

# PACKAGE 12 5D /4N HISTORICAL SRI LANKA (Colombo - Anuradhapura - Polonnaruwa - Dambulla - Kandy)

# *Itinerary*

Day 1: Colombo

Welcome to Sri Lanka.

# **Morning:**

- **Arrival:** Welcome to Sri Lanka. Upon your arrival at Bandaranaike International Airport (BIA), Katunayake, you will be greeted by your tour guide. After a brief introduction, commence your journey to Colombo, the commercial capital of Sri Lanka. The drive from the airport to Colombo takes about 45 minutes to an hour.
- **Check-In:** Upon arrival in Colombo, check in to your hotel and take some time to rest and freshen up after your flight.

# Afternoon:

- Visit Kelaniya Raja Maha Vihara: Begin your exploration of Colombo with a visit to the Kelaniya Raja Maha Vihara, one of the most sacred Buddhist temples in Sri Lanka. This ancient temple is believed to be a site visited by Lord Buddha during his third visit to Sri Lanka. The temple is known for its stunning murals and intricate sculptures depicting important events in Buddhist history.
- **Lunch:** Enjoy a traditional Sri Lankan lunch at a local restaurant in Colombo.

## **Evening:**

- **Gangaramaya Temple:** In the evening, visit the **Gangaramaya Temple**, another important Buddhist site in Colombo. This temple is renowned for its unique blend of modern and traditional architecture and houses a vast collection of Buddhist artifacts, statues, and relics. The temple complex also includes a museum and a library.
- **Seema Malaka Temple:** End your day with a visit to the **Seema Malaka Temple**, a beautiful Buddhist temple located on Beira Lake. Designed by renowned architect Geoffrey Bawa, this serene temple is an ideal place for meditation and reflection.
- **Dinner and Relaxation:** Return to your hotel for dinner and relaxation, enjoying the peaceful atmosphere of Colombo.

**Meals:** On-flight meals / Dinner

Accommodation: 4\*Granbell Hotel Colombo



# Day 2: Colombo - Anuradhapura (205 km)

# Morning:

- **Breakfast:** Start your day with breakfast at your hotel in Colombo.
- **Departure to Anuradhapura:** Check out from your hotel and begin your journey to Anuradhapura, the sacred ancient city and the first capital of Sri Lanka. The drive is approximately 205 km and takes around 4.5 to 5 hours.
- **En Route:** Enjoy the scenic drive through rural landscapes and small towns, getting a glimpse of the local life in Sri Lanka.

## Afternoon:

- **Arrival in Anuradhapura:** Arrive in Anuradhapura and check in to your hotel. Take some time to relax and refresh before beginning your exploration.
- Sacred City of Anuradhapura: Begin your tour of the Sacred City of Anuradhapura, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This ancient city is renowned for its well-preserved ruins of an early Sri Lankan civilization and is one of the holiest cities in Buddhism.
  - o **Sri Maha Bodhi Tree:** Visit the **Jaya Sri Maha Bodhi**, the sacred fig tree believed to be a sapling from the original Bodhi tree under which Lord Buddha attained enlightenment. It is one of the oldest trees in the world and a revered site for Buddhist pilgrims.
  - o **Ruwanwelisaya Stupa:** Next, visit the **Ruwanwelisaya Stupa**, one of the most magnificent stupas in Sri Lanka, built by King Dutugemunu. This large white stupa is a symbol of Buddhism in Sri Lanka and is surrounded by statues of elephants and other religious monuments.
  - o **Thuparamaya Dagoba:** Explore the **Thuparamaya Dagoba**, the oldest stupa in Sri Lanka, which enshrines the collarbone relic of Lord Buddha. This site holds great historical and religious significance.

