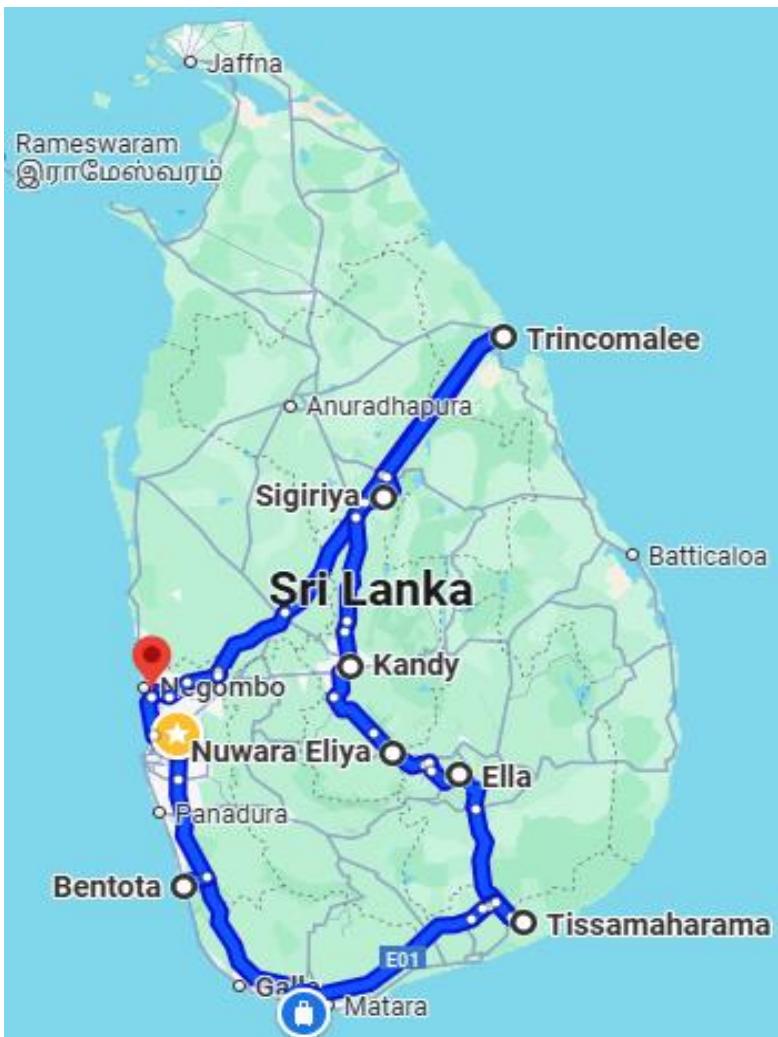


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#### ROUTE PLAN:

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## ITINERARY

### Day 01 Airport – Sigiriya (Approx. 4 hrs. drive)

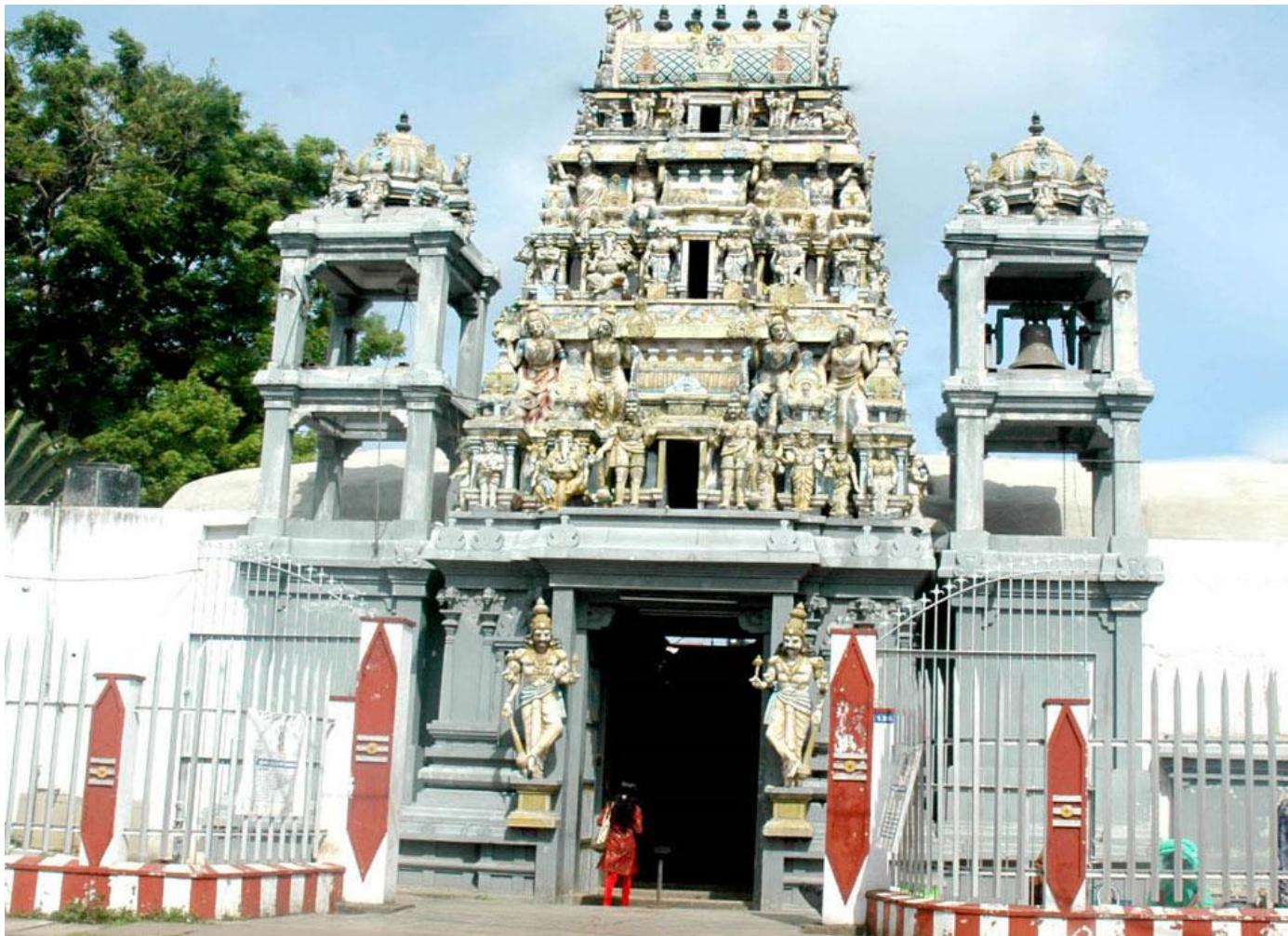
31<sup>st</sup> July 2025

- Upon your arrival at Bandaranaike International Airport, you will be warmly greeted and welcomed by your dedicated chauffeur guide who will ensure a smooth start to your journey. You will then be transferred to Sigiriya.
- Enroute visit Manavari Hindu Kovil.
- Upon arrival in Sigiriya, check in to your hotel and unwind at your leisure.
- Overnight stay at The Covansro hotel in Sigiriya, with accommodations on a Half Board basis.

