

9 Days Ramayana Tour – 2

Valid till 31 Oct 2019

TOUR SH AS / 07

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ Replica of Murugan Temple
- ❖ Munneshwaram Temple
- ❖ Manavari Temple
- ❖ Sacred Bo Tree
- ❖ Samadhi Buddha Statue
- ❖ Isurumuniya Temple
- ❖ Thiruketheeswaram Temple
- ❖ Nagapooshani Temple
- ❖ Keerimalai
- ❖ Nallur Temple
- ❖ Kinniya Hot Water Springs
- ❖ Thirukoneshwaram Temple
- ❖ Muththumari Amman Hindu Temple
- ❖ Cultural Dance Show
- ❖ Temple of the Tooth Relic
- ❖ Sri Baktha Hanuman Temple
- ❖ Ashok Vatika
- ❖ Sita Amman Temple
- ❖ Vibeeshana Temple
- ❖ Kelaniya Buddhist Temple
- ❖ Colombo City Tour

DETAILED TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1: APT - CHILAW

Welcome on arrival at the Bandaranaike International Airport by a Sunway Holiday representative and transfer to Chilaw. En route visit Replica of Murugan temple.

Overnight stay in Chilaw.

Day 2: CHILAW - ANURADHAPURA

After breakfast spend time and enjoy in the chilaw beach. Proceed to Anuradhapura, on the way visit famous Munneshwaram temple. After his victorious battle, Lord Rama left for Ayodhya, in one of King Ravana's vimana (carriages). He felt he was being followed by Bramhaasthidosham as he had killed King Ravana who was a Brahmin. Legend has it that when he came to this place he felt Bramhaasthidosham was not following him and he stopped the vimana and asked God Shiva for remedy. Lord Shiva blessed Lord Rama and advised him to install four lingam there and pray to get rid of the dosham. Since then many Hindu devotees flock to the temple.

There after proceed to Manavari Temple. Manavari temple is the first lingam installed and prayed to by Lord Rama and this lingam is also called Ramalinga Shivan. There after proceed Anuradhapura (1st capital in Sri Lanka) Afternoon visit the Sacred Bo Tree (oldest sacred tree in the world) and the oldest and largest stupa in Sri Lanka, Samadi Buddha statue. Also visit Isurumuniya temple (legendary of Ramayana) with other ancient Buddhist monuments.

Overnight stay in Anuradhapura.

Day 3: ANURADHAPURA – MANNAR - JAFFNA

After breakfast proceed to Jaffna. En route in Mannar visit Thiruketheeswaram temple. Thiruketheswaram temple is an ancient Hindu temple in Mannar. This ancient temple is a pre-historic sacred Kovil invent Manthoddan situated in Mannar district about seven miles north of mannar town. It is famous according to the legend as the kovil where Ketu - Bhagavan worshipped Lord Eeswaram. Hence this holy shine acquired the name of Thiruketheswaram. Long before the arrival of Vijaya (6th century B.C) there were five recognized Eeswaram of Siva, which claimed and received adoration of all India. These were Thiruketheshwaram near Mahathitha, Munneshwaram, Thondeswaram, Thirukoneshwaram and Naguleshwaram. Mythical stories related to the Indian epic Ramayana recount that Mandothari, the wife of King Ravana was from Manthai and that Mayan, the father of Mandothari and the King of Manthai built the ancient temple of Thiruketheeswaram to worship Siva. There after proceed to Jaffna.

Overnight stay in Jaffna.

Day 4: JAFFNA

After breakfast travel to the Nainative island. Reach the Jetty point from where you have to catch a boat and reach Nagapooshani temple (15 minutes boat ride) Nainative Nagapooshani Amman Temple is and ancient and historic Hindu temple located amidst the palk/ strait on the island of Nainative. In Sri Lanka it is dedicated to Parvati who is known as Nagapooshani or Bhuvaneswari and her consort, Siva who is named here as Nayinaar. The temple's fame is accredited to Adi Shankaracharya, a 9th century hindu philosopher, for identifying it as one of the prominent 64 shakthipeethams in Shakthi Peetha Stortram and its mention in the Brahmandapurana. According to some tradition, its belived that angry Siva performed the fearsome and aweinspiring Tandava dance with Gauri's charred body on this shoulders. During this dance, Gauri's body came apart and the pieces fell at different places on earth.

