

# PACKAGE 03 7D /6N ADVENTUROUS RAIL BLISS (Kandy-Nuwaraeliya-Ella-Yala-Galle)

# *Itinerary*

### Day 1

Arrival at Bandaranayake International Airport (CMB)

Welcome to Sri Lanka.

A warm welcome await you at the arrival lounge of the Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake. Your tour guide will give you a brief introduction and commence the trip to Colombo. Check in to hotel rest of the day at leisure and overnight stay at the hotel.

Meals: On-flight meals

Accommodation: 3\* or 4\* similar

# Day 2

Colombo - Kandy (By Train)

After breakfast, Embark on a captivating train journey from Colombo to Kandy, spanning (120 km / 3.5 hours). Marvel at verdant landscapes, tea plantations, and rural vistas. The scenic ride culminates in Kandy, a cultural gem renowned for its historic significance. Enjoy the comfort of the train while immersing yourself in Sri Lanka's natural and cultural wonders. Upon arrival, embark on a walking city tour. Explore the Central Market, glimpse the exterior of the Old Bogambara Prison, take a leisurely stroll around Kandy Lake, and visit the Temple of the Tooth Relic of the Buddha, founder of Buddhism. This sacred relic, brought to Sri Lanka in the 4th century A.D., symbolizes sovereignty and is enshrined in grandeur. Conclude the day with a captivating Sri Lankan cultural performance.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

Accommodation: 3\* or 4\* similar

*Tips & suggestions:* 

During the visit of Temple of the Tooth please wear clothing covering knees and shoulders, as a sign of respect. You will also be required to leave your shoes at the shoe counter near to the entrance before entering the temple



# Day 3

Kandy - Nuwaraeliya

After breakfast, you will depart for Nuwaraeliya. En-route, you will explore the Peradeniya Botanical Gardens, once cherished by a Kandyan queen. This rose garden, nestled beside a bend in the Mahaweli River, was once the residence of Kandyan princes in the 1st Century. Boasting 4,000 different plant species, it is considered one of the most advanced botanical gardens in Asia.

In the afternoon, you will visit a tea plantation and factory for the ultimate tea experience, from plucking young tea leaves to processing in the factory. The tea factory is an ideal place to purchase high-quality tea. Continue to Nuwaraeliya, marvel at the breathtaking views, and check in at the hotel upon arrival.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

Accommodation: 3\* or 4\* similar

*Tips & suggestions*:

Please note that you will be ascending to an altitude of 1900 meters, and consequently, the temperature in Nuwaraeliya is expected to range from 20-25°C during the day and 10-15°C during the night. It is advisable to bring warm clothing to ensure your comfort in the cooler climate of Nuwaraeliya.

# Day 4

Nuwaraeliya - Ella (By Train)

After breakfast, embark on one of South Asia's most famous train rides—the mystical journey from Nanu Oya to Ella . This train route in Sri Lanka is widely recognized as one of the most extraordinary and visually stunning experiences globally, spanning approximately 25 kilometers (15.5 miles). The scenic journey unfolds through the captivating landscapes of Sri Lanka's hill country. As the train ascends gradually into the mountains, passengers are treated to breathtaking panoramic vistas of verdant tea plantations, ethereal valleys veiled in mist, captivating waterfalls, and dense forests teeming with life. Following the enchanting train ride, we'll pick you up from the railway station and proceed to your hotel. Upon arrival, you will be escorted to the hotel for check-in, allowing you to unwind and relish the beauty of the surroundings.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

Accommodation: 3\* or 4\* similar

*Tips & suggestions:* 

It's currently not possible to confirm the train ticket reservation because Sri Lanka Railway operates on a manual reservation system. Tickets can only be booked up to 30 days prior to departure. In the rare event that the train is fully booked, we will opt for the road route instead.

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# Day 5

Ella -Yala

You have the option to enjoy your time at leisure or participate in our Yala National Park excursion. If you choose the latter, wake up early at 05:30 am to embark on a visit to Yala National Park with a packed breakfast from the hotel. Nestled in southern Sri Lanka, Yala National Park boasts the world's highest concentration of leopards. The diverse nature reserve encompasses parkland, jungle, beaches, freshwater lakes, rivers, and scrubland. Besides being home to a significant number of leopards, the park also shelters elephants, crocodiles, wild boar, water buffalo, gray langurs, and various other large animals. But the richness of Yala doesn't end there; the park is also a haven for birds of prey such as white-bellied sea eagles, waders, painted storks, the Indian peafowl, and the Sri Lanka jungle fowl. It's a comprehensive wildlife experience that will leave you in awe.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

Accommodation: 3\* or 4\* similar

*Tips & suggestions:* 

Explore Yala National Park with an early morning safari for optimal wildlife encounters. Equip yourself with binoculars and a zoom lens to capture the diverse fauna. Dress comfortably in neutral tones for the safari experience. Respect park rules, maintain a safe distance from wildlife, and consider hiring a knowledgeable guide for an enriching adventure.

