

# 9 DAYS DISCOVER SRI LANKA TOUR

(Validity : 01 May 2018 - 31 Oct 2018)

## DAY 1 *(Airport - Negombo)*



**HIGHLIGHTS** ■ NEGOMBO

**MEALS** ■ DINNER

Welcomed at Bandaranaike International Airport, set off the tour with a transfer to Negombo.

Check in at the hotel.

Do a sightseeing tour of Negombo.

Located only 15 km from Colombo International Airport, Negombo offers a wide beach. Used by the Portuguese, Dutch and British as the main export harbor for cinnamon, you still can see many historical buildings. Enjoy watching the old world fishing crafts like the outrigger canoes and the catamarans bringing a variety of marine fishes like seers, skipjacks, pomfrets and amber-jacks.

In the lagoon, lobsters and prawns are caught and served as fascinating delicacies in the restaurants. On Negombo's long beach you will find many seafood restaurants, bars and shops and entertainment venues.

Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.

## DAY 2 *(Negombo - Dambulla - Sigiriya)*



**HIGHLIGHTS** ■ ELEPHANT ORPHANAGE ■ DAMBULLA

**MEALS** ■ DINNER

Breakfast at the hotel.

Proceed to Pinnawala.

Visit the Elephant Orphanage in Pinnawala.

Just as the name suggests, the Elephant Orphanage holds a unique disposition in the ex-situ animal care. It provides care and sanctuary to orphaned elephants found in the wild, and has the largest herd of captive elephants in the world.

Visitors can view many different aspects of the daily routine of care such as feeding of the elephants with bottle-feeding its calves. The opportunity to observe the herd bathing at close quarters from the broad river bank as they play and interact socially is also an interesting experience.

The feeding takes place daily at 9:15 am, 1:15 pm and 5:00 pm. The herd gets their river baths from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon and from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Proceed to Dambulla.

Visit the historical Dambulla Rock Cave Temple (A UNESCO World Heritage Site).

Dambulla Rock Cave Temple is the largest and best preserved cave temple complex in Sri Lanka. This cave complex dates from the 3rd century B.C, when it was a large monastery. King Valagambahu is traditionally thought to have converted the caves into a temple in the 1st century B.C.

The rock towers 160 meters over the surrounding plains and its murals cover an area of 2,100 square meters, which is the largest area of ancient wall paintings known in the world. The major attractions are spread over 5 caves that contain statues and paintings that are related to Lord Buddha and his life. There are a total of 153 Buddha statues of which the largest colossal figure of Buddha is carved out of rock, spanning 14 meters. 3 statues of Sri Lankan kings and 4 other statues of Hindu gods and goddesses are also found.

Proceed to the hotel in Sigiriya.

Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.

## DAY 3 *(Sigiriya - Polonnaruwa - Sigiriya)*



**HIGHLIGHTS** ■ SIGIRIYA ■ POLONNARUWA

**MEALS** ■ BREAKFAST ■ DINNER

Breakfast at the hotel.

Visit the historical Sigiriya Rock Fortress (A UNESCO World Heritage Site).

Regarded even as one of the wonders of the world, Sigiriya presents a unique concentration of the 5th century urban planning, architecture, gardening, engineering, hydraulic technology and art.

The rock fortress is the innermost stronghold of the 70 hectare fortified town, executed daringly on a stupendous scale; it prompts one to marvel at the creative vision that was behind this structure. The summit of this rock was the unlikely setting for a courtly paradise of elegant pavilions, amid water gardens and pools, all perched 600 feet above the surrounding jungle. The two enormous artfully sculpted lion paws are all that remains of the giant recumbent lion to which the rock was transformed into, giving the rock its name.

Painted under an overhanging rock, of the original 500 or so frescoes which vie with those in Ajanta in Western India, only 21 remain. The figures are portraits of 'Apsaras' (celestial nymphs) and attendants above clouds, offering flowers, scattering petals or bathing.

Proceed to Polonnaruwa.

Visit the historical city of Polonnaruwa (A UNESCO World Heritage Site).

The second most ancient of Sri Lanka's kingdoms, Polonnaruwa was Sri Lanka's splendid medieval capital since first declared the capital city by King Vijayabahu I in the 11th century AD and maintained its status until the 13th century.

Polonnaruwa today is a showcase of the great ancient Sri Lankan architecture dating back to 12th Century AD, which was interwoven with many Buddhist monasteries and monuments which were built by the King Parakramabahu I (1153 - 1186 A.D). Later King Nissankamalla (1187 - 1196 A.D) of Kalinga dynasty also had contributed to the development of Polonnaruwa.

The ruins of the ancient city stand on the east shore of a large artificial lake, Parakrama Samudraya, built by King Parakramabahu I, who is regarded as the greatest King who ruled Polonnaruwa. It was a time with numerous constructional activities.

Polonnaruwa architecture, art and sculpture is well displayed at Gal Viharaya, Thuparamaya Image House, Lankatilaka Image House and many other sites scattered throughout the Polonnaruwa ancient city.

