

Explore Sri Lanka – 6 Nights

DAY 01 COLOMBO – PINNAWALA - DAMBULLA

Pickup from your hotel in Colombo, transfer to Dambulla and check-in at the hotel.

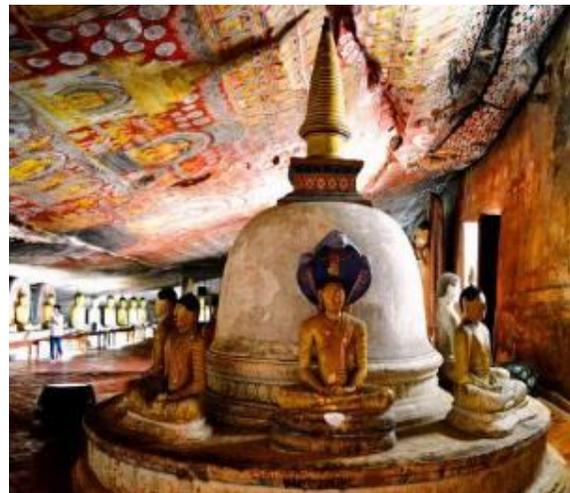
En-route Visit to Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage

Enroute visit Elephant Orphanage in Pinnawala : As you enter the 25 acre coconut property, do not be surprised to witness baby elephants being bottle fed or moving around freely causing absolutely no harm to anyone. It is rightly a sincere sight to observe how these gentle giants - orphaned and sometimes three-legged - are taken care of since 1975 at Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage. Up to date, over 20 calves have been born here, and it is surprising to hear that some of its inmates have even seen their grand children during the past few decades! Watch as they feed at 9:15 am, 1:15 pm & 5:00 pm and take a river bath twice a day at 10:00 am & 2:00 pm respectively for an experience that could never be felt anywhere else on earth!

Proceed to Dambulla & check in to your hotel

Afternoon visit the cave temple In the city of Dambulla which has been treasured by many kings since the 1st century B.C. Today, an icon in the face of Sri Lanka, Dambulla Rock Temple houses some of the most unique drawings in magnificently constructed 5 cave temples flanking the golden temple of Dambulla. Observe how exquisitely cave paintings are done along walls that shelter 150 statues of Lord Buddha. As you enter the retreat, look straight up to the gigantic Buddha statue glittering in gold over a land, which today houses an important junction in the country's economic and cultural uplifting.

Overnight Stay in Dambulla



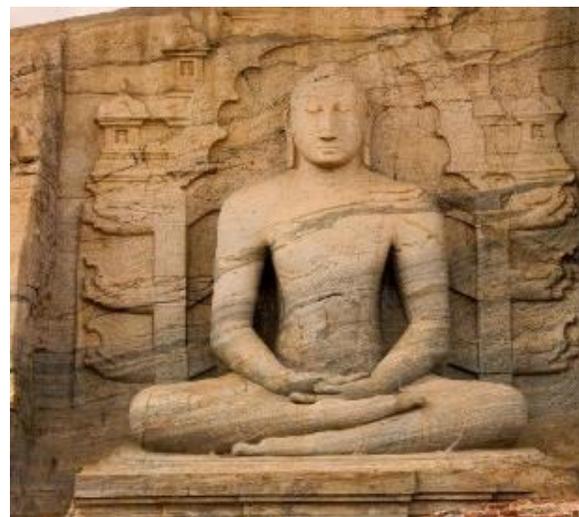
DAY 02 DAMBULLA – SGIRIYA – POLONNARUWA - DAMBULLA

Breakfast at Hotel

Morning visit Sigiriya Rock Fortress: The 5th century rock citadel of King Kasyapa and World Heritage Site - Sigiriya - doesn't only boasts of ancient Sri Lankan engineering & urban planning supremacy but also acclaims to be one of the finest monuments of art & culture. Step through the gigantic 'Lion Paws' - overlooking the symmetrical royal gardens below - to comprehend the absolute splendor that once dominated this rock fortress. Surrounded by ramparts & moats the Lion Rock - resembling the mythological 'City of Gods' - is coated by frescoes that relate to Gupta style paintings found in Ajanta caves of India. Walk in the shade of an eminent 'mirror wall' embracing the Western face of Sigiriya representing an artistic hundred meters laminated with graffiti. 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.