### Manavari Hindu Kovil

Manavari Kovil is an ancient Hindu temple located near Chilaw, renowned for its deep spiritual significance. It holds a special place in history as the first temple where Lord Rama is believed to have installed a Shiva Lingam to seek penance after defeating King Ravana, making it closely linked to the great Indian epic, the Ramayana. This Shiva Lingam is famously known as the "Ramalingam," and Manavari is one of only two places in the world where Lord Rama personally installed and worshipped a Lingam, the other being the famous Rameshwaram in India. The temple, with its vibrant Dravidian architecture and

serene atmosphere, continues to attract pilgrims and visitors seeking blessings and a glimpse into the spiritual heritage connecting India and Sri Lanka.



## Day 02 Sigiriya – Polonnaruwa – Sigiriya (Approx. 02 hrs. and 30 mins Drive)

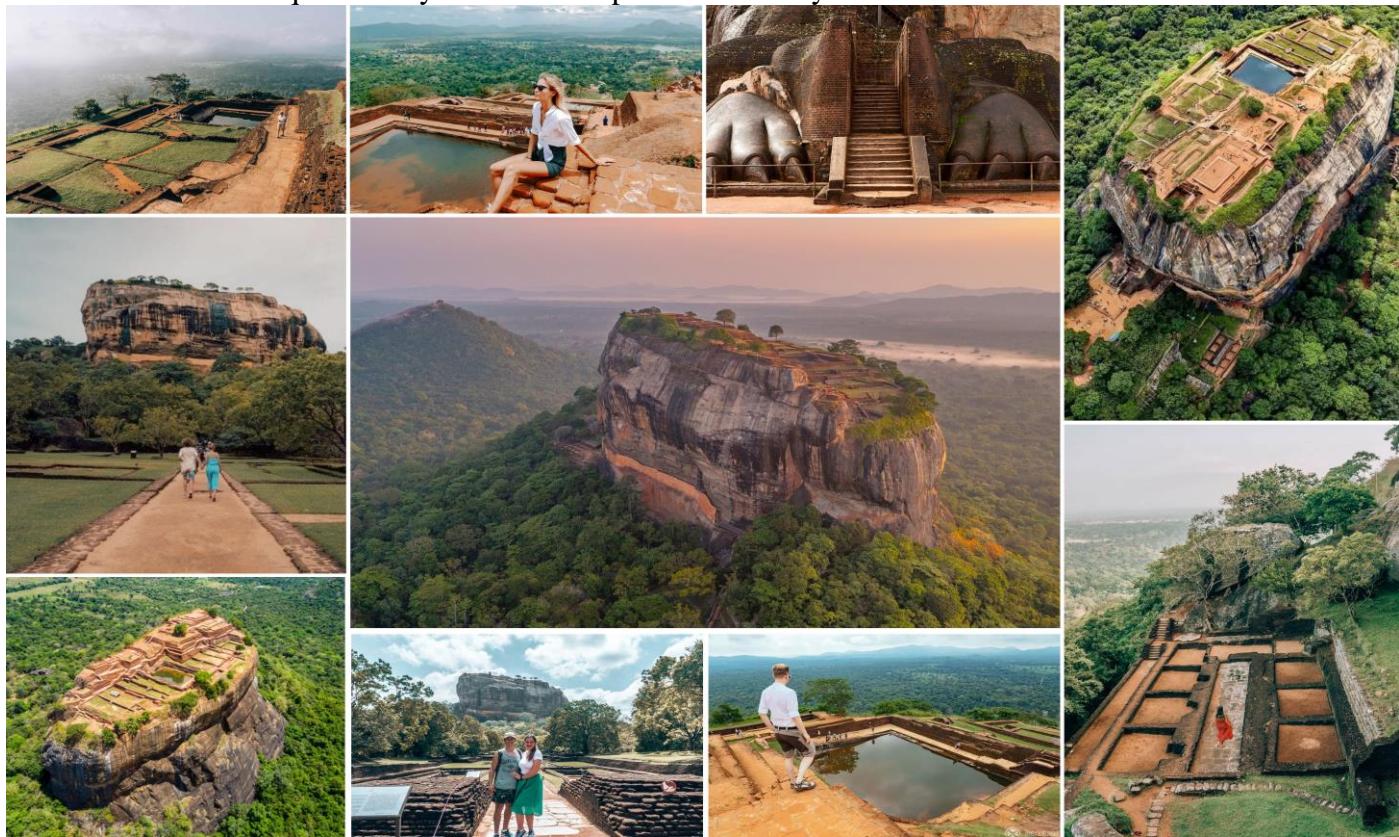
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- 06.30: Early morning proceed to explore Sigiriya lion rock fortress with a packed breakfast.
- 11.30: Village tour in Sigiriya with authentic Sri Lankan Lunch.
- After lunch, proceed to Polonnaruwa.
- 14.30: Excursion to Ancient City of Polonnaruwa
- Once completed, back to the hotel and spend overnight at The Covonro hotel in Sigiriya on Half Board basis.

### **Sigiriya Rock Fortress**

The site begins with a moat and gatehouse, hinting at its defensive past. As you enter, you'll walk through the elegant water gardens, showcasing advanced 5th-century hydraulic engineering. Explore the Boulder Gardens and ancient caves with frescoes and inscriptions, and see the Mirror Wall, once polished to reflect the king's image and now covered in ancient graffiti. Climb the spiral staircase to view the famous Sigiriya frescoes of celestial maidens, then ascend to the Lion's Gate, where the remains of lion paws mark the entrance to the royal palace. At the summit, explore the palace ruins, including the king's throne and a large pool, while enjoying panoramic views of the surrounding landscape. Informational plaques and local guides enrich your visit with historical context and insights. Surrounded by lush greenery and wildlife, Sigiriya offers a profound connection to ancient history and architectural brilliance. Sigiriya Rock Fortress is a stunning UNESCO World Heritage site, featuring an ancient citadel perched atop a massive rock, renowned

for its impressive frescoes, remarkable architecture, and panoramic views of the surrounding landscape. The Rock itself has its unique identity due to its shape not found anywhere else on the island.



### Sigiriya Village Tour with Lunch

Embark on a captivating village tour that begins with a warm welcome from your guide, who provides an engaging overview of the day's adventures. After a leisurely walk through the vibrant countryside, you'll hop aboard a traditional bullock cart, journeying through picturesque landscapes and soaking in the serene beauty of rural life. The ride leads you to a stunning lake, where you'll enjoy a memorable catamaran experience on the water, surrounded by tranquil scenery. Next, you'll visit a local village house and explore a chena farm, gaining insights into sustainable farming practices and the dedication of the villagers. The tour culminates in a delightful live cooking demonstration, where local chefs prepare authentic Sri Lankan dishes for you to enjoy. Finally, savor a delicious meal in the village house, immersing yourself in the rich culinary traditions of Sri Lanka for a truly unforgettable experience.



