

# 11 Days Buddhist Tour – 2

Valid till 31 Oct 2019

TOUR SH AS P / 02

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ Kelaniya Rajamaha Viharaya
- ❖ Gangarama temple
- ❖ Dambulla rock cave temple
- ❖ Sigiriya Pidurangala Temple
- ❖ Aukana tallest Buddha statue
- ❖ Anuradhapura Ancient City
- ❖ Sacred Bo-Tree
- ❖ Isurumuniya rock temple
- ❖ Mihintale temple
- ❖ Meditation center at Kaludiya Pokuna forest
- ❖ Alu Vihare Temple
- ❖ Temple of tooth relic
- ❖ Bahirawa Kanda Buddha Temple, Embekka wood carving temple, Gadaladeniya stone carving temple and Lankathillake temple
- ❖ Cultural dance show
- ❖ Sightseeing tour in Kandy
- ❖ Tea plantation and a tea factory
- ❖ Massive 51 foot Buddha statue in the Abhaya Mudra gesture
- ❖ Kataragama Temples
- ❖ Sithulpawwa rock temple
- ❖ Mulkirigala

## DETAILED TOUR ITINERARY

### DAY 1: AIRPORT – COLOMBO

On arrival welcome by a Sunway Holidays representative and transfer to hotel in Colombo. Relax in the morning. Afternoon visit Kelaniya Rajamaha Viharaya Among the many Buddhist temples of Sri Lanka, the Kelani Viharaya stands out as one of the most exquisite examples of the sculptor's art. Its history runs back to more than 2500 years. In the days of yore, it always received full royal patronage, and to this day, it's has been highly venerated by the people of the island. Its significance as a place of Buddhist worship is clearly evident in the island's folklore. Visit Gangarama temple, Gangarama Temple is located in the heart of the Colombo city by the Beire Lake. This is one of the prominent Buddhist center in Colombo and visited by many local and foreign devotes daily. Stay overnight in Colombo.

### DAY 2: COLOMBO – DAMBULLA - PIDURANGALA

After breakfast visits the Dambulla rock cave temple built by king Walagambahu, in the 1st Century B.C. it is a World Heritage Site, and the most impressive of Sri Lanka's cave temples. Afterwards leave for visit the historical Sigiriya Pidurangala Temple is located next to Sigiriya, the fifth century masterpiece of Sri Lankan architecture, and enriched with prehistoric data, Pidurangala had been transformed to a fully-fledged monastery complex in the tenure of King Kashyapa in the 5th century AD. The Vihare or temple which was based on the panchavasa concept combined with natural rocky outcrops became known by the name 'Dala Vehera' or 'Dalaha giri vehera'. The world renowned 48½ long Buddha statues have been created in the natural cave which faces east. This is considered to be the only and most ancient Buddha statue finished with a special mixture of lime. Stay overnight in Dambulla/Sigiriya.

### **DAY 3: DAMBULLA- ANURADHAPURA**

After breakfast leave for Aukana to see the tallest Buddha statue of Sri Lanka. Later visit Anuradhapura (a World Heritage Site), the first capital and undoubtedly the grandest city of the ancient Sri Lanka. Sri Maha Bodhi (sacred Bo-Tree) was brought as a sampling of the tree under which Prince Siddhartha attained to enlighten. It is over 2,200 years old and is the oldest historically documented tree in the world. At Brazen Palace (2nd Century B.C) with its 1600 stone columns see the remains of a magnificent multi-storied residence for monks. Ruwanweliseya (2nd century B.C) is the most famous of all the Dagobas and the Isurumuniya rock temple (3rd Century B.C) is known for its rock carvings. Stay overnight in Anuradhapura.

### **DAY 4: MIHINTALE - ANURADHAPURA**

After breakfast visit Mihintale temple on a mountain peak, the place believed by Sri Lankans to be the site of a meeting between the Buddhist monk Mahinda and King Devanampiyatissa which inaugurated the presence of Buddhism in Sri Lanka. This is now a pilgrimage site, and the site of several religious monuments and abandoned structures. Annually in June around and on the full moon poya day POSON festival is held here in a grand way. Afterwards leave for the Meditation center at Kaludiya Pokuna forest. Kaludiya Pokuna, or the black water pool is said have taken its name from the somber reflections of trees and boulders in the surrounding jungle. Having a discussion with a senior monk. Return to Anuradhapura. Stay overnight in Anuradhapura.