Thereafter proceed to 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 Galviharayaya 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!

Overnight Stay in Dambulla



DAY 03 DAMBULLA – MATALE - KANDY

Breakfast at Hotel

Proceed to Kandy in the morning

Enroute visit spice garden in Matale which is an agricultural zone in the Central Province, Matale seldom drops off the maps due to its remarkable contribution through flagship crops of the island extending from tea, rubber & vegetables to spices. Spearheading the Rebellion back in 1848, Matale today takes immense pride in its story woven around spices. Stop by the side of a spice garden - into which you will be most welcome - and observe the therapeutic values of spices & processes over a refreshing cup of herbal tea! Or spend sometime idling on the hardened streets if you mean a real town adventure filled with voices and colors.

Check in to your hotel in Kandy

Evening visit to the temple of the tooth relic in Kandy, Last ruled by King Sri Wickrama Rajasinghe - before it was brought under the British rule in 1815, Kandy - the World Heritage Site & last royal capital of Sri Lankan kings - crafts an array of culture, history and heritage in the minds of visitors across the globe. Experience an ancient Kandyan legacy engraved around its crown jewel, the temple of the sacred tooth relic of Lord Buddha. A stroll across this small lakeside town - cradled among the misty hills - will feature the Kandy City Centre - bundled with latest and world class brands, bazaar, an arts & crafts centre, as well as a gem museum & lapidary. walk in color as you glide through fresh fruits and vegetables in the Kandy market. Fine tune your evening by stepping to the beat of traditional music & drumming amplified by a cultural show enhancing the rich and vibrant culture of the Wonder of Asia, Sri Lanka.

Overnight Stay at in Kandy



DAY 04 KANDY – NUWARA ELIYA

Breakfast at Hotel

Transfer from Kandy to Nuwara Eliya

Enroute visit a Tea Factory and a Plantation - Tea and Tourism are words which cannot be separated. Take a tour to the cold & misty hills that take pride of an ultimate tea tour, covering lush green blankets of tea plantations. Or just step into a tea factory processing the prestigious brand of Ceylon Tea, to observe a rich tradition kept alive up to date. As you observe the hissing and swishing of machines, inhaling the heavenly scent arising from these facilities, make sure to end your day in style over a perfectly blended cup of pure Ceylon Tea.

Check in to your hotel in Nuwara Eliya

Evening do a city or Nuwara Eliya, Misty steep roads, twisting through lush green blankets of tea bushes in a cool climate, remind visitors that they are within the range of the renowned British colonial retreat, Nuwara Eliya. Augmented by an English countryside atmosphere, the city of light - once governed by English & Scottish planters - is still studded with colonial bungalows, hedgerows & one of the finest 18-hole golf courses in the world. A hike through the green grass and red-brick walls should present breathtaking views of a buzzing countryside hamlet. Drive through green valleys of the hill country pierced by endless waterfalls & dotted by tea plucker draped in bright-colored saris. Or rent a bike for a gentle ride along the banks splashed by the waters of Lake Gregory.

Overnight Stay in Nuwara Eliya

DAY 05 NUWARA ELIYA – YALA - TISSAMAHARAMA

Breakfast at Hotel

In the morning check out and proceed to Yala

Evening enjoy a Safari at Yala National Park, spreading into a vast 1259 Km2 Yala - with its glory spinning around vast grasslands, shrubs, tanks and dunes - rightfully is the heartland of wildlife in Sri Lanka. As your jeep rumble through the giant gates of Yala, you are not only stepping into the most visited national park in the country, but also the lands of a civilization which thrived during the reign of Sri Lankan kings. You name it, and Yala has it! Its usual inmates cover herds of elephant, sloth bear, spotted deer, jackal, extensively populated birdlife as well as the highest density of leopards in the world that garnish the park to be one of the finest destinations in the country. Feel the rough track as your jeep thunders over rocks and swish passing narrow bends for an exhilarating experience blended with the cries of wilderness under the tropical sun.