## Ancient City of Polonnaruwa

Your visit to Polonnaruwa begins at the stunning Parakramabahu Palace, where you can marvel at the impressive ruins and imagine the grandeur of the ancient royal court. As you stroll through the remnants of this historic site, you'll encounter Kumarapokuna, an intricate water tank that reflects the engineering brilliance of the time. Next, the Audience Hall awaits, with its beautifully carved stone pillars, providing a glimpse into the past interactions between the king and his subjects. Continuing to the Sacred Quadrangle, you'll discover a cluster of remarkable temples, including the serene Shiva Temple #2, where the intricate stonework and tranquil atmosphere invite quiet contemplation. The Rankoth Wehera stupa, with its commanding presence, offers a moment of reflection on the spiritual significance of the site. Finally, your journey concludes at Gal Viharaya, where you'll be awestruck by the magnificent rock-carved Buddha statues, embodying artistry and devotion. This immersive experience through Polonnaruwa allows you to connect deeply with Sri Lanka's rich history and cultural heritage.



**Day 03 Sigiriya – Anuradhapura – Sigiriya (Approx. 3 hrs. Drive)**

**02<sup>nd</sup> August 2025**

- 08.00: Morning Breakfast at the hotel and proceed to Anuradhapura.
- 12.30: Reach to Anuradhapura and enjoy the lunch at local restaurant.
- After lunch start the Anuradhapura city tour and proceed back to Sigiriya hotel for overnight stay.
- Spend overnight at The Covandro hotel in Sigiriya on Half Board basis.

## Anuradhapura City tour

Anuradhapura is the first kingdom of Sri Lanka, famous for its well-preserved ruins of an ancient Sri Lankan civilization. The city houses the oldest historically documented tree on earth, grown from a branch of the very tree under which the Buddha attained enlightenment 2500 years ago. It was also the center of Theravada Buddhism for many centuries and now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The relic chambers like Ruwanveliseya, Abhayagiriya and Jetavanaramaya, stand as the largest manmade brick structures in the world. Th Brazen Palace, Twin Ponds, Samadhi Buddha Statue, Isurumuniya temple with finest rock carvings in the country, The Moonstone, The Guard stones and Thuparama and Lankaramaya Dagobas are the other important attractions that you cover during this city tour.



#### Day 04 Sigiriya - Trincomalee (Approx. 2 hrs. 30mins drive)

03<sup>rd</sup> August 2025

- 08.00: Breakfast from the hotel.
- 09.00: Proceed to Trincomalee.
- 11.30: Explore Hot Spring in Kinniya.
- 12.30: Lunch at local Restaurant.
- 14.00: Visit Koneshwara Kovil and engage Trincomalee city tour.
- Check in to the hotel and spend overnight at Fourwinds by the Governor hotel in Trincomalee on Half Board basis.

#### Kinniya Hot Springs

The Kinniya Hot Springs, located near Trincomalee, are the largest natural hot wells in Sri Lanka, famous for their therapeutic and historical significance. This site features a collection of seven wells, each with water at slightly different temperatures, believed to have healing properties. According to legend, these springs were built during the times of King Ravana and are linked to ancient myths and local folklore. The water is naturally heated by geothermal activity beneath the earth's surface, making it a fascinating natural phenomenon. Surrounded by a peaceful setting, the Kinniya Hot Springs are not only a place for a soothing dip but also a sacred site visited by pilgrims seeking blessings and healing. A visit here offers a unique blend of cultural heritage, natural wonder, and local tradition.



### Trincomalee City Tour

You embark on a city tour of Trincomalee, greeted by the vibrant atmosphere of one of the world's major sea ports. Your first stop is Fort Frederick, where you explore its historic walls and enjoy panoramic views of the surrounding ocean, gaining insight into its strategic importance throughout history. As you walk through the fort, the remnants of its colonial past come to life, revealing tales of Portuguese and Dutch influences. Next, you visit the Koneswaram Temple, also known as the Temple of a Thousand Pillars, where the intricate carvings and vibrant rituals create a deeply spiritual ambiance. The air is filled with the scent of incense and flowers, and the sound of prayers echoes through the temple grounds. Continuing your tour, you make your way to Lover's Leap, where breathtaking views of the cliffs plunging into the sea provide a thrilling backdrop for photos. Finally, you immerse yourself in the local culture at the bustling fish and vegetable markets, where colorful stalls and lively interactions with vendors offer a taste of daily life in Trincomalee. This enriching tour leaves you with a profound appreciation for the city's historical significance and cultural diversity.



**Day 05 Trincomalee**

**04<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

- 06.00: Packed breakfast from the hotel and proceed to experience the Pigeon Island.
- Enjoy Snorkeling at the Pigeon Island.
- On complication, back to the hotel.
- Spend overnight at Fourwinds by the Governor hotel in Trincomalee on Half Board basis.

### **Pigeon Island**

Pigeon Island National Park is one of Sri Lanka's most treasured marine parks, located just off the coast of Trincomalee. Named after the rock pigeons that inhabit the island, it is renowned for its vibrant coral reefs and crystal-clear waters, making it a paradise for snorkeling and diving enthusiasts. The island is home to over 100 species of colorful corals and a wide variety of marine life, including reef sharks, turtles, and numerous tropical fishes. Divided into two sections, Large Pigeon Island and Small Pigeon Island, it offers visitors a rare opportunity to explore an untouched underwater world. Declared a national park in 2003, Pigeon Island plays a vital role in marine conservation and offers a unique blend of natural beauty, biodiversity, and adventure for travelers seeking an unforgettable experience in Sri Lanka's eastern coast.



