

TOUR : HIGHLIGHTS OF SRI LANKA
DURATION : 06 DAYS / 05 NIGHTS

Tour Itinerary

DAY 01 : AIRPORT / NEGAMBO

Meet & on arrival & proceed from Airport to Negambo.

Rest of the day leisure at the hotel

Overnight stay at hotel

DAY 02 : NEGAMBO / PINNAWALA / HABARANA

Breakfast at the Hotel

Morning visit to the Negambo Fish Market.

Located within a fairly close range to Bandaranaike International Airport, Negombo - the cinnamon hub of the Colonization of Dutch - offers some of the most exiting diving stretches in the country. With quite a pleasant beach and lagoon watch how Negombo dishes out some of the best lobsters, prawns and crabs found in the country, right on to your table or simply grab your kiteboards for an enthralling fly over crashing waves. Today Negombo also represents an ultimate nightlife featuring bars, disco bars and clubs. So, jazz up to the rhythm of the West, and be ready for a night of 'fest', because at Negombo everything is 'best'.

(Optional) – Boat Ride at Negambo Lagoon.

Transfer from Negambo to Pinnawala.

Visit to the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage.

The Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage, established in 1975, commenced with seven orphans. Today some of these orphans enjoy the fortune of seeing their grandchildren born in the same location. The original objective of establishing the orphanage inclined more towards tourism, but is soon became a conservation and educational centre. With the help of local and foreign elephant experts, Pinnawela started a scientific captive-breeding programme for elephants. The free movement of the herd enhanced the chances for respective individuals of both sexes to get together and mate. The nearby river played a dominant role in this regard, and in 1984, the first baby of Pinnawela was born. The success

story of Pinnawela has drawn the attention of scientists from all over the world. A considerable number of books and research articles on Pinnawela have been published in several languages. The members of the Pinnawela herd have been filmed, videoed and photographed thousands of times by professionals.

Transfer from Pinnawala to Habarana.

Overnight stay at Hotel

DAY 03 : HABARANA / SIGIRIYA / POLONNARUWA / HABARANA

Breakfast at the Hotel

Transfer from Habarana to Sigiriya.

Climb the Sigiriya Rock Fortress.

Sigiriya, which is a world heritage site, built by King Kashyapa (477-495 AD). The 'Lion Rock' is a citadel of unusual beauty rising 200 metres from the scrub jungle. The rock was the innermost stronghold of the 70 hectare fortified town. A moat, rampart, and extensive gardens including the renowned water gardens ring the base of the rock. Visit the world-renowned frescoes of the 'Heavenly Maidens' of Sigiriya, which are in a sheltered pocket of the rock approached by a spiral stairway. These frescoes are painted in earth pigments on plaster. Wander into the well-fabricated museum downstairs for an epic journey of yesteryears to realize how the citadel floated above citizens with the castle, ponds and irrigation systems that pumped water right onto its summit with an ingenious hydraulic system describing a colossal masterpiece of the great king which remained a wonder in Asia for centuries.

Transfer from Sigiriya to Polonnaruwa.

Visit to Polonnaruwa Ancient City.

Rising with the decline of Anuradhapura, the city of Polonnaruwa - medieval capital & crown jewel of King Parakramabahu I - remains superior proof of ancient culture & heritage blended with religious beliefs. Walk across its scattered walls of the World Heritage Site - blessed by stupas, resting Buddha statues, irrigation canals and fantastically carved Hindu sculptures - while observing the relic house - Watadage - which boasts of beautiful stone carvings. Take a close glance and you will realize a subtle Hindu influence on architecture and statues found in Polonnaruwa. Or sit by the side of Galvihara and observe the absolute beauty gushing out of every bend of its huge

Buddhist statues. Nissankamalla Council Chamber is however, a head-spinning beauty to just sit back and observe with its swaying pillars reminding the aesthetics of a powerful kingdom which rests beside Parakrama Samudraya - sea of Parakramabahu & masterpiece of irrigation!

Transfer from Polonnaruwa to Habarana.

Overnight stay at Hotel

DAY 04 : HABARANA / DAMBULLA / KANDY

Breakfast at the Hotel

Transfer from Habarana to Dambulla

Visit to Dambulla Cave Temple.

King Walagamba built Dambulla rock temple in the 1st century B.C. and it is a World Heritage Site. It is the most impressive of Sri Lanka's cave temples. The complex of five caves with over 2000 sq. metres of painted walls and ceilings is the largest area of paintings found in the world. It contains over 150 images of the Buddha of which the largest is the colossal figure of the Buddha carved out of rock and spanning 14 metres.

Transfer from Dambulla to Kandy.

Visit to Kandy City in the evening.

Kandy was the last capital of the Sri Lankan kings and is a World Heritage Site. The name "Kandy" conjures visions of splendour and magnificence. Many of the legends, traditions and folklore are still lovingly kept alive. Drive around the Kandy Lake built by the last Sinhala king, Sri Wickrama Rajasinghe in 1798. Visit the Kandy town and bazaar, the arts and crafts centre, a gem museum and a lapidary. Also visit the Temple of the Tooth Relic in Kandy, and in the evening you can witness a cultural show.

On your way to Kandy, If interested you can visit to a Spice Garden in Matale.

Overnight Stay at Hotel

DAY 05 : KANDY /PERADENIYA /TEA PLANTATION / NUWARA ELIYA

Breakfast at the Hotel

Transfer from Kandy to Peradeniya.

Visit to Peradeniya Botanical Garden.

Peradeniya Botanical Garden is situated in the Central Province of Sri Lanka and visited approximately 02 million people annually. The unusual name is Sinhalese translation of guava plain. The garden is notable for its collection of a variety of Orchids. It is home to various species of plants, spices, medicinal plants and palm trees. It is also one of the largest botanical gardens of Sri Lanka, An artificial lake with water plants including giant water lily and papyrus seeds is found in the centre of the garden.

Transfer from Peradeniya to Tea Plantation

Visit a Tea plantation and a tea factory, where the best tea in the world is produced. Here you could observe all about the process of manufacturing tea. You can also see how tea is graded. Taste a cup of pure Ceylon tea in the factory.

Transfer from Tea Plantation to Nuwara Eliya

Visit to Nuwara Eliya City.

Nuwara Eliya, because of its invigorating mountain climate and scenery, is Sri Lankas most popular hill resort. Nuwara Eliya is also the heart of Sri Lankas tea country producing a significant share of the world s best tea. Sri Lanka s highest mountain Pidurutalagala (8282 feet) is located here. Nuwara Eliya also has one of the finest 18 hole golf courses in South Asia.

Overnight Stay at Hotel

DAY 06 : NUWARA ELIYA / KITULGALA / DROP AT BEACH HOTEL

Breakfast at the Hotel

Transfer from Nuwara Eliya to Kitulgala.

The famous location for filming the award winning movie 'Bridge on the River Kwai' by David Lean is the beautiful Kitulgala village in the Sabragamuwa Province. The picturesque location of the movie is open to all visitors to feast their eyes. Kitulgala is surrounded by forested hills that make way to the Kelani Ganga (river). A stretch of the river is the haven for those who love white water rafting. The 5 kilometers upstream is suitable for experienced white water rafting adventurers and the downstream suitable for beginners. Kitulgala is also a famous spot for jungle trekking, outdoor camping and bird watching.

Transfer from Nuwara Eliya to beach hotel located in down south costal line.

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