# **Evening:**

- **Optional: Isurumuniya Temple:** In the evening, visit the **Isurumuniya Temple**, known for its rock carvings and the famous sculpture of the "Lovers of Isurumuniya." This small temple complex is a tranquil spot for reflection and prayer.
- **Relaxation:** Return to your hotel in Anuradhapura for dinner. Spend the evening relaxing and soaking in the spiritual atmosphere of this ancient city.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

**Accommodation:** 4\* Earl's Rajarata

**Tips & suggestions:** Dress modestly for temple visits, wear comfortable shoes, and stay hydrated. Carry local currency for fees and donations. Use sun protection and check photography rules at religious sites. 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: Anuradhapura - Polonnaruwa (106 km)

# Morning:

- **Breakfast:** Enjoy an early breakfast at your hotel in Anuradhapura.
- **Mihintale Visit:** Before departing Anuradhapura, visit **Mihintale**, the cradle of Buddhism in Sri Lanka. Mihintale is a mountain range where the Buddhist monk Mahinda met King Devanampiyatissa and introduced Buddhism to the island. Climb the 1,840 steps to the summit to explore ancient stupas, shrines, and a stunning panoramic view of the surrounding landscape.
- **Departure to Polonnaruwa:** After the visit, depart for Polonnaruwa, the second ancient capital of Sri Lanka. The drive is approximately 105 km and takes about 2.5 to 3 hours.

### Afternoon:

- Arrival in Polonnaruwa: Arrive in Polonnaruwa and check in to your hotel. Take some time to relax and enjoy lunch.
- Explore the Ancient City of Polonnaruwa: Begin your exploration of Polonnaruwa, another UNESCO World Heritage Site. Polonnaruwa is famous for its well-preserved ruins of palaces, temples, and statues from the 11th and 12th centuries.
  - o **Gal Vihara:** Visit the **Gal Vihara**, a rock temple featuring four impressive Buddha statues carved out of a single granite rock. The standing, seated, and reclining Buddha statues here are among the finest examples of ancient Sinhalese stone carving.
  - o **Rankoth Vehera**: Explore the **Rankoth Vehera**, the largest stupa in Polonnaruwa, which resembles the Ruwanwelisaya in Anuradhapura.

## **Evening:**

- Sunset at Parakrama Samudraya: End your day with a visit to the Parakrama Samudraya, a massive reservoir built by King Parakramabahu I. Enjoy a serene sunset by the water, reflecting on the grandeur of ancient Sri Lankan engineering.
- **Dinner and Relaxation:** Return to your hotel for dinner and relaxation after a day of historical exploration.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

**Accommodation:** 4\* Sudu Araliya

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# Day 4 - Polonnaruwa - Kandy (135 km)

# Morning:

- **Breakfast:** Start your day with breakfast at your hotel in Polonnaruwa.
- **Departure to Dambulla:** Check out from your hotel and depart for Kandy, a town famous for its ancient cave temples. The drive is approximately 135 km and takes about 2 to 3 hours.
- **En Route:** Enjoy the lush greenery and rural landscapes as you journey through the Cultural Triangle of Sri Lanka.

## Afternoon:

- **Dambulla Cave Temple:** Upon arrival in Dambulla, visit the famous **Dambulla Cave Temple**, also known as the Golden Temple of Dambulla. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is the largest and best-preserved cave temple complex in Sri Lanka, featuring over 150 statues of Buddha and intricate murals covering the walls and ceilings. The temple is perched atop a rock, offering a panoramic view of the surrounding countryside.
  - **Explore the Caves:** Spend time exploring the five main caves, each filled with stunning statues and paintings that depict the life of Buddha. The serene atmosphere inside the caves offers a peaceful retreat for meditation and reflection.

### Afternoon:

- **Arrival in Kandy:** Arrive in Kandy, a UNESCO World Heritage City, and check into your hotel. After settling in, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant or at your hotel.
- **Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic:** Visit the **Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic**, one of the most significant Buddhist sites in Sri Lanka. The temple houses a sacred tooth relic of Lord Buddha and is a major pilgrimage site for Buddhists around the world. Explore the temple complex and learn about its historical and religious significance.
- **Kandy Lake:** After visiting the temple, take a leisurely stroll around **Kandy Lake**, a serene man-made lake in the heart of the city. The peaceful surroundings make it an ideal spot for relaxation and reflection.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

**Accommodation:** 4\* Earl's Regent Hotel

**Tips & suggestions:** Wear comfortable, sturdy shoes for climbing Sigiriya. Carry water, dress modestly, and use sun protection.