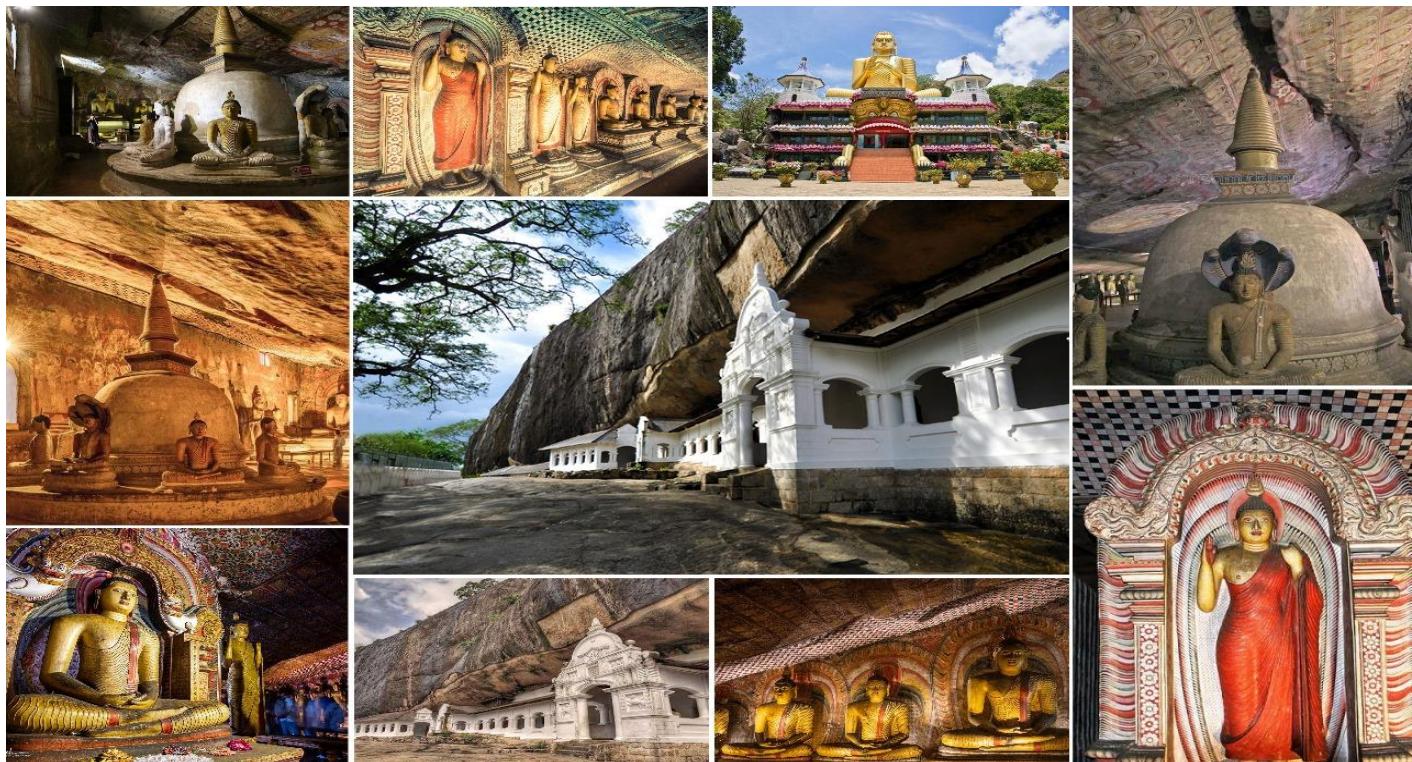
**Day 06 Trincomalee – Kandy (Approx. 4 hrs. 30 mins. drive)**

**05<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

- 08.00: Breakfast at the hotel.
- 09.00: Proceed to Kandy.
- Enroute visit Dambulla Cave temple.
- 12.30: Lunch at local Restaurant.
- Upon arrival Kandy, check in to the hotel and stay relax.
- Spend overnight at Earl's Regency hotel in Kandy on Half Board basis.

### **Dambulla Cave Temple**

Begin with breathtaking panoramic views as you approach the temple. Visit the Golden Temple at the base, featuring a giant golden Buddha statue and a modern Buddhist museum. Enjoy a serene climb through lush greenery, encountering playful monkeys along the way. Discover ancient rock paintings and inscriptions near the cave entrance. Explore the cave complex, starting with the first cave, Devaraja Lena, home to a 15-meter-long reclining Buddha. The second cave, Maharaja Lena, houses numerous Buddha statues, intricate murals, and statues of Hindu deities. The third cave features the Mahaparinibbana statue, symbolizing the Buddha's final nirvana. The fourth and fifth caves offer additional Buddha statues and murals. Admire the exquisite frescoes depicting scenes from the Buddha's life. In these caves, you can see numerous paintings that depict the life story of Buddha. All the artwork is created using natural pigments derived from various sources in nature. The artists used only four colors: green, red, yellow, and black. These colors were made from natural materials such as tree leaves, flowers, bark, and roots, showcasing the resourcefulness and creativity of the ancient craftsmen. Outside the caves, visit the sacred Bodhi tree and a small stupa for quiet reflection. Throughout your visit, experience a deep sense of peace and spirituality, enhanced by the scent of incense and the sound of chanting monks. This tour offers a comprehensive exploration of one of Sri Lanka's most treasured cultural sites. Dambulla Cave temple is one of the most impressive and well-preserved cave temples in Asia. Due to its artistic & archaeological values, Dambulla Cave temple has been listed as a UNESCO world heritage site.



## Day 07 Kandy – Nuwara Eliya (Approx. 3 hrs. drive)

06<sup>th</sup> August 2025

- 08.00: Breakfast at the hotel.
- 09.00: Before leave to Nuwara Eliya, visit to Kandy scared of tooth relic.
- 11.30: En-route visit Shree Bhakta Hanuman Temple.
- 12.30: Lunch at Local Restaurant.
- 13.30: Visit Ramboda Waterfalls.
- Upon arrival Nuwara Eliya, Check in to hotel.
- Overnight stay at Cheriz hotel in Nuwara Eliya on Half Board basis.

### Temple of Tooth Relic

Arrive near the Temple of the Tooth Relic, where your guide will provide you with flowers and other offerings for worship. Following traditional customs observed by the locals, you will partake in rituals at the temple, which houses the revered tooth relic of Lord Buddha. This experience offers a profound insight into the cultural and spiritual significance of the temple, allowing you to connect with the rich heritage and devotion associated with this sacred site. At the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic in Kandy, clients will experience a profound sense of reverence and beauty. As you enter this sacred site, you'll be greeted by its striking architecture, featuring intricate carvings and golden adornments. The temple houses the venerated Tooth Relic of Lord Buddha, a central focus of Buddhist devotion. Visitors can witness the elaborate rituals and offerings performed by monks and pilgrims, which include chanting, drumming, and the ceremonial presentation of the relic. The atmosphere is serene and spiritually uplifting, enhanced by the rich history and cultural significance of the temple. The site's ornate pavilions, beautifully maintained gardens, and the bustling atmosphere of devotion all contribute to an unforgettable and deeply moving experience.

