you with astounding beauty. Experience nature first hand as your guide helps you identify unique plants and animals. Our expert guides will enlighten you with fascinating information about the local animal life, plant life and the flourishing scenery of Sri Lanka. The calm sound of the water flowing down the Bentota River will open your senses to a more

secretive side of Sri Lanka's beauty.

Visit Turtle Hatchery

Kosgoda - Turtle Hatchery

Where you can see five species of turtles-Green Turtles (*Chelonia mydas*), Hawksbill Turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), Loggerhead Turtle (*Caretta caretta*), Leatherback Turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*) and Olive Ridley Turtle (*Lepidochelys olivacea*).

The eggs collected by the Villagers and Fishermen are purchased by the Kosgoda Hatchery and kept in sandy pens until they are hatched. The newly hatched ones are kept in seawater tanks and released to the sea in the night. This Hatchery alone has released more than 1,750,000 young turtles to the sea. An endowment by the Hasselblad Estate was responsible for the establishment of this hatchery.

Day 7

Bentota/Colombo

Breakfast at the Hotel & then Proceed to Colombo

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.

Commence Colombo City tour & Shopping

Colombo - Colombo City tour

You may commence a city Tour in Colombo.

Colombo - Shopping

There are many places to find bargains in Colombo! Modern shopping malls and specialty stores carry high quality goods at very affordable prices. If you are looking for an even greater bargain, without the surroundings, try your bargaining with the many street vendors and outdoor markets (such as in the Pettah area and across from the Fort Railway Station). Products that are worth buying in Sri Lanka include world famous Ceylon tea, clothing (many designer clothes are manufactured in Sri Lanka and you can buy them here for a fraction of the cost elsewhere) and jewelry (including the Sri Lankan blue sapphire). Quality is generally assured at the higher end stores, if purchasing at other locations, use your judgment when buying expensive items. Designer clothing stores such as ODEL & Kelly Felder are some shops that may merit a visit.

Colombo/Airport (BIA)/Colombo

Departure to the airport to connect with departure Flight...!!

ALL ENTRANCE DIRECT BY THE GUEST

Category	Kandy 02 Nights	Nuwara Eliya 02 Nights	Bentota 02 Nights	Colombo 01 Night
3 * option	Oakray Serene Garden Hotel or Emerald Hills Hotel , Kandy	Ashford Hotel Or Stamford star Hotel , Nuwara Eliya	Induruwa Beach Hotel or Rock Side Beach Hotel, Bentota	Globe Towers Hotel or Berjaya Mount Royal Hotel , Colombo

QUOTATION: In US Dollars, Based on per person sharing DBL from 02 pax onwards and per person (01 pax) in a SGL room

Rates validity: - 1st Sep to 31st of Oct 2018

Category	01 Pax(car)	02 Pax(car)	03 to 05 Pax(van)	06 to 07 Pax(08 seater)	08 to 11 Pax (Min coach)	SGL Supplement
Standard(3*)	1010	605	562	489	519	245
Full Board Supplement USD 130/- per person						

Child policy:

- Child sharing with parents without an extra bed 50 % of the adult's rate.
- Child sharing with parents with an extra bed 70 % of the adult's rate.

Tour Pricing Includes:

- 02 Nights' Accommodation in Kandy
- 02 Nights' Accommodation in Nuwara Eliya
- 02 Night Accommodation in Bentota
- 01 Night Accommodation in Colombo
- Daily Breakfast and Dinner (Colombo Dinner will be at Restaurant (Outside))
- Transport in an air-conditioned coach high tech with an English speaking national guide
- 1ltr water bottle each per day
- Half Day City Tour of Kandy
- Half Day City Tour of Nuwara Eliya
- Half Day City Tour of Bentota
- Half Day City Tour of Colombo

Tour Pricing does not include:

- All entrance fees/ Boat Ride / Jeep Safari cost.
- Early check in & late check out.
- Lunch & Dinner on Tour.
- Camera & video permit.
- Visa & other charges (Entry Visa Fees, please visit www.eta.gov.lk for more details / submit your individual visa application)
- Any expenses of a personal nature.
- Any other expenses not mentioned above.
- Tips & Portages.

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