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ECSTATIC SRI LANKA
(Kalpitiya-Wilpattu-Jaffna -Trincomalee-Dambulla-Kandy-Nuwaraeliya)

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 & 3

Colombo - Kalpitiya

The road journey from Colombo to Kalpitiya covers approximately 160 kilometers along the western coast of Sri Lanka. As you travel northwest, passing through picturesque landscapes, the route unveils the beauty of coastal towns and fishing villages. Kalpitiya, situated on a peninsula, is renowned for its pristine beaches, water activities, and vibrant marine life. Consider stopping at Puttalam Lagoon en route for additional natural attractions. Once in Kalpitiya, indulge in kite surfing, dolphin watching, or simply relax on the sandy shores. This journey provides a delightful mix of coastal exploration and natural beauty, making Kalpitiya a sought-after destination for water enthusiasts.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

Accommodation: 3* or 4* similar

Tips & suggestions:

Pack essentials such as sunscreen, sunglasses, and a hat for sun protection. Carry a reusable water bottle to stay hydrated, especially in the coastal climate. Engage in water activities like kite surfing or take a boat trip for dolphin watching in Kalpitiya's pristine waters.

Day 4

Kalpitiya - Wilpattu

Today, Embarking on the journey from Kalpitiya to Wilpattu National Park, spanning approximately 80 kilometers, promises a transition from coastal allure to the wilderness. Departing the sandy shores, the road winds through rural landscapes, offering glimpses of village life. As you approach Wilpattu, one

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of Sri Lanka's largest national parks, the surroundings transform into dense forests and expansive wilderness. Consider an early departure for a wildlife safari, equipped with essentials like sunscreen and binoculars. Hiring a local guide enhances your safari experience, increasing the likelihood of spotting diverse wildlife, including leopards and elephants. The journey combines the tranquility of Kalpitiya's beaches with the thrilling prospect of encountering Sri Lanka's natural wonders in Wilpattu National Park.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

Accommodation: 3* or 4* similar

Tips & suggestions:

Carry a reusable water bottle to stay hydrated, especially in the coastal climate. Engage in water activities like kite surfing or take a boat trip for dolphin watching in Kalpitiya's pristine waters.

Day 5 & 6

Wilpattu - Jaffna

After breakfast, embarking on the journey from Wilpattu to Jaffna, spanning approximately 250 kilometers, unveils a transition from wildlife wonders to the cultural tapestry of Sri Lanka's northern region. As you traverse the distance, consider exploring historical sites like Anuradhapura or Mihintale en route. Arriving in Jaffna, immerse yourself in its rich cultural heritage by visiting landmarks such as Jaffna Fort, Nagadeepa Vihara, and Nallur Kandaswamy Kovil. Indulge in Jaffna's unique cuisine, influenced by its vibrant history. Respect local customs, especially when visiting religious sites, and consider exploring the islands around Jaffna for a more immersive experience. The journey seamlessly blends the natural beauty of Wilpattu with the cultural and historical allure of Jaffna, promising a diverse and enriching exploration of Sri Lanka's northern landscapes.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

Accommodation: 3* or 4* similar

Tips & suggestions:

During the visit of Temples 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

Jaffna - Trincomalee

After breakfast, you will depart for Jaffna. Embarking on the journey from Jaffna to Trincomalee, covering approximately 275 kilometers, unveils a transition from the cultural heart of Jaffna to the coastal splendor of Trincomalee. Explore Jaffna's iconic landmarks such as Jaffna Fort and Nallur Kandaswamy Kovil before embarking on a picturesque coastal drive. Consider a detour to Nainativu Island and a visit to the Kanniya Hot Springs en route. Arriving in Trincomalee, discover the

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Koneswaram Temple perched atop Swami Rock, offering breathtaking ocean views. If time allows, indulge in marine life exploration at Pigeon Island National Park. Dress comfortably for warm weather, savor local cuisine, and choose accommodations that complement your travel preferences. This journey seamlessly combines cultural immersion with coastal beauty, promising a diverse and enriching exploration of Sri Lanka's northern landscapes.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

Accommodation: 3* or 4* similar

Tips & suggestions:

During the visit of Temples 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 9 & 10

Trimcomalee - Dambulla

After breakfast, embarking on the journey from Trincomalee to Dambulla, spanning approximately 150 kilometers, unfolds a captivating transition from coastal wonders to the cultural heart of Sri Lanka. Consider a detour to Kaudulla National Park for a wildlife safari, encountering diverse fauna. Explore the ancient city of Polonnaruwa, adorned with well-preserved archaeological marvels. In Dambulla, the renowned Dambulla Cave Temple awaits, showcasing ancient cave shrines with exquisite Buddhist murals and statues. If time allows, delve into the historical significance of the nearby. The route is part of Sri Lanka's Cultural Triangle, offering insights into the island's rich heritage. Immerse yourself in local markets in Dambulla and dress comfortably for historical exploration and warm weather. Choose accommodations that complement your travel preferences for a comprehensive and enriching journey through Sri Lanka's cultural and historical tapestry.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

Accommodation: 3* or 4* similar

Tips & suggestions:

Wear comfortable clothing and sturdy footwear for the bus journey. 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.

Optional Tour: Sigiriya Rock Fortress Day Tour (Highlight Tour)

Sigiriya, a UNESCO World Heritage Site in Sri Lanka, is an ancient rock fortress with a history dating back to the 5th century. Also known as Lion Rock, it served as a royal palace for King Kasyapa, who chose this imposing location for its strategic and defensive advantages. The site features remarkable frescoes depicting celestial maidens and a mirror wall with ancient inscriptions. The ascent to the summit includes remnants of a colossal lion-shaped gateway, giving the fortress its name. Despite the site's abandonment after Kasyapa's death, its cultural significance endures, attracting visitors to

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marvel at its architectural prowess and artistic treasures, providing a captivating window into Sri Lanka's rich historical and cultural heritage.

Day 11

Dambulla – Kandy

After breakfast, you will depart for Dambulla. Embarking on the journey from Dambulla to Kandy, covering approximately 75 kilometers, unveils a transition from the cultural wonders of the Dambulla Cave Temple to the scenic charm of Kandy, Sri Lanka's hill capital. Traverse through lush landscapes, passing small towns and villages en route. As you approach Kandy, the terrain transforms into picturesque hills, offering breathtaking views. Explore the sacred Temple of the Tooth Relic, nestled beside the serene Kandy Lake. Immerse yourself in the cultural allure of the city, known for its traditional Kandyan dance performances and botanical gardens. The Peradeniya Botanical Gardens, a short distance from Kandy, beckon with their diverse flora. Dress comfortably for the temperate climate, savor local cuisine, and choose accommodations that complement your preferences for a delightful journey through Sri Lanka's cultural heart.

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 12 & 13

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

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night. It is advisable to bring warm clothing to ensure your comfort in the cooler climate of Nuwara Eliya.

Day 14

Nuwaraeliya – 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

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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 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 <http://eta.gov.lk/slvisa/> 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.

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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 between 14 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

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