Overnight Stay in Tissamaharama



DAY 06 TISSAMAHARAMA – GALLE – BALAPITIYA – AHUNGALLA

Breakfast at Hotel

Enroute visit Galle Fort, the epic Southern capital, is the intersection where classic Dutch architecture meets a tropical setting creating a vivid atmosphere in beauty. Walk the Dutch-haunted streets listening to the creaks of wooden saloon doors and observe how European architecture mingles with South Asian traditions today flooding cultural enthusiasts on a global scale. Its original ramparts and bastions preserved up to date showcase evidences of a heritage preserved for more than 3 1/2 centuries. Walk clockwise within the fort to observe the 'old gate' carrying the British coat of arms. Flanking the old gate is the Zwart bastion - the oldest of all - and the lighthouse standing 18 feet in its glory next to the Point Utrecht Bastion. This Dutch bliss is painted with streets that spread in a rectangular grid pattern pierced with houses carrying Dutch colonial style verandas. Hop into the Dutch Hospital Shopping Complex to be mesmerized by an array of souvenir selections. However, its hallmark stands a reality where the Dutch fort remains a working community with its usual buzz of administrative offices, court complex, commercial buildings, churches and Southern folks frequenting its streets bracing the air of the Elysium of architecture, Galle!

Evening enjoy a boat ride at Madhu river - a lifeline of Balapitiya - and head towards Kotu Duwa, the small island housing a temple that dates back to ancient Sinhalese kings. Or, sail through tunnels of shady mangroves swaying alongside Madu River - hiding an ecological treasure - to witness the tranquility of this bio-diversity hot spot which boasts of reptiles, mollusks and over 70 species of fresh water fish. Today the region - which is strong in observing rural folk life in the island - does not only boast of cinnamon plantations in abundance, but also has a fine 'fish pedicure center' - one of the most potent & latest rejuvenation techniques. Apart from these amenities Balapitiya has also become a household name in the minds of bird watchers ensuring a thrilling offshore experience.

Overnight Stay in Bentota / Ahungalla

DAY 07 BENTOTA / AHUNGALLE - COLOMBO

Breakfast at Hotel

Thereafter Proceed to Colombo and drop off.

- **END OF TOUR** -

OVERALL HIGHLIGHTS

- Sigiriya Rock Fortress
- Cave Temple in Dambulla
- Spice Garden in Matale
- Temple of the Tooth Relic in Kandy
- Cultural sites in Polonnaruwa
- Jeep Safari at Yala National Park
- City/Shopping tour at Kandy
- Mangrove River Ride at Balapitiya
- Visit to the Royal Botanical Gardens in Peradeniya
- Visit to a Tea Factory & a Plantation
- City tour of Nuwara Eliya

INCLUSIONS

- Double Superior/Deluxe accommodation with Daily breakfast starts on day 2

- Transportation by air-conditioned Car/Micro Van
- Service of an English-Speaking Chauffeur cum Guide
- All sightseeing as per program

EXCLUSIONS

- Lunch & Dinner
- Expenses of personal nature.
- Entrance fees to the sites

OFFER

City	Hotels – Superior	Hotels – Deluxe	No of Nights
Dambulla	SigiriyaJungles	Heritance Kandalama	2
Kandy	Earl’s Regent	Earl’s Regency	1
Nuwara Eliya	Araliya Green Hills	Heritance Tea Factory	1
Tissamaharama	The Safari	Cinnamon Wild	1
Bentota / Ahungalla	The Surf	Heritance Ahungalle	1

PRICE

Per Person Sharing Double Room	Hotels – Superior	Hotels – Deluxe
2 Pax	USD 470.00	USD 670.00
3 – 4 Pax	USD 420.00	USD 620.00
5 – 6 Pax	USD 360.00	USD 560.00
Single Room Supplement	USD 230.00	USD 330.00
Entrance Fees Supplement*	USD 119.00 (SAARC Nationals)	
	USD 159.00 (Rest of the World)	

*Sigiriya Rock Fortress, Cave Temple in Dambulla, Temple of the Tooth Relic in Kandy, Cultural Show in Kandy, Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage, Polonnaruwa Cultural Sites, Yala National Park, Jeep ride at Yala National Park, Mangrove River Ride at Balapitiya