### **DAY 5: ANURADHAPURA – MATALE – KANDY**

After breakfast leave for Matale. Visit Alu Vihare Temple. This rock-cave shelter Buddhist monks during King Valagamba's reign wrote the Thripitaka in Pali on Ola leaves, as indicated on the cave in Sinhala. The rock cave shelter harbours an Image House. Its entrance doorway, overhead is surmounted with the typical Makara Thorana motif flanked by janitors. There are also seated standing and recumbent Buddha statues of terra-cotta, while the murals are adorned with paintings of Jataka stories. The cave ceilings are studded with fascinating paintings of lotus flowers in full bloom - all dating back to the Kandyan period.

Leave for Kandy. Afternoon visit the Temple of tooth relic, for the morning ceremony, the stunning 17th century Temple of the Tooth (Sri Dalada Maligawa) is believed to house the left upper canine tooth of the Lord Buddha himself. This precious relic attracts white-clad pilgrims, bearing lotus blossoms and frangipani, every day. Stay overnight in Kandy.

### **DAY 6: KANDY**

After breakfast visit Temple of tooth relic and see a pooja ceremony. Afternoon visit Bahirawa Kanda Buddha Temple, Embekka wood carving temple, Gadaladeniya stone carving temple and Lankathillake temple. In the evening enjoy a cultural dance show.

Stay overnight in Kandy.

### **DAY 7: KANDY- ELLA - BUDURUWAGALA**

After breakfast leave for Ella via Nuwara eliya. En route visit the tea plantation and a tea factory, in the island where the best tea in the world is produced. Watch the tea plucker pick two leaves and a bud with deft hands. Then to the factory where the all-important conversion to "made" black tea happens. The machinery used is of very traditional British design, some as old as 100 years. The process is a very artisanal one, unchanged for a century. Observe the process of manufacturing tea, tea grading and taste a cup of pure Ceylon tea. Afternoon visit Buduruwagala. The name Buduruwagala means "the rock with the statue of Buddha" And this is exactly what it is. Seven figured are carved in this rock with a massive 51 foot Buddha statue in the Abhaya Mudra gesture at the centre. The rock itself has shape of a kneeling elephant with its head own. Stay overnight in Ella.

### **DAY 8: MALIGAWILA – KATARAGAMA**

After breakfast leave for visit Maligawila famous for its giant free standing buddha statue of the 7th century. Afterwards leave for Kataragama. Evening visit Kataragama Temples. Kataragama a popular pilgrimage destination frequented by adherents by Buddhists & Hindus, in Sri Lanka. The main shrine devoted to Skanda popularly described in eulogies as God having six faces and twelve arms whose assistance is sought for worldly gain. The history of the shrine dates back to 2 century BC. Witness an offering (pooja) ceremony. Stay overnight in Tissa / Kataragama.

### DAY 9: SITHULPAWWA - SOUTH WEST BEACH

After breakfast visit Sithulpawwa rock temple has a stunning setting. There are two temples perched high atop hard volcanic rock outcrops. Maha Sithulpauwa rock is 400 feet in height. . The dagoba is situated on top of the rock and is reached by a difficult steep climb, aided by steps cut into the rock. The dagoba is believed to have been built by king Kawantissa. It houses an intricate cave complex. Leave for beach hotel. En route visit Mulkirigala, as the name suggests, is a rock. Caves with elaborate paintings at three levels are reminiscent of Dambulla. Two large reclining Buddha statues adorn the caves at the lower level. Intricate paintings, most of which depict Jataka tales belonging to the Kandyan period, are visible in eight caves. Visit the Wewurukannala Vihara temple is dominated by an image of a seated Buddha. It is 160ft high, the largest statue in all of Sri Lanka and dates back to the time of King Rajadhi (1782 - 1798). Stay overnight in south west coast.

### DAY 10: COLOMBO

After breakfast leave for Colombo. En route visit the Kalutara temple which is one of the country's most holy places of worship and attracts both the South west Buddhist community and tourists to its golden Buddhist. Inside the Dogoba is a magnificent array of paintings describing the stories of Buddha. The 3 stories-high Kalutara Vihara, is a Buddhist temple built in the 1960s which holds the distinction of being the only shrine in the world that is hollow. Stay overnight in Colombo.

### DAY 11: AIRPORT

After breakfast transfer to airport for onward flight.