# Day 5 - Kandy - Airport

# Morning:

- **Breakfast**: Enjoy an early breakfast at your hotel in Kandy.
- Check-Out and Departure: Check out from your hotel and begin the journey to Bandaranaike International Airport (BIA). The drive is approximately 120 km and takes about 3 to 4 hours, winding through the scenic landscapes of Sri Lanka's hill country.

## Afternoon:

- **Lunch Break:** Stop for lunch at a restaurant en route. This is a good opportunity to relax and stretch your legs before continuing the journey.
- **Continue Journey:** After lunch, continue your journey towards Colombo. As you descend from the highlands, notice the change in landscape from cool, misty hills to warm, tropical lowlands.

# **Evening:**

- **Arrival at BIA:** Arrive at Bandaranaike International Airport in time for your departure flight. Your guide will assist you with the necessary departure formalities and ensure a smooth check-in process.
- **Farewell:** Bid farewell to your guide and Sri Lanka as you board your flight, taking with you unforgettable memories of your journey through this beautiful island.

Meals: Breakfast

**Accommodation:** N/A (Departure Day)

## TOUR ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

PLACE	NIGHTS	RESORT	ROOM TYPE	VEHICLE
Colombo	01 Night	4* Granbell Hotel	Deluxe room	At disposal
Anuradhapura	01 Night	4* Earl's Rajarata	Deluxe room	At disposal
Polonnaruwa	01 Night	4* Sudu Araliya	Deluxe room	At disposal
Kandy	01 Night	4* Earl's Regent Hotel	Deluxe room	At disposal



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# PRICE PER PERSON SHARING A DOUBLE ROOM ON HB BASIS Summer rates valid for Off-Peak Season (May to November)

TARIFF FOR SUMMER	2PAX	4PAX	6PAX	8PAX	13PAX	16PAX	34PAX
P/P SGL SHARING	\$721	\$623	\$585	\$558	\$546	\$537	\$510
P/P DBL SHARING	\$619	\$521	\$483	\$455	\$444	\$435	\$408
P/S TPL SHARING	\$584	\$486	\$448	\$421	\$409	\$400	\$374
CHILD SHARING WITH BED 50%	\$309	\$260	\$241	\$228	\$222	\$217	\$204
CHILD SHARING WITHOUT BED 25%	\$155	\$130	\$121	\$114	\$111	\$109	\$102

# Winter rates valid for Peak Season (November to May)

TARIFF FOR SUMMER	2PAX	4PAX	6PAX	8PAX	13PAX	16PAX	34PAX
P/P SGL SHARING	\$799	\$686	\$643	\$613	\$600	\$590	\$560
P/P DBL SHARING	\$669	\$556	\$513	\$483	\$470	\$460	\$430
P/S TPL SHARING	\$630	\$517	\$474	\$444	\$431	\$421	\$392
CHILD SHARING WITH BED 50%	\$334	\$278	\$256	\$241	\$235	\$230	\$215
CHILD SHARING WITHOUT BED 25%	\$167	\$139	\$128	\$121	\$117	\$115	\$108

<sup>\*\*</sup>PRICES SUBJECTED CHANGE\*\*



## **INCLUSIONS**

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

## **EXCLUSIONS**

- The types of meals and drinks are not mentioned in the program.
- You can choose your Lunch preferences.
- Visa fee in Sri Lanka
- Tipping for driver and tour guide
- 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 5\$ 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 efforts will be made to meet your preferences however any changes are beyond our control.

## **Single Supplement**

The single supplement is subject to change and is charged per person in addition to the twin-share price.



## **Paired Solo Traveler**

Not available.

# **Group size:**

2-34 pax

## **Triple Share**

Upon your request.

## **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 multi-trip 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-Visa's 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\$20 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 Travel Plan 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.



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## **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 an 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.