Nainative Nagapooshani Amman Temple is believed to be where the Silambu (anklets) of Gauri had fallen. Anklets have been given immense importance in the worship of Shakthisinec time and memorial. This ornament is also referred to in the famous Tamil epic Silapathikaram - where the story begins and ends with an anklet. Nagapooshani Amman Temple on the island of Nainative is a very ancient hindu temple. It is believed that this temple was originally erected many millennia before by the Nagas who were a pre-historic race of people of Sri Lanka. The temple was originally erected and dedicated for the worship of the Sertent God called "Nayinar" by the Nagas in the nainative temple. The object of worship in the sanctum sanctorum is a stone figure of the five headed cobra . Beside of Nagapooshani Amma temple there is a Buddhist temple called Nagadeepa Buddha temple (Buddha visited place).

There after visit Keerimalai which is in Jaffna city. Keerimalai is a natural spring lying next to the sea west of palali. A bathing tank is built surrendering this pool and only the walls separate the water of the spring and the sea. Although the tank is so close to the sea, the water is fresh coming from an underground fresh water spring in tellipallai-Maviddapuram. The water is not hot this spring is popular among the Hindus for the miraculous power it holds. Keerimalai translate in to mongoose mound in tamil it's said that a Indian priest called Naguala Swamy (Naguala Muni) bathed in this pond and his mongoose face was cured and turned in to a human face. According to local folklore a pandiayan princess named Maruthapuraweerawalli built the hindukovil at Kireemalai when she was cured of her horse shaped head after bathing at Kirimalai.

There after visit Kandashamy Nallur temple in hart of the city of Jaffna. Nallurkandashamy kovil or Nallur Murugan kovil is one of the most significant Hindu temples in the Jaffna district of northern province in Sri Lanka. It stands in the town of Nallur. The presiding deity is Lord Muruga in the form of the holy well. The idol of the Nallurdevi or goddess was gifted to the temple in the 10th century by the Chola queen SembiyanMahadevi, in the style of Sembiyan bronzes.

Overnight stay in Jaffna.

Day 5: JAFFNA - TRINCOMALEE

After breakfast proceed to Trincomalee. Visit Hot water springs at kinniya. Visit Thirukoneshwaram temple, (Shankareedevi Temple) which was built by Saga Agasthyar as per the instruction of Lord Siva who was impressed by the devotion of King Ravana. This place has the uniqueness of the Lord building a temple for his devote. As a reward of his devotion Lord Rama also offered his prayers in return to get himself rid of the Brahmaasthidosam.

Overnight stay in Trincomalee or Nilaweli beach area.

Day 6: TRINCOMALEE - KANDY

After breakfast proceed to Kandy. Enroute visit Muththumari Amman Hindu temple. In the evening enjoy a cultural dance show joining the puja ceremony at Temple of the Tooth Relic Temple.

Overnight stay in Kandy.

Day 7: KANDY – NUWARA ELIYA

After breakfast proceed to Nuwara Eliya. On the way visit a tea plantation and a factory. Visit Ramboda Sri Baktha Hanuman Temple. On these hills of Ramboda where Hanuman Was searching for Sitadevi, the Chinmaya Mission of Sri Lanka built a temple with Hanuman as the presiding deity. On every full moon day special puja's are conducted and witnessed by thousands of devotees. The Hakgala botanical garden was one of the pleasure Gardens of King Ravana of the well-known epic Ramayana. This garden was expanded during the British period and has a wide variety of flowers including excellent collection of Orchids. This is the exotic pleasure garden where King Ravana kept the depressed Sita. Insisting that she marry him.

It was here where the heart-warming meeting took place between her and Hanuman, who brought her Rama's ring with the news that Rama was looking for her. He offered to carry her back but she refused saying it would be an insult to Rama's honor if he did so.

Visit Ashoka Vatika & Sita Amman temple in Sita Eliya. The stream that runs from the hill, catered to the needs of Sitadevi during her stay at Ashoka Vatika. She is said to have bathed in this stream. Now there is a temple dedicated by Lord Rama, Sitadevi, Laxmana, and Hanuman by the side of this stream. It is interesting to note that footprints akin to Lord Hanuman's are found by this river - some small and some large.

Overnight stay in Nuwara Eliya.