### TOUR SH AS P / 02 : BHUDDHIST TOUR – 2

Quoted in SG\$, per person, on full board basis

#### A). Rates Valid from 1st May 2018/2019 to 31st October 2018/2019

| Hotel Category | 2-3 Pax | 4-7 Pax | 8-13 Pax | Single Room add | Entrance fees supp. |
|----------------|---------|---------|----------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 3*             | 1610    | 1355    | 1335     | 395             | 231                 |
| 4*             | 1715    | 1465    | 1440     | 635             | 231                 |
| 4*/5*          | 2010    | 1745    | 1735     | 790             | 231                 |

#### B). Rates Valid from 1st November 2018 to 30th April 2019

| Hotel Category | 2-3 Pax | 4-7 Pax | 8-13 Pax | Single Room add | Entrance fees supp. |
|----------------|---------|---------|----------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 3*             | 1700    | 1445    | 1425     | 530             | 231                 |
| 4*             | 1860    | 1610    | 1585     | 700             | 231                 |
| 4*/5*          | 2180    | 1925    | 1910     | 895             | 231                 |

#### C). Applicable supplements

| SUPPLEMENTS TO BE ADDED – PER ROOM, PER NIGHT |                                   |                                |   |
|---|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Hotel Type                                    | 15th July to 31st Aug 2018 / 2019 | 15th Dec 2018 to 16th Jan 2019 | <u>Kandy Perahera Period – Stays in Kandy</u><br>Year 2018: 16th August to 26th August 2018 & Year 2019: In July / Aug (Dates to be informed) |
| 3*  | SGD 12                            | SGD 19                         | SGD 40  |
| 4*  | SGD 19                            | SGD 26                         | SGD 54  |
| 4/5*  | SGD 26                            | SGD 33                         | SGD 61  |

\* Compulsory Christmas and New Year's Eve Dinners need to be added if you stay in those days.

**Entrance fees of SGD 231 is for**

- Temple of Tooth Relic in Kandy
- Royal Botanical Gardens in Kandy
- Cultural Dance Program in Kandy
- Elephant Orphanage in Pinnawela
- Colombo Buddhist Temple
- Colombo Museum
- Anuradhapura Ancient city
- Sacred Bo Tree
- Mihintale
- Polonnaruwa Site
- Sigiriya Rock Fortress
- Dambulla Cave Temple

**Round Tour Rates Includes:**

- Meeting at the airport upon arrival and assistance during the stay
- Private transport in Air con vehicle
- 1 Bottle of Mineral water per person per day
- Service of English Speaking Chauffer / Guide (Tamil, Malay, Chinese speaking guides on request, supplements may apply)
- Accommodation in mentioned hotels or in similar in air condition rooms
- Meal Plan on full board as mentioned

**Round Tour Packages Excludes:**

- Snacks and beverages
  - Extras of personal nature
  - Tips and gratuities
  - Extra services other than those specified
  - Entrance Fees at places of interest. (Given as supplement)
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## **Rates are Based on Following Terms & Conditions**

### **All Rates are**

- In Singapore Dollars, Per Person
- Valid for travel from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019

### **All Transfers & Tours Include**

- Daily bottle of mineral water
- Airport – Hotel – Airport Transfers
- English speaking licensed driver / guide throughout the tour
- All private transfers for mentioned City Tours & sightseeing
- Hotel Accommodation on Twin Sharing Room with Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner (Unless mentioned otherwise)
- Meal plan on Full board basis or as mentioned
- Halal meals & Chinese food can be provided on request

### **All Transfers & Tours Exclude**

- Beverages, Portages & Tips
- Entrance Fees at Places of Interest (such as Parks, museums etc.)

### **Peak Period Supplement**

**Stays from 15th July 2018/2019 to 31st August 2018/2019 following supplements will apply.**

- In 3\* Hotels – SGD 12 per room, per night
- In 4\* Hotels – SGD 19 per room, per night
- In 4\*/5\* Hotels – SGD 26 per room, per night

**Stays from 15th December 2018 to 16th January 2019 following supplements will apply.**

- In 3\* Hotels – SGD 19 per room, per night
- In 4\* Hotels – SGD 26 per room, per night
- In 4\*/5\* Hotels – SGD 33 per room, per night
- Compulsory Christmas and New Year's Eve Dinners need to be added if you stay in those days.

