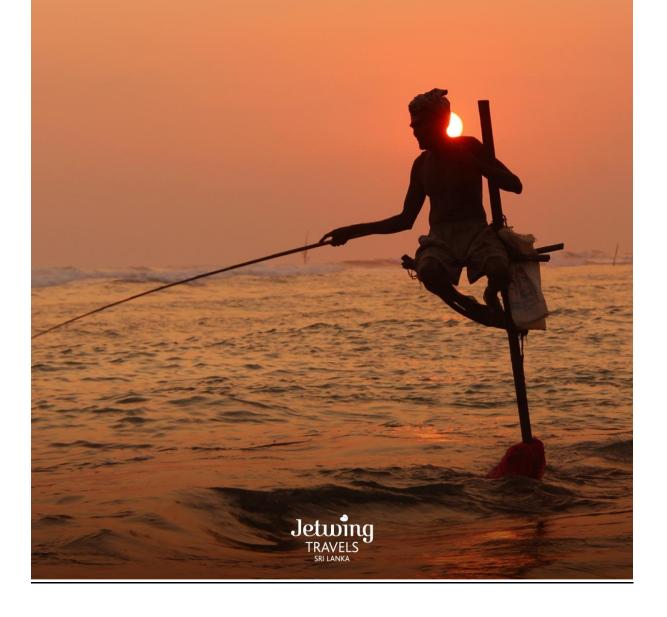
# THE HOME OF SRI LANKAN HOSPITALITY

YOUR ITINERARY



# 10 Nights / 11 Days Holidays to Sri Lanka

(Please refer to your quote for inclusions & exclusions)

#### Day 1: Airport- Dambulla

Upon arrival at the Colombo Bandaranaike International Airport, you will be received warmly by our representative. You will then be escorted to your vehicle to begin your holiday in Sri Lanka.

Your first visit will be to Dambulla.

#### Dambulla

Dambulla is one of the ancient cities of Sri Lanka. The city also boasts to have the largest rose quartz mountain range in South Asia, and the Iron wood forest. Ibbankatuwa prehistoric burial site near Dambulla cave temple complexes is the latest archaeological site found in Dambulla. Dambulla along with nearby Sigiriya and Habarana form a cluster of tourist area within it.







City tour: Your city tour will commence with the visit to one of the wonders of the ancient world -the Sigiriya Rock Fortress. It is also a UNESCO world Heritage site. Sigiriya Rock was once an ancient Castle used both as a palace and a fortress and was created by the great King Kasyapa. The magnificent rock fortress of Sigiriya is visible for miles from all directions and dominates the surrounding plain. The Sigiriya Complex consists of the central rock, which arises abruptly 200 meters above the surrounding plain with the two rectangular precincts on the east and the west. The rock is surrounded by two wide moats, where crocodiles were introduced in ancient times and three ramparts. The moats and walls that surround the lower palace are still exquisitely beautiful. Your next destination will be the Dambulla Cave Temples. It is the largest and best-preserved cave temple compound in Sri Lanka. There are above 80 chronicle caves around this location. The most prominent allures are advanced over 5 caves, which contain statues and paintings. These paintings and statues are depicted to Lord Buddha and his life. There are a total of 153 Buddha statues, 3 statues of Sri Lankan kings and 4 statues of gods and

goddesses. (Entrance fees to sites not included). Additional tours wildlife tours can be added to the tour. Costs will be extra.

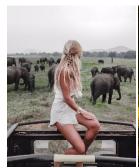
Overnight stay at your hotel in Dambulla.

#### Day 2: Dambulla – Kandy

Enjoy a delicious breakfast at your hotel. Today you will visit Kandy, Morning safari in Minneriya.

#### **Minneriya National Park**

Minneriya National Park is a national park in North Central Province of Sri Lanka. The area was designated as a national park on 12 August 1997, having been originally declared as a wildlife sanctuary in 1938. The reason for declaring the area as protected is to protect the catchment of Minneriya tank and the wildlife of the surrounding area. The tank is of historical importance, having been built by King Mahasen in third century AD. The park is a dry season feeding ground for the elephant population dwelling in forests of Matale, Polonnaruwa, and Trincomalee districts. The park earned revenue of Rs. 10.7 millions in the six months ending in August 2009. Along with Kaudulla and Girithale, Minneriya forms one of the 70 Important Bird Areas (IBAs) of Sri Lanka. The park is situated 182 kilometres (113 mi) from Colombo.







## **Kandy**

Lying amidst the hills, Kandy is the last capital of the ancient kings of Sri Lanka. While being the second largest city in Sri Lanka it is also famous for its immense beauty and is named as one of the seven UNESCO declared World Heritage sites in the country. With its luxuriant prairie, picturesque lake, longest river of the country and misty mountains, Kandy successfully mesmerizes every visitor unsurprisingly.

Overnight stay at your hotel in Kandy.