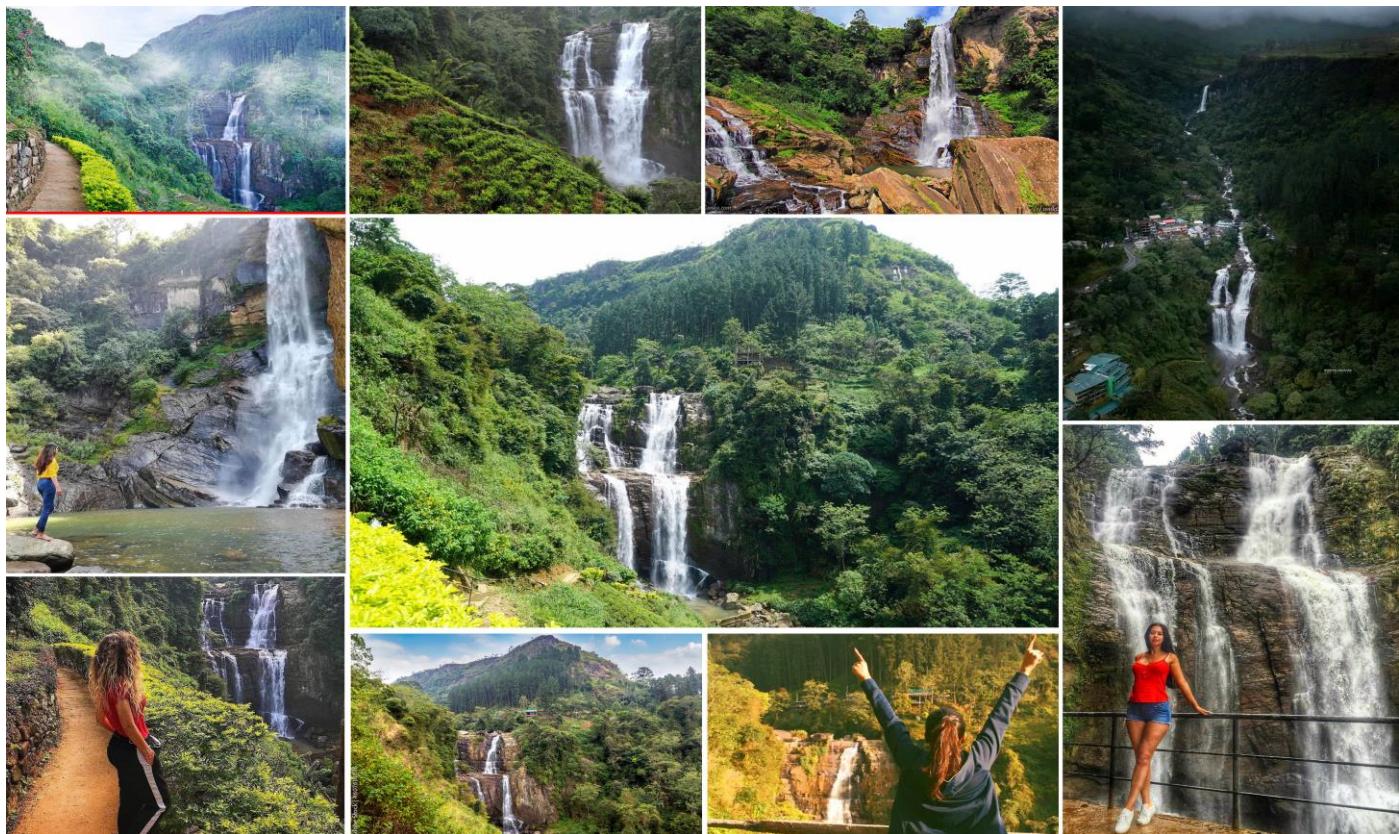


### **Shree Bhakta Hanuman Temple**

A temple that has been built as a presiding deity with five meters tall granite statue of Rama's devoted supporter, Hanuman. Hanuman is believed to have started his searching for Seeta in the Baroda hills. The Tamil word for Ramboda - Rampadai means "Rama's force". That's why Ramboda is believed as the area where Rama collected his troops.

### **Ramboda Falls**

When you visit Ramboda Falls, you'll be captivated by its majestic 109-meter (358-foot) drop, formed by the Panna Oya river. From the base, the mist and roar of the falls create an exhilarating experience, with the dramatic upper cascade as the main attraction. The lush greenery surrounding the waterfall enhances its natural beauty, while the often-overlooked lower cascade offers a peaceful and less crowded viewpoint, ideal for a tranquil escape. Ramboda Falls' striking dual cascades provide a stunning visual treat and a perfect setting for nature lovers and adventurers alike.



### Day 08 Nuwara Eliya – Ella (Approx. 2 hrs. 30 mins. drive)

07<sup>th</sup> August 2025

- 08.00: Breakfast at the hotel.
- 09.00: Experience Tea Factory & Tea Plantation.
- Once completed proceed to Ella.
- 12.30: Lunch at local Restaurant.
- On complication, check in to the hotel and stay at relax.
- Overnight stay at Heritage Ella hotel in Ella on Half Board basis.

#### **Tea Factory and Tea Plantation**

First, you'll be greeted by the stunning sight of lush, rolling hills adorned with vibrant tea bushes and interspersed with eucalyptus trees. As you explore the tea plantation, watch skilled tea pluckers in their colorful sarees working gracefully on the slopes, adding a splash of vibrant color against the greenery. The tour provides a fascinating insight into the traditional tea production process, from handpicking leaves to the intricate steps of processing, and offers a chance to sample some of Sri Lanka's finest teas. The picturesque scenery and the invigorating aroma of fresh tea leaves create a truly captivating and immersive experience.