### **Kandy Perahara Period Supplement**

**Stays in Kandy during annual Esala Perahara period,**

**Year 2018: 16th August to 26th August 2018 & Year 2019: In July / Aug (Dates to be informed) following supplements will apply.**

- In 3\* Hotels – SGD 40 per room, per night
- In 4\* Hotels – SGD 54 per room, per night
- In 4\*/5\* Hotels – SGD 61 per room, per night

### **Children Policy**

- Child below 12 years: 65% of adult rate sharing room with parents including extra bed
- Child below 12 years: 40% of adult rate sharing room with parents excluding extra bed

### **General**

- Minimum 2 adults to travel, and based on private touring
- If a place of visit is closed to visitors, every effort will be made to replace with an alternative
- During major events, accommodation may not be in the mentioned city
- Sequence of itinerary is subject to change without prior notice, in the best interest
- Hotel classifications are based on local / standards
- Amendments / cancellations etc., are subject to terms and conditions
- Information is as per time of print and subject to change without notice

### **Please Note**

- The rates quoted above are based on the mentioned hotels.
- The above rates are net and include government taxes (VAT, TDL & NBT) totalling to 15%.
- These rates are subject to change without prior notice in the event government changes the tax policy, or if the hotels change their rates, or for situations beyond our control.
- Meal plan will be on booked basis.

- Breakfast will start from the 2nd day.
- Half Board will be from arrival day dinner to departure day breakfast.
- Full Board will be from arrival day lunch to departure day breakfast.
- Transportation by air-conditioned vehicle from Airport to Airport, as per the applicable itinerary.
- In an unlikely event of a customer being dissatisfied over anything, it should be brought to our notice immediately for rectification. No post tour complaints will be considered.
- Optional excursions and additional services could be provided for which we will charge additionally.
- Visits to wild life parks, adventure activities, etc. will be at client's own risk.
- Safari vehicles (none air-conditioned) available are very basic with basic insurance cover
- Tours could be re-routed with/ or without adequate notice, in the best interest of the customer.
- Certain places of interest could be closed during lunch hours, public holidays etc., and the DMC will not be responsible for those.

### **Hotel Rules & Regulations**

The official check-in time at all hotels will be 14.00 hrs.

The official check-out time at all hotels will be 12.00 hrs.

Early check- in / late check-out will be subject to availability at the discretion of the hotel's management. However a request will be made where necessary.