Return to the hotel.

Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.

## DAY 4 *(Sigiriya - Matale -Kandy)*



**HIGHLIGHTS** ■ SPICE GARDEN ■ KANDY ■ CULTURAL SHOW

**MEALS** ■ BREAKFAST ■ DINNER

Breakfast at the hotel.

Proceed to Kandy en route visiting a spice garden in Matale.

In the past, Sri Lanka was world renowned for its quality spices, and it was through the spice trade the world had their links with Sri Lanka. Spices are an essential element of the Ayurvedic tradition and of the Sri Lankan cuisine.

A visit to a garden that specializes in cultivation and processing of these substances would give the opportunity to the visitor to experience the traditional as well as the new uses of some of these ingredients. The products are offered in their natural state or in the form of processed oils and potions as prescribed in Ayurveda.

On arrival in Kandy, check in at the hotel.

Do a sightseeing tour of Kandy (A UNESCO World Heritage Site).

Being the seat of the last traditional monarchy of Sri Lanka and the home for the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic of the Buddha, Kandy has a lot to offer its visitors in terms of history, culture, serenity, spirituality and much more. It is also the site of one of the world's most impressive annual religious festivals, the Esala Perahera.

Visit the Temple of the Tooth Relic, the Royal Palace, the historical Kandy Lake, the market of traditional arts and crafts, gems and other authentic Sri Lankan decorative items.

In the evening, witness a cultural show of traditional Sri Lankan ceremonial and ritual dances and featuring a live fire-walking show.

Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.

## DAY 5 *(Kandy – Nuwara Eliya)*



**HIGHLIGHTS** ■ BOTANIC GARDENS ■ TEA FACTORY ■ RAMBODA FALLS ■ NUWARA ELIYA

**MEALS** ■ BREAKFAST ■ DINNER

Breakfast at the hotel.

Visit the Royal Botanic Gardens.

With its history dating back to the 14th century, the Botanic Gardens comprises of endless picturesque settings with its Flower Garden, Spice Garden, Orchid House, the lake and with an interesting collection of bamboo and palm trees. It spans over an area of 60 hectares giving home to over 4000 species of indigenous and foreign plants.

Proceed to Nuwara Eliya on route witnessing the Ramboda waterfalls, a tea plantation and a tea factory.

Observe everything about the process of manufacturing and grading tea and taste a cup of fresh Ceylon Tea at the factory.

Do a sightseeing tour of Nuwara Eliya.

Nuwara Eliya is on a little valley, and is the highest town in Sri Lanka. Nestled gently into the foothill of the island's highest peak, Mount Pidurutalagala (8,281 feet), it was a favourite hill station of the British colonialists.

Nuwara Eliya has retained all the paraphernalia of a British hill station with its buildings of colonial architecture, parks, a race course, an 18 hole golf course which runs through much of the center of town, and trout streams.

Blessed with salubrious climate, breathtaking views of valleys, meadows, mountains and greenery, it is hard to imagine that Nuwara Eliya is only a couple of hours away from the rest of the parts of the island which is mostly hot and humid. The central highlands of Sri Lanka are named a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.

## DAY 6 *(Nuwara Eliya - Bentota)*



**HIGHLIGHTS** ■ ST CLAIRE'S AND DEVON FALLS ■ KITULGALA ■ BENTOTA

**MEALS** ■ BREAKFAST ■ DINNER

Breakfast at the hotel.

Proceed to Bentota witnessing St Claire's and Devon waterfalls and passing Kitulgala.

St. Claire's waterfall is 80 metres in height and is one of the most picturesque waterfalls. Few kilometers further on the route, another picturesque waterfall, Devon Falls can be witnessed.

Kitulgala is a village situated in the southwest of the central hills and North of the fascinating Holy Mountain, Adam's Peak. The boulder strewn stretch of the Kelani River at Kitulgala offers an ideal setting for white water rafting.

Continue journey to Bentota.

Bentota is the most popular beach resort of Sri Lanka's South-Western coastal belt. With an array of hotels, facilities and amenities for the tourist, Bentota provides the perfect location for extended beach vacationing.

Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.

## DAY 7 *(Bentota – Galle - Bentota)*



**HIGHLIGHTS** ■ TURTLES ■ RIVER SAFARI ■ GALLE

**MEALS** ■ BREAKFAST ■ DINNER

Breakfast at the hotel.

Proceed to Kosgoda.

Visiting a Sea Turtle Conservation Centre.

A Sea Turtle Conservation Centre is a hands-on and a family friendly place that functions mainly as a hatchery that makes huge efforts to increase the rate of hatching and the survival of baby turtles in their initial stages. Five types of sea turtles - all of whom are on the world's endangered list, namely Leatherback, Green Turtle, Loggerhead, Hawksbill and Olive Ridley call nest on Sri Lanka's southern beaches. The Turtle Conservation Centre provides the visitors an entertaining time seeing and learning about the turtles of these species in different stages of their lives.