Day 8: NUWARA ELIYA - COLOMBO

After breakfast proceed to Colombo. Visit Vibeeshana temple & Kelaniya Buddhist temple. Enjoy a sightseeing tour. Drive through the city passing the busy commercial areas as well as tree-lined residential areas. Visit Cinnamon garden, fort, the former British administrative center and military Gardens, sea street, BMICH, replica of Aukana Buddha statue, independence square etc.

Overnight stay in Colombo.

Day 9: COLOMBO - AIRPORT

After breakfast leave for the airport for your onward flight.

TOUR SH AS P / 07 : RAMAYANA 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*	1070	970	920	530	104
4*	1160	1060	1015	625	104
4*/5*	1300	1210	1155	760	104

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*	1170	1075	1020	535	104
4*	1270	1165	1110	625	104
4*/5*	1410	1310	1265	765	104

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</u> – <u>Stays in Kandy</u> 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 104 is for

- Anuradhapura Ancient Sites
- Sacred Bo Tree
- Isurumuniya Temple
- Hot water springs
- Cultural Dance Programme
- Temple of Tooth Relic
- Hakgala Botanical Gardens

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 1st May 2018 to 31st 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
Colombo	Fairview Hotel http://www.tangerinehotels.com/fairview/ Global Towers Hotel http://www.globallanka.com/	Pegasus Reef Hotel http://www.pegasusreefhotel.com/	Hilton Colombo http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/sri-lanka/hilton
Cultural Triangle	Kassapa Lion Rock http://www.kassapalionsrock.com/ Giritale Hotel http://www.giritalehotel.com/ Saunter Paradise Hotel http://www.saunterparadisehotel.com/	The Paradise Resort & Spa http://www.browshotels.com/paradise/ Danawwa Resort http://www.danawwaresort.com/ Sungreen Resort & Spa http://sungreenhabarana.com/	Cinnamon Lodge http://www.cinnamonhotels.com/CinnamonLodgeHabarana.htm The Paradise Resort & Spa http://www.browshotels.com/paradise/
Kandy	Hotel Topaz http://www.mclareshotels.lk/hotels/topaz.html Hotel Suisse http://www.hotelsuisse.lk/ The Swiss Residence http://www.swissresidence.lk/ Queen's Hotel http://www.queenshotel.lk/	Randholee Resort and Spa http://www.randholeeresorts.com/ Earls Regent Hotel http://www.regentkandy.lk/ The Tourmaline http://www.topaz.lk/the-tourmaline.html	Grand Kandyan Hotel http://grandkandyan.com/ Cinnamon Citadel http://www.cinnamonhotels.com/CinnamonCitadelKandy.htm Randholee Resort and Spa http://www.randholeeresorts.com/ Earls Regent Hotel http://www.regentkandy.lk/ The Tourmaline http://www.topaz.lk/the-tourmaline.html
Nuwara Eliya	Glenfall Reach Hotel http://glenfallreachhotel.com/	Araliya Green Hills http://araliyagreenhills.com/ Blackpool Hotel http://www.blackpool.lk/	Araliya Green Hills http://araliyagreenhills.com/ Blackpool Hotel http://www.blackpool.lk/
Yala/ Kataragama	Hibiscus Garden Hotel http://www.hibiscus-garden.com/	Mandara Rosen www.mandararosenhotelsrilanka.com	Mandara Rosen Hotel www.mandararosenhotelsrilanka.com
South-West Beach	Hibiscus Beach Hotel http://www.hibiscusbeachhotel.com/index.ph Roco Royal Beach Resort http://www.cocoroyalbeach.com/	The Palms http://www.thepalmsberuwala.com/ Pandanus Beach Resort http://www.pandanusbeach.com/	Cinnamon Bay http://www.cinnamonhotels.com/CinnamonBeyBeruwala.htm Citrus Waskaduwa http://www.citrusleisure.com/waskaduwa/
Negombo	Camelot Beach Hotel http://www.goldisands.com/goldi-sands-hotel-negombo.htm Paradise Beach Hotel http://www.paradisebeachsrilanka.com/	Club Hotel Dolphin http://www.serendibleisure.com/clubhoteldolphin/ Suriya Resort http://www.suriyaresort.com/	Club Hotel Dolphin http://www.serendibleisure.com/clubhoteldolphin/ Suriya Resort http://www.suriyaresort.com/

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