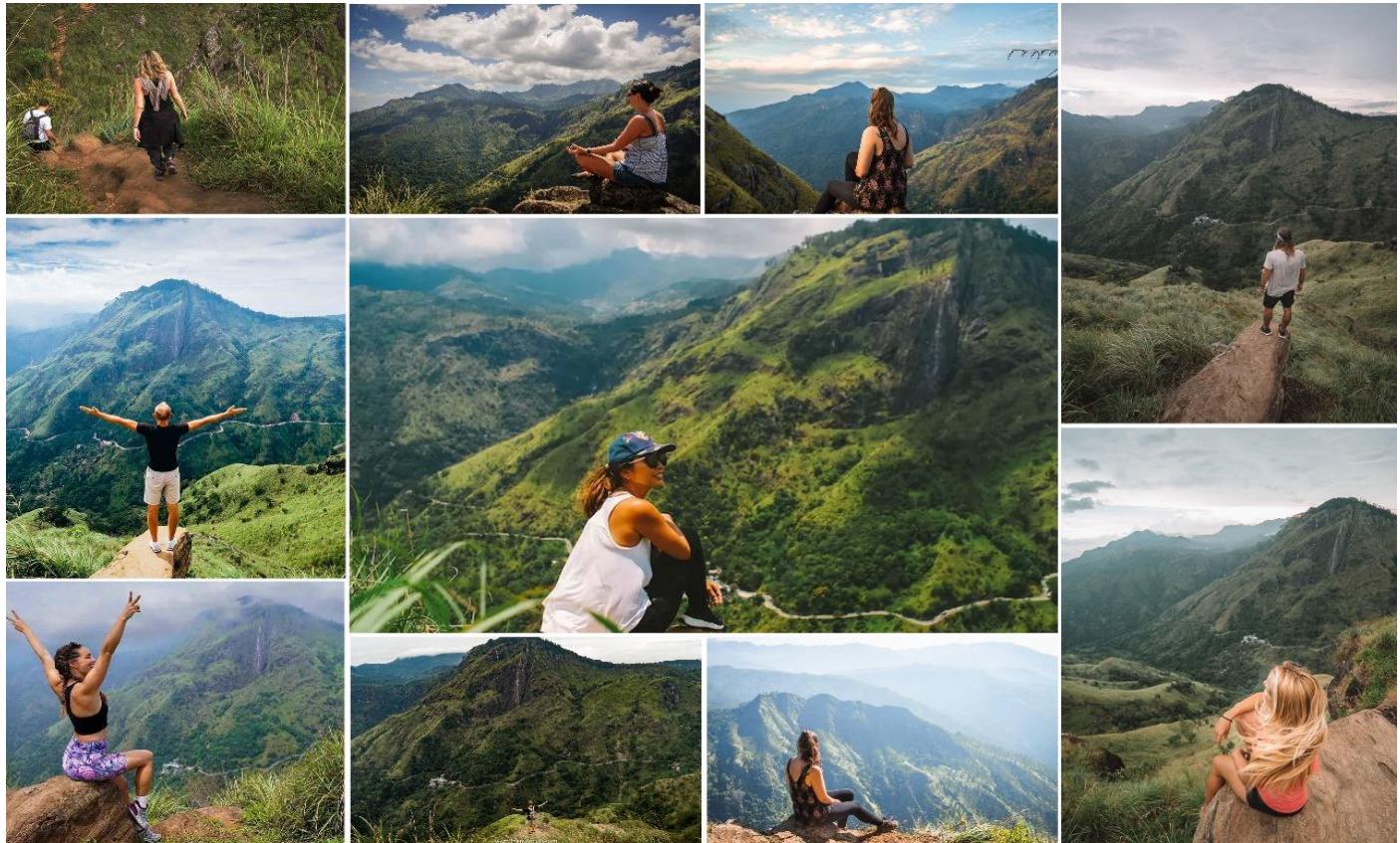
## Day 09 Ella

08<sup>th</sup> August 2025

- 08.00: Breakfast at the hotel.
- 09.00: Proceed to hike Little Adam's peak.
- 12.30: Lunch at local Restaurant.
- 14.00: Visit Nine Arches Bridges.
- On complication, back to the hotel and stay at relax.
- Overnight stay at Heritage Ella hotel in Ella on Half Board basis.

### Little Adam's peak

In this hike, you'll witness tea pickers at work in the lush fields and enjoy the picturesque landscapes along the way. At the summit, you'll be rewarded with breathtaking panoramic views of Ella Gap, where rolling hills and verdant valleys create a stunning scene. The hike offers a gradual ascent through tea plantations and scenic paddy fields, making it both accessible and rewarding. Named for its resemblance to Sri Lanka's sacred Adam's Peak, Little Adam's Peak provides a serene and memorable encounter with the country's natural beauty.



### Nine Arch bridge

You embark on an invigorating hike through the lush countryside of Sri Lanka, breathing in the fresh aroma of tea leaves and listening to the soothing sounds of nature that surround you. As you follow the well-marked trails, vibrant landscapes of rolling hills and terraced plantations unfold, heightening your anticipation for what lies ahead. Upon reaching the Nine Arch Bridge, you are struck by the breathtaking sight of its majestic stone arches spanning the verdant valley, inviting you to appreciate the remarkable craftsmanship from the British colonial era. The experience peaks as a train approaches, its rhythmic chugging growing louder until it crosses the bridge, framed by misty mountains and dense foliage an enchanting moment that feels like a scene from a dream. After soaking in the stunning views and rich heritage, you meander back along the trail, reflecting on the beauty of Ella and the unforgettable experience of visiting this iconic landmark.



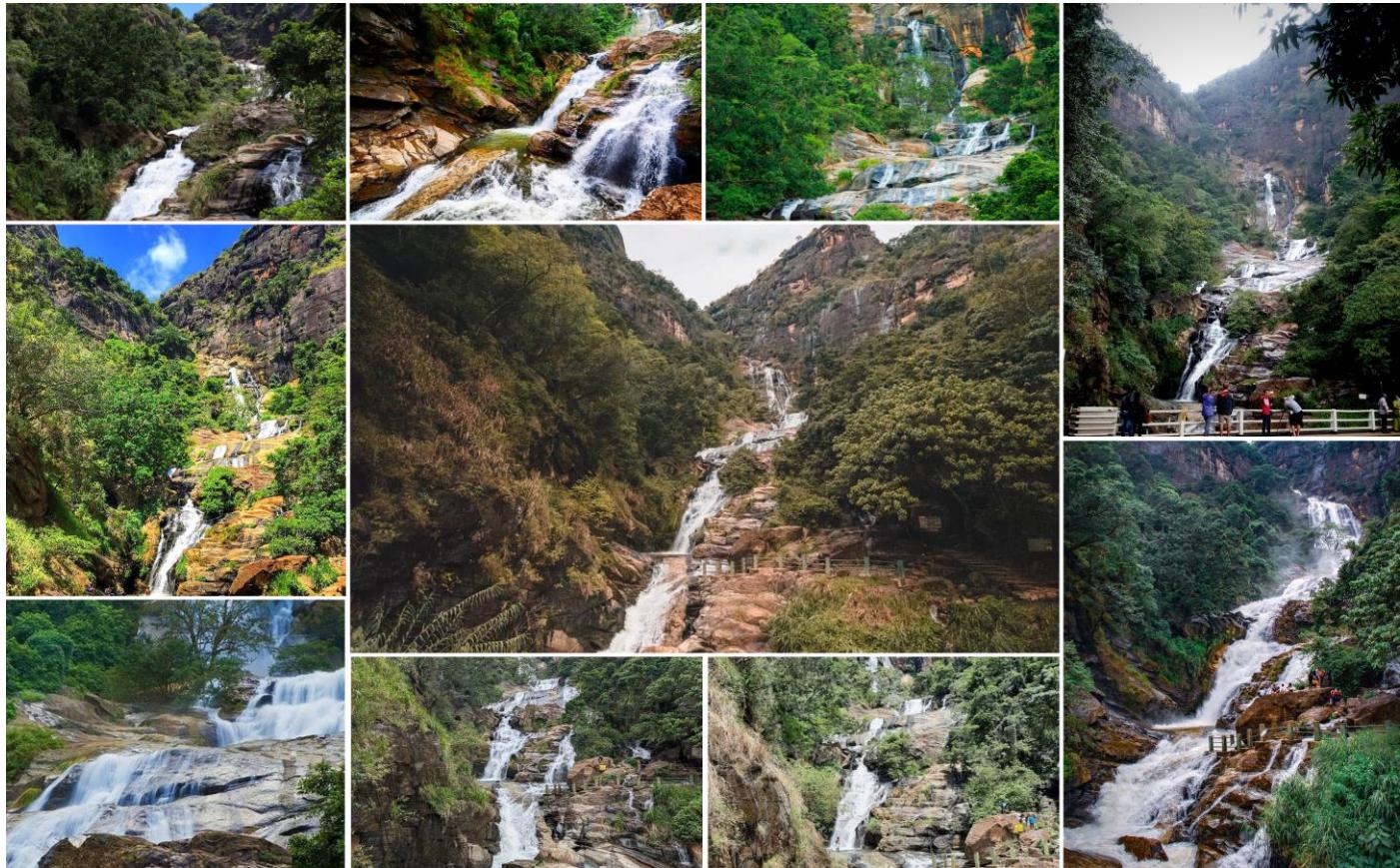
### Day 10 Ella – Yala (Approx. 3 hrs. 30 mins. drive)