#### Day 3: Kandy

Enjoy a delicious breakfast at your hotel. Today you will visit Kandy,







City Tour: While on your city tour you will visit one of the world heritages as well as a sacred place for the Buddhists all over the world; namely the Temple of tooth Relic known to the Sri Lankans as Dalada Maligawa. Your next visit will be to the Peradeniya Botanical Gardens which is a paradise for nature lovers. This beautiful flower Eden is restored with over 300 different varieties of orchids, other spices, medicinal plants and Palm trees. Every year more than 1.2 million people are enchanted by the beauty of these 147 acre flower gardens. The real evidence of the richness will be affirmed by your visit to the Gem Museum. Sri Lanka produces the finest quality of gems in the world. Semi-precious gems, the sapphires of Sri Lanka, which are very exclusive and comes in shades of blue, red, green, white etc. In the evening you will witness a traditional cultural dance show. (Entrance fees to sites not included)

Overnight stay at your hotel in Kandy.

#### Day 4:- Kandy - Galle

Enjoy a delicious breakfast at your hotel. Today you will visit Galle.

#### <u>Galle</u>

Galle is a beautiful city to witness the sun and sand. Galle Harbor was frequented by Chinese and Arabians sailors before the Portuguese occupied Galle in the 16th century. The Dutch captured Galle in 1640 and handed it over to the British in 1796. History reveals that the Chinese Admiral Zheng He, who commanded seven great voyages through the South China Seas and the Indian Ocean between 1405 and 1433, erected a tablet in 1409 in Galle in commemoration of his second visit to Sri Lanka. The trilingual tablet discovered in 1911 has inscriptions in Chinese, Tamil and Arabic languages, suggesting that the Chinese were dealing with a cosmopolitan trading community at that time.

Overnight stay at your hotel in Galle.

#### Day 5:- Galle

Enjoy a delicious breakfast at your hotel. Today you will visit Galle.







**City tour:** During your city tour you will visit the Galle Dutch Fort which is among the most popular sites in Galle where it attracts those who value archaeological reserves and heritage. It is known as the oldest fort in Asia, named as a world heritage by UNESCO. Inside the fort, travelers can find other attractions such as the Dutch Museum, which contains paintings, pictures and furniture of the Dutch Reformed Church. The fort is built on small peninsula that can be easily accessed from the Galle town. It is the best place to visit during an evening as the picturesque scenery of the sunset can be witnessed at its best. The trilingual inscription is in the National Museum in Colombo and a copy can be found in the Maritime Museum in Galle.

Overnight stay at your hotel in Galle

## Day 6: Galle - Mirissa

Enjoy a delicious breakfast at your hotel. Today you will proceed to Mirissa

Leisurely stay

Overnight stay at your hotel in Mirissa

# Day 7: Mirissa

Enjoy a delicious breakfast at your hotel. Today you will proceed to Mirissa.

# **Mirissa**

#### Whale & dolphin Watching Boat Tour

- Departure 7.00 a.m. from Mirissa Harbour
- Tour May last 3-5 Hours
- Breakfast and mineral water provided on board
- Qualified skipper and crew will assist you while in tour
- Our Boat is Licensed for passenger Travelling
- All Passengers are fully insured.
- Boat Equipped with GPS Navigation, Communication Equipment, Life jackets





Overnight stay at your hotel in Mirissa

# Day 8: Mirissa - Bentota

Enjoy a delicious breakfast at your hotel. Today you will proceed to Bentota.

Bentota is the city of the Golden Beaches. You will be able to relax and feel the spirit of the sea and the warmth of the soft sand. The day is divided in between swimming in the water and bathing in the sun. Bentota provides the perfect turf for unfurled vacation at the beach. While enjoying the sun, sea and sand the water sports lovers can enroll themselves in various water sports bringing in the unique pleasure of this locale.







**City tour:** On your city tour you will enjoy a boat ride along the Madhu River. It is a scenic tour relaxing and interesting while passing many islets forested with mangroves and experience the natural rhythms as well. If you are looking for more exclusive experience visit the turtle hatchery too. The Turtle Hatchery is the prime turtle nesting site which was open by the Wild life Protection Society in 1981. Visitors can see huge tanks filled with new born turtle hatchlings. After being fed, the baby turtles are taken to the sea and released when they are 2-4 days old, usually during the safer hours of darkness. (Entrance fees to sites not included)

Overnight stay at your hotel in Bentota.....

### 9: Bentota – Colombo

Enjoy a delicious breakfast at your hotel. Travel to Colombo

Leisurely stay at hotel

#### Colombo

Colombo is the largest city and commercial capital of Sri Lanka. Located on the west coast, it is a busy and vibrant city with a mixture of modern and colonial impressions. Colombo has wildly varying architecture that span centuries and depict various styles. Many colonial buildings influenced by the Portuguese, Dutch and British exist alongside structures built in Buddhist, Hindu, Islamic, Indian and Contemporary architectural styles. No other place is this more evident in the heart of the city the Fort area. Colombo also boasts many shopping malls and department stores that offer brand name clothing at highly discounted prices. Therefore, it has become an important shopping destination among tourists.

Overnight stay at your hotel in Colombo......

# 10: Bentota – Colombo

Enjoy a delicious breakfast at your hotel. Today leisurely stay at hotel

Overnight stay at your hotel in Colombo

#### Day 11: Colombo - Airport

Transfer to airport, end of tour.