Thereafter, do a river safari of the Madu River.

Continue journey to Galle.

Do a sightseeing tour of Galle (A UNESCO World Heritage Site).

Located at the southern end of the western coast of Sri Lanka, Galle enjoys a nice coast line. It has been the most prominent seaport before the western rule of the country. The modern history of Galle starts in 1505 with the occupation of Galle by Portuguese who first established a Fort in Galle. In 1640, the Dutch took over Galle and it was them who built the Fort in the year 1663 in the way it is seen now. It comprised of a solid granite fortified wall and three bastions and a developed town center. Many of the buildings have been converted to boutique hotels or stylish stores for a bit of light shopping, and Galle is also famous for handicrafts, handmade lace and jewelry.

Return to the hotel in Bentota.

Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.

## DAY 8 *(Bentota – Colombo)*



**HIGHLIGHTS** ■ COLOMBO ■ SHOPPING

**MEALS** ■ BREAKFAST ■ DINNER

Breakfast at the hotel.

Proceed to Colombo.

Do a sightseeing tour of Colombo.

Colombo is the commercial capital and the largest city of Sri Lanka. It is a busy and a vibrant city with a mixture of modern and colonial forms. Due to its large harbour and its strategic position along the East-West sea trade routes, Colombo was known to ancient traders since thousands of years ago.

It has been the capital of the island since the British colonial time. The city is home to a majority of Sri Lanka's corporate offices, shopping and entertainment venues. The modern shopping malls and specialty stores carry high quality goods at good prices.

The famous landmarks in Colombo include the Galle Face Promenade, the twin tower World Trade Centre, British time buildings in Colombo Fort, the Town Hall, Vihara Maha Devi Park, Nelum Pokuna Theatre, the Gangarama Temple, the Independence Square and Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall.

Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.

## DAY 9 *(Colombo - Airport)*

**MEALS** ■ BREAKFAST

Breakfast at the hotel.

Transfer to Bandaranaike International Airport for the departure flight.

### HOTEL CHOICES:

	Standard	Superior	Deluxe
<b>NEGOMBO</b>	Paradise Beach Hotel Pegasus Reef Hotel ( <i>Wattala</i> )	Arie Lagoon Goldi Sands Hotel	Jetwing Beach Jetwing Blue
<b>SIGIRIYA</b>	Pelwehera Village Resort Royal Retreat	Fresco Water Villas Oak Ray Elephant Lake	Cinnamon Lodge ( <i>Habarana</i> ) Amaya Lake ( <i>Dambulla</i> )
<b>KANDY</b>	Senani Hotel Hotel Hilltop	Earl's Regent Royal Kandyan	Mahaweli Reach Hotel Grand Kandyan

<b>NUWARA ELIYA</b>	Heaven Seven Hotel The Queensbury	Araliya Green Hills The Blackpool Hotel	Araliya Green City Grand Hotel
<b>BENTOTA</b>	Induruwa Beach Resort Serendib Beach Hotel	The Surf Hotel Bentota Temple Tree Resort	Avani Bentota Bentota Beach by Cinnamon
<b>COLOMBO</b>	Hotel Sapphire Global Towers	OZO Colombo Fairway Colombo	Galadari Hotel The Kingsbury Colombo

### TOUR PRICES - 1/4/2018 TO 31/10/2018:

Hotel Category	Min Pax	Single	Sharing Double	Sharing Triple	Child
STANDARD	2	915	675	643	465
	3	875	635	606	441
	4	835	595	569	417
	10	825	585	559	411
	15	805	565	541	399
	30	785	545	522	387
SUPERIOR	2	1075	765	727	519
	3	1035	725	690	495
	4	995	685	653	471
	10	985	675	643	465
	15	965	655	625	453
	30	945	635	606	441
DELUXE	2	1470	990	937	654
	3	1430	950	900	630
	4	1390	910	863	606
	10	1380	900	853	600
	15	1360	880	835	588
	30	1340	860	816	576

Prices are in U.S Dollars

Prices are nett and inclusive of all currently applicable taxes, levies and service charges

Prices are per person, as per his/her room occupation, and as applicable for the size of the group

Child rate is applicable for children below 12 years sharing room with 2 adults

### TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Accommodation in standard rooms for 4 nights in hotels specified for the package category or at other similar category hotels
- Half board meal plan at the hotels, starting with dinner on day -1 and ending with breakfast on day - 3
- Transportation on the detailed itinerary, starting from Airport and ending at Airport by an air-conditioned private tour vehicle with seating and baggage capacity for the group
- Highway toll charges
- Sri Lanka Tourist Board licensed and experienced English speaking Guide
- Two 500ml bottles of mineral water per person, per day during travel

### PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Entrance fees for the sites visited
- Surcharges of Kandy hotels in Perahera period (Falls in August)
- Video and camera permits at sites where applicable
- Tips and porter fees where applicable
- Any expenses of personal nature
- Passage to and from Sri Lanka
- Visa

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