09<sup>th</sup> August 2025

- 08.00: Breakfast at the hotel.
- 09.00: Proceed to Yala via Udawalawa.
- En route visit Ravana falls.
- 12.30: Lunch at local Restaurant.
- 14.00: Afternoon engages half day jeep safari at Udawalawa National Park.
- After reached Yala, check in to the hotel and stay at relax.
- Overnight stay at Cinnamon Wild hotel in Yala on Half Board basis.

#### Ravana Waterfall

When you reach Ravana Waterfall, you'll be greeted by the cool mist and the powerful roar of the cascading water. A trek through lush greenery leads you to the base of this 25-meter-high waterfall, where the stunning sight against the dense jungle is truly captivating. You can explore the area, take a refreshing dip in the pool below, or simply enjoy the serene natural setting. The nearby cave, believed to be where King Ravana hid Princess Sita, adds an intriguing touch of myth to your visit. The waterfall's vibrant display, especially during the rainy season, offers a memorable blend of natural beauty and historical charm.



### **Half day Jeep Safari at Udawalawe National Park**

You'll embark on a half-day safari at Udawalawe National Park, where you'll enjoy an exhilarating three-hour game drive with the Beyond Escapes Safari Team. As you enter the park, you'll be greeted by vast open landscapes that provide a perfect backdrop for wildlife viewing. The highlight of your adventure will be the majestic Sri Lankan elephants, often seen roaming freely near the Udawalawe Reservoir, drawn to its abundant water source. Keep your eyes peeled for other wildlife, including water buffalo, sambar deer, and playful monkeys, while the elusive leopard may make a rare appearance. The Park is also a paradise for bird enthusiasts, with numerous species flitting through the trees and soaring overhead. Your knowledgeable guide will share insights about the park's unique ecosystem and the conservation efforts in place. As the safari unfolds, the tranquil beauty of the surroundings, combined with the sounds of nature, creates an unforgettable experience, leaving you with a profound appreciation for the rich biodiversity of Udawalawe National Park.



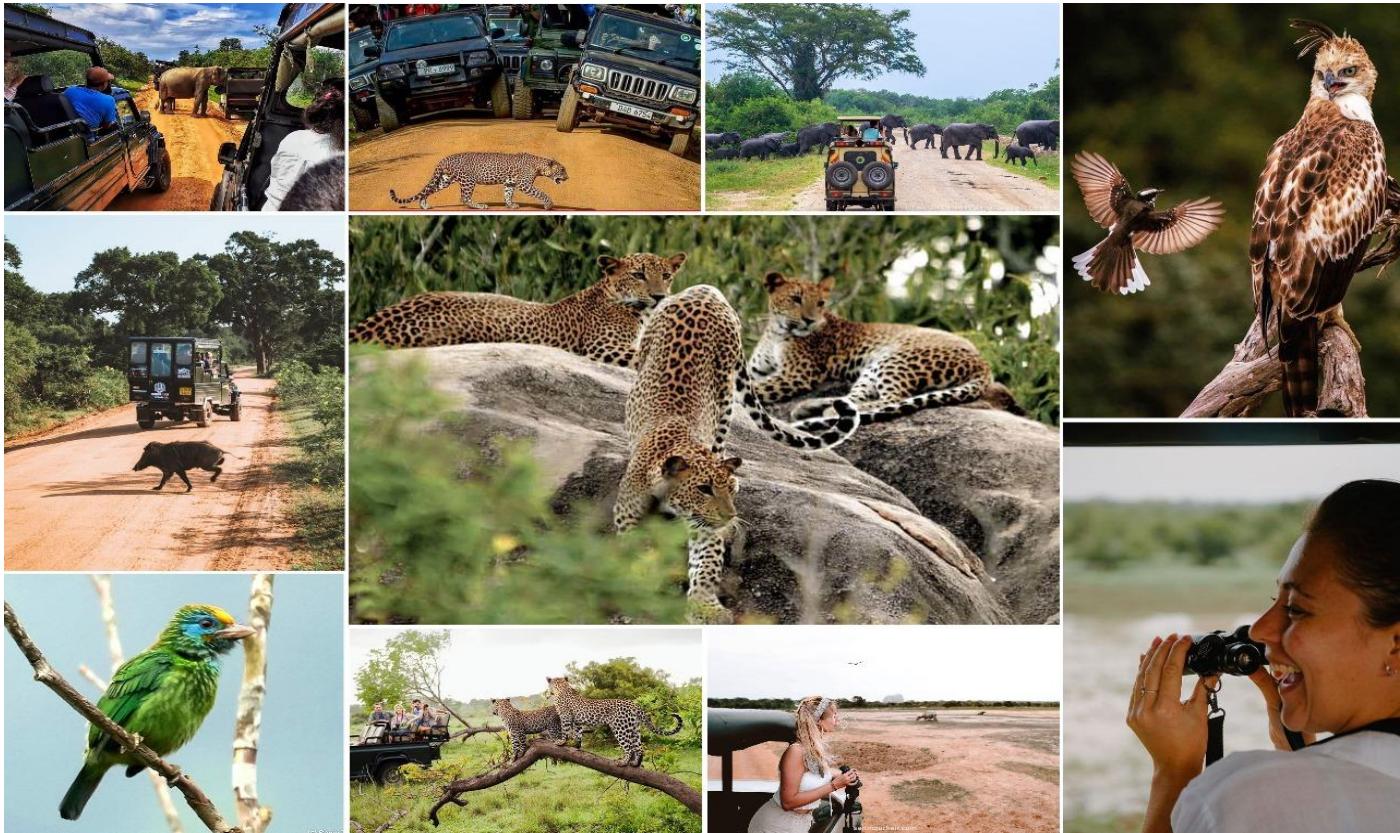
## Day 11 Yala - Galle (Approx. 3 hrs. drive)

10<sup>th</sup> August 2025

- 06.00: Early morning proceed to experience jeep safari at Yala National Park with a packed breakfast.
- Once Completed back to the hotel and check out from the hotel.
- 11.00: Leave to Galle.
- 12.30: Lunch at local Restaurant.
- En route visit Galle City tour.
- Upon arrival Galle, check in to the hotel.
- Overnight stay at Radisson Blu hotel in Galle on Half Board basis.