# Day 6 & 7

Yala - Galle

After breakfast, you will depart for Galle. En route, as you approach Galle, stop by Mirissa Beach for its beautiful sandy shores and vibrant beach atmosphere. Just before Galle, visit Unawatuna Beach for its picturesque bay and vibrant beachside cafes. Arriving in Galle, explore the historic Galle Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with charming streets, boutiques, and colonial architecture.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

Accommodation: 3\* or 4\* similar

# Day 8

Galle - Airport

After breakfast, you are free at leisure. Then you were transferred to the airport for the flight back home.

Meals: Breakfast.



# **INCLUSIONS**

- 02 water bottles per person per day
- Airport transfers included on the first and last day of tour
- 6 nights in 3\* and 4\* hotel accommodation
- Dedicated transportation in comfortable, air-conditioned vehicles
- Daily Breakfasts, 5 dinner
- Fully escorted by English-speaking local guides
- All entry fees as per the itinerary

#### **EXCLUSIONS**

- Meals and drinks are not mentioned in the program
- Visa fee in Sri Lanka
- Tipping for driver and tour guide (\$10/per person/day)
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (we strongly recommend you hold a valid travel insurance policy for all domestic and overseas travel)
- Trip delay or interruption by airline schedule change
- Extra cost or missing tour caused by flight delay or cancel
- Any service not clearly mentioned in the program





### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

# **Physical Requirements**

The tour requires a reasonable level of fitness, emphasizing time spent on your feet rather than covering extensive distances. Expect to embark and disembark from coaches and boats, stroll around various sights, and navigate stairs, adding a moderate physical activity component to the experience.

# **Tipping**

A friendly reminder that tipping is not included in your package. Please note that tipping for tour guides, drivers, and bellmen is a customary practice and is required. Your travel consultant will collect gratuities seven days before your departure. A suggested gratuity of 10\$ per person per day can make a significant impact on the livelihoods of local professionals in the tourism industry who have diligently served you throughout your holiday. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

#### Accommodation

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All eff orts will be made to meet your preferences however any changes are beyond our control.

# Group size:

2-16 Pax

#### Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is crucial for unexpected situations. In addition to potential assistance, you may need to show your insurance documents while traveling. We've teamed up with Nib Travel Insurance to offer competitive rates. Book Comprehensive or Essentials cover for domestic, international, or multitrip journeys easily through us. Prioritize peace of mind with travel insurance to stay prepared for the unexpected during your travels.

# **Visa & Passport information**

It is the traveler's responsibility to ensure they have a valid passport. The passport must be valid for a minimum of six months from the intended date of return and must have more than 2 blank pages.

An e-visa is required for entry into Sri Lanka. The Department of Immigration and Emigration launched a system called "Electronic Travel Authorization – ETA" in order to grant prior approval for a visa online for foreign nationals who visit Sri Lanka. You can visit <a href="http://eta.gov.lk/slvisa/">http://eta.gov.lk/slvisa/</a> to purchase your visa online.

E-Visas are only valid for 30 days, so you can only apply closer to your travel dates. Please do not apply for your visa until you have your travel documentation. It will take 3 business days to be approved. The cost is US\$50 per person.



Please note that these details are subject to change without notice. We recommend visiting Government travel information web site for up to date information in terms of entry requirements.

#### **Tour Documentation**

Final documentation, including e-tickets and hotel details, will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

## Children

40% Child sharing with parents WITH an extra bed (40% on the Double Room Rate) 25% Child sharing with parents WITHOUT an extra bed (25% on the Double Room Rate)

### **Tour Length**

The total tour duration, including specific time spent on land, can be found in the day-by-day itinerary. This provides accurate information about the overall length of the tour and the duration spent at each destination.

# **Terms and Conditions**

- Please note that the above rates are compiled with the hotels mentioned in the program and subject to change if any changers take place of the government taxes.
- The rooms will be confirmed according to the availability at the time of check in, unless the client make a block booking with the hotels with a 50% advance payment to us to make it against the hotels.
- Please note that the above rates are applicable for the above program only and if the client needs a specific destination included or omitted we could adjust the same accordingly and further if you need us to tailor make any programs we could arrange it for your convenience

# **Cancellation Policy**

- If cancelled 30 days or more prior to arrival no charge any payments made prior to this date will be reimbursed (less any bank charges)
- If cancelled between14 to 29 days (inclusive) prior to arrival 30% of the total booking value will be charge
- If cancelled between 7 to 14 days prior to arrival 75% of the total booking value will be charge
- If cancelled less than 7 days prior to arrival 100% of the total booking value will be charge