

# PACKAGE 07 14D /13N LEGACY SRI LANKA

# (Anuradhapura-Polonnaruwa-Kandy-Nuwaraeliya-Ella-Udawalawa-Unawatuna)

### *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 - Anuradhapura

After breakfast, embarking on a journey from Colombo to Anuradhapura, spanning approximately 200 kilometers, promises a blend of history and cultural exploration. Departing from the bustling capital, travel northeast through diverse landscapes. Upon reaching Anuradhapura, Sri Lanka's ancient capital, immerse yourself in its UNESCO-listed archaeological wonders. Explore the Sacred City , home to ancient stupas, temples, and the revered Bodhi Tree. Witness the grandeur of Jetavanaramaya and Ruwanwelisaya stupas, marveling at the city's rich history. Roam the expansive ruins, including Abhayagiri and Thuparamaya, experiencing the profound spirituality embedded in every stone. Anuradhapura's cultural and religious significance offers a captivating journey back in time, making it a must-visit destination for history enthusiasts and spiritual seekers alike.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

Accommodation: 3\* or 4\* similar

Tips & suggestions:

Wear modest and comfortable clothing, especially if visiting religious sites. Carry water to stay hydrated, especially in the warm climate.

# Day 3 & 4

Anuradhapura - Polonnaruwa

Today, Embarking on the journey from Anuradhapura to Polonnaruwa, approximately 110 kilometers to the southeast, unfolds a fascinating exploration of Sri Lanka's ancient capitals. Traversing through the North Central Province, the road connects two UNESCO World Heritage Sites, revealing a rich

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historical tapestry. Along the way, consider a stop at Minneriya or Kaudulla National Park for a wildlife safari. Upon reaching Polonnaruwa, delve into the well-preserved archaeological wonders of the econd ancient capital. Roam the ancient city, marvel at the Gal Vihara's exquisite rock-cut statues, and witness the architectural brilliance of the Parakrama Samudra reservoir. This journey seamlessly intertwines historical marvels with the scenic beauty of Sri Lanka's heartland.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

Accommodation: 3\* or 4\* similar

*Tips & suggestions:* 

Start early, wear comfortable attire, and stay hydrated. Dress modestly for religious sites. Pack snacks for energy.

### Day 5 & 6

Polonnaruwa - Kandy

After breakfast, Embark on a captivating journey from Polonnaruwa to Kandy, covering around 140 kilometers. Witness the transition from ancient ruins to the cultural heart of Sri Lanka. Explore Kandy's renowned Temple of the Tooth Relic, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, surrounded by scenic hills. Enroute, visit spice gardens, revealing the island's aromatic treasures. Delight in the lush landscapes and serene lakes that characterize the route. As you reach Kandy, immerse yourself in its vibrant markets, colonial architecture, and the tranquil Kandy Lake, encapsulating the city's historical and natural charm. The journey seamlessly blends cultural exploration with the picturesque beauty of Sri Lanka.

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 7 & 8

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



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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 9 & 10

Nuwaraeliya - Ella

After breakfast, Embark on a picturesque bus journey from Nuwaraeliya to Ella, winding through Sri Lanka's scenic highlands. As the bus navigates the serpentine roads, be captivated by the everchanging views of sprawling tea plantations, mist-kissed mountains, and vibrant rural landscapes. The approximately 2-3 hour journey offers glimpses into local life and the verdant beauty that characterizes this region. Marvel at the twists and turns, immersing yourself in the journey's slower pace, allowing for a deeper connection with the breathtaking surroundings. Upon arrival in Ella, you'll be greeted by the charming mountain town, known for its relaxed ambiance and panoramic vistas. promises an enriching experience as you traverse the stunning route from Nuwaraeliya to Ella.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

Accommodation: 3\* or 4\* similar

*Tips & suggestions:* 

Wear comfortable clothing and sturdy footwear for the bus journey, especially if you plan to explore Ella's landscapes upon arrival. Bring snacks and a water bottle for the journey, as there may not be regular stops. Opt for a window seat on the bus to fully enjoy the breathtaking scenery and capture memorable moments along the picturesque route.

# **Day 11**

Ella - Udawalawa

The journey from Ella to Udawalawe spans approximately 60 kilometers, offering a seamless transition from the misty hills of Ella to the wild landscapes surrounding Udawalawe National Park. Descending through scenic routes, the road journey takes you to the plains of the southern region. Udawalawe is renowned for its national park, a haven for diverse wildlife, particularly elephants. Consider a safari in Udawalawe to witness these majestic creatures in their natural habitat. The journey also presents



opportunities to explore rural villages and witness the local way of life. Overall, the Ella to Udawalawe route promises a captivating blend of nature, wildlife, and cultural experiences.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

Accommodation: 3\* or 4\* similar

## Day 12 & 13

Udawalawa - Unawatuna

After fresh morning meals, we will start the journey from Udawalawe to Unawatuna covers approximately 200 kilometers, providing a transition from wildlife-rich landscapes to the coastal charm of Unawatuna. Traveling southeast, you'll pass through diverse scenery, including rural villages and towns. Once you reach Unawatuna, you'll be welcomed by its renowned crescent-shaped beach and vibrant coastal atmosphere. Enjoy the sun, sea, and sand or explore nearby attractions like the Japanese Peace Pagoda. Unawatuna is also known for its coral reefs, making it a great spot for snorkeling and diving. This journey seamlessly combines the tranquility of Udawalawe with the tropical allure of Unawatuna, off ering a well-rounded Sri Lankan experience.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

Accommodation: 3\* or 4\* similar

### **Day 14**

Unawatuna - 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
- 13 nights in 3\* and 4\* hotel accommodation
- Dedicated transportation in comfortable, air-conditioned vehicles
- Daily Breakfasts, 13 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 efforts 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