### **Morning Safari at Yala National Park**

You'll encounter a rich array of wildlife, including leopards, elephants, and a variety of bird species. The safari takes you through open grasslands, dense jungles, and along serene waterholes, providing numerous opportunities for wildlife spotting and photography. With expert guides navigating the rugged terrain, you'll gain valuable insights into the park's ecosystem and its inhabitants. The thrill of seeing majestic creatures in their natural habitat, combined with the park's scenic beauty, makes the Yala jeep safari an unforgettable experience. Embarking on a Yala jeep safari offers an exhilarating adventure through one of Sri Lanka's premier national parks.



### Galle City Tour

Starting at the iconic Galle Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, you'll wander through its ancient ramparts, exploring well-preserved colonial architecture and charming cobblestone streets. As you stroll, you can visit the fascinating Maritime Museum and the historic Dutch Reformed Church, all while soaking in the vibrant atmosphere filled with local shops and cafés. The tour often includes a stop at the picturesque lighthouse, where you can enjoy breathtaking views of the Indian Ocean. As you explore the bustling markets, you'll have the chance to sample local delicacies and purchase handmade crafts. The day culminates with a relaxing walk along the fort's walls at sunset, where the sky transforms into a palette of warm colors, leaving you with a sense of connection to Galle's rich heritage and stunning natural beauty.



Day 12/13/14 &amp; 15 Galle

11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> / 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> August 2025

- On this day free at leisure on the beach & enjoy hotel facilities.
- Overnight stay at the Radisson Blu hotel in Galle on Half Board basis.



Day 16 Galle – Colombo (Approx. 2 hrs. 30 mins. drive)

15<sup>th</sup> August 2025

- 08.00: Breakfast at the hotel and proceed to Colombo.
- Enroute enjoy with the Madu Ganga River Safari.
- 12.30: Lunch at local Restaurant.
- 14.30: Visit Kosgoda Turtle Hatchery.
- Upon arrived at Colombo, check in to the Kingsbury hotel in Colombo for overnight stay on Half board basis.

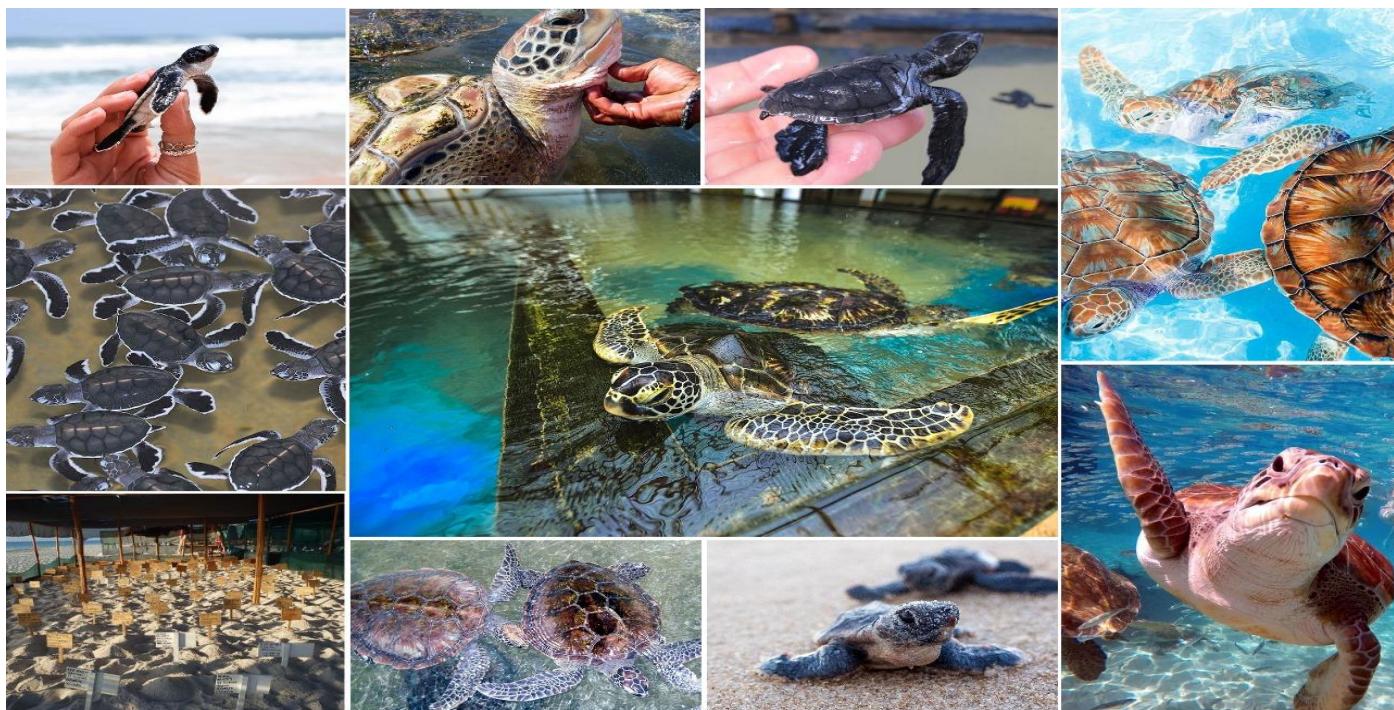
**Madu Ganga Boat Ride**

As your boat sets off, you find yourself surrounded by deep green vegetation lining the riverbanks, creating a tranquil and lush atmosphere. After navigating about 3 kilometers, small islands come into view against the shimmering ocean, sparking a sense of excitement. Gliding into the serene mangrove area, a cool breeze brushes against you, and the gentle sounds of nature fill the air. You indulge in a unique fish therapy experience, feeling the delightful tickle of tiny fish nibbling at your feet. The adventure continues with a visit to a cinnamon plantation, where you learn about the fascinating production process and its significance in Sri Lankan culture. Finally, you explore an antique temple over 200 years old, soaking in the rich heritage and spiritual ambiance. As you return to the starting point, you feel refreshed and enriched by the incredible experiences you've enjoyed along the Madu River.



## Turtle Hatchery

As you enter, you'll first see the incubation area, where turtle eggs are carefully monitored. Here, guides explain the different species and the significance of protecting them. Next, you may witness the exciting moment of baby turtles hatching, their tiny bodies struggling to emerge from the sand. After that, there's often an opportunity to participate in the release of these hatchlings into the ocean, a truly heartwarming experience as you help them start their journey to the sea. Throughout your visit, educational displays provide further insights into the life cycle of turtles and the threats they face. Finally, you can relax on the beautiful beachfront, enjoying the stunning scenery while knowing that your visit supports vital conservation efforts and local communities dedicated to protecting these magnificent creatures.



**Day 17 Colombo - Airport (Approx. 1 hr. drive)****16<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Check out from the hotel and proceed to Airport.
- As all good things come to an end, you will be safely driven to the airport for your flight back home, cherishing the sweet memories of your tour with Beyond Escapes! 🙌

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