## PROPOSED HOTEL LIST FOR TOURS

**The list of hotels can be changed to suit requests, supplements may apply**

| Place                    | Good 3*Hotels   | 4* Hotels   | 4*/5* Hotels   |
|--------------------------|---|---|--|
| <b>Colombo</b>           | Fairview Hotel<br><a href="http://www.tangerinehotels.com/fairview/">http://www.tangerinehotels.com/fairview/</a><br><br>Global Towers Hotel<br><a href="http://www.globallanka.com/">http://www.globallanka.com/</a>   | Pegasus Reef Hotel<br><a href="http://www.pegasusreefhotel.com/">http://www.pegasusreefhotel.com/</a>   | Hilton Colombo<br><a href="http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/sri-lanka/hilton">http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/sri-lanka/hilton</a>  |
| <b>Cultural Triangle</b> | Kassapa Lion Rock<br><a href="http://www.kassapalionsrock.com/">http://www.kassapalionsrock.com/</a><br><br>Giritale Hotel<br><a href="http://www.giritalehotel.com/">http://www.giritalehotel.com/</a><br><br>Saunter Paradise Hotel<br><a href="http://www.saunterparadisehotel.com/">http://www.saunterparadisehotel.com/</a>  | The Paradise Resort & Spa<br><a href="http://www.browshotels.com/paradise/">http://www.browshotels.com/paradise/</a><br><br>Danawwa Resort<br><a href="http://www.danawwaresort.com/">http://www.danawwaresort.com/</a><br><br>Sungreen Resort & Spa<br><a href="http://sungreenhabarana.com/">http://sungreenhabarana.com/</a>     | Cinnamon Lodge<br><a href="http://www.cinnamonhotels.com/CinnamonLodgeHabarana.htm">http://www.cinnamonhotels.com/CinnamonLodgeHabarana.htm</a><br><br>The Paradise Resort & Spa<br><a href="http://www.browshotels.com/paradise/">http://www.browshotels.com/paradise/</a>  |
| <b>Kandy</b>             | Hotel Topaz<br><a href="http://www.mclareshotels.lk/hotels/topaz.html">http://www.mclareshotels.lk/hotels/topaz.html</a><br><br>Hotel Suisse<br><a href="http://www.hotelsuisse.lk/">http://www.hotelsuisse.lk/</a><br><br>The Swiss Residence<br><a href="http://www.swissresidence.lk/">http://www.swissresidence.lk/</a><br><br>Queen's Hotel<br><a href="http://www.queenshotel.lk/">http://www.queenshotel.lk/</a> | Randholee Resort and Spa<br><a href="http://www.randholeeresorts.com/">http://www.randholeeresorts.com/</a><br><br>Earls Regent Hotel<br><a href="http://www.regentkandy.lk/">http://www.regentkandy.lk/</a><br><br>The Tourmaline<br><a href="http://www.topaz.lk/the-tourmaline.html">http://www.topaz.lk/the-tourmaline.html</a> | Grand Kandyan Hotel<br><a href="http://grandkandyan.com/">http://grandkandyan.com/</a><br><br>Cinnamon Citadel<br><a href="http://www.cinnamonhotels.com/CinnamonCitadelKandy.htm">http://www.cinnamonhotels.com/CinnamonCitadelKandy.htm</a><br><br>Randholee Resort and Spa<br><a href="http://www.randholeeresorts.com/">http://www.randholeeresorts.com/</a><br><br>Earls Regent Hotel<br><a href="http://www.regentkandy.lk/">http://www.regentkandy.lk/</a><br><br>The Tourmaline<br><a href="http://www.topaz.lk/the-tourmaline.html">http://www.topaz.lk/the-tourmaline.html</a> |
| <b>Nuwara Eliya</b>      | Glenfall Reach Hotel<br><a href="http://glenfallreachhotel.com/">http://glenfallreachhotel.com/</a>   | Araliya Green Hills<br><a href="http://araliyagreenhills.com/">http://araliyagreenhills.com/</a><br><br>Blackpool Hotel<br><a href="http://www.blackpool.lk/">http://www.blackpool.lk/</a>  | Araliya Green Hills<br><a href="http://araliyagreenhills.com/">http://araliyagreenhills.com/</a><br><br>Blackpool Hotel<br><a href="http://www.blackpool.lk/">http://www.blackpool.lk/</a>   |
| <b>Yala/ Kataragama</b>  | Hibiscus Garden Hotel<br><a href="http://www.hibiscus-garden.com/">http://www.hibiscus-garden.com/</a>  | Mandara Rosen<br><a href="http://www.mandararosenhotelsrilanka.com">www.mandararosenhotelsrilanka.com</a>   | Mandara Rosen Hotel<br><a href="http://www.mandararosenhotelsrilanka.com">www.mandararosenhotelsrilanka.com</a>  |
| <b>South-West Beach</b>  | Hibiscus Beach Hotel<br><a href="http://www.hibiscusbeachhotel.com/index.ph">http://www.hibiscusbeachhotel.com/index.ph</a><br><br>Roco Royal Beach Resort<br><a href="http://www.cocoroyalbeach.com/">http://www.cocoroyalbeach.com/</a>   | The Palms<br><a href="http://www.thepalmsberuwala.com/">http://www.thepalmsberuwala.com/</a><br><br>Pandanus Beach Resort<br><a href="http://www.pandanusbeach.com/">http://www.pandanusbeach.com/</a>  | Cinnamon Bay<br><a href="http://www.cinnamonhotels.com/CinnamonBeyBeruwala.htm">http://www.cinnamonhotels.com/CinnamonBeyBeruwala.htm</a><br><br>Citrus Waskaduwa<br><a href="http://www.citrusleisure.com/waskaduwa/">http://www.citrusleisure.com/waskaduwa/</a>   |
| <b>Negombo</b>           | Camelot Beach Hotel<br><a href="http://www.goldisands.com/goldi-sands-hotel-negombo.htm">http://www.goldisands.com/goldi-sands-hotel-negombo.htm</a><br><br>Paradise Beach Hotel<br><a href="http://www.paradisebeachsrilanka.com/">http://www.paradisebeachsrilanka.com/</a>   | Club Hotel Dolphin<br><a href="http://www.serendibleisure.com/clubhoteldolphin/">http://www.serendibleisure.com/clubhoteldolphin/</a><br><br>Suriya Resort<br><a href="http://www.suriyaresort.com/">http://www.suriyaresort.com/</a>   | Club Hotel Dolphin<br><a href="http://www.serendibleisure.com/clubhoteldolphin/">http://www.serendibleisure.com/clubhoteldolphin/</a><br><br>Suriya Resort<br><a href="http://www.suriyaresort.com/">http://www.suriyaresort.com/</a>  |

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