

SRI LANKA IN A GLIMPSE – 09 NIGHTS / 10 DAYS

Day 01 – AIRPORT / NEGOMBO (12 KMS / 20 MNTS) – JETWING BEACH

Upon your arrival at the Bandaranaike International Airport, you will be welcomed and assisted by a Representative of Sayang Holidays. You will then be escorted to your vehicle and introduced to your chauffeur and transferred to the hotel, located just 20 minutes away from the airport.

Check in to the hotel for overnight stay.

Day 02 – KATUNAIKE / PINNAWELA / HABARANA (180KMS / 4HRS) – CINNAMON LODGE

Breakfast in the hotel.

Checkout at 10H00 and proceed to Pinnawela, to visit the Elephant Orphanage. You will arrive at the Orphanage by lunch time, time to witness the afternoon feeding. The Elephant Orphanage provides a good chance for people to get up close and personal with a pachyderm. It is a good idea to go and have lunch by the river as after feeding, they are all brought down to bathe and to watch them from a vantage point with a cold drink is a pleasant experience.

Continue to Dambulla to visit the Cave Temple Complex in the late afternoon. Dambulla is renowned for its Cave Temples, which were built by King Valagambahu in the 1st century BC in gratitude for the shelter he sought in the caves when fleeing from Indian invaders. Sited on a gigantic granite outcrop, which towers more than 160m above the surrounding land, the caves are completely covered by ancient frescoes depicting religious and secular scenes. Protected within the caves are hundreds of statues of Buddha, many carved out of the rock itself, of which the largest is the 15m long Dying Buddha.

You will arrive in Habarana in the early evening. Check in to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

Day 03 – HABARANA / POLONNARUWA / MINNERIYA NATIONAL PARK / HABARANA – CINNAMON LODGE

Breakfast in the hotel.

Proceed to visit the Medieval Capital of Polonnaruwa. Polonnaruwa was the island's medieval capital between the 11th and 13th century. Built alongside a large ancient artificial lake there are well-preserved ruins of palaces, bathing pools, stupas and exquisite rock sculptures of Buddha at the Gal Vihara. Start with a visit to the museum which, although small, is excellent.

Later in the afternoon, visit Minneriya National Park by jeep.

Located between Habarana and Polonnaruwa, the 8,890 hectares of Minneriya National Park consists of mixed evergreen forest and scrub areas and is home to favourites such as Sambhur deer and elephants. However the central feature of the park is the ancient Minneriya Tank (built in 3rd century AD by King Mahasena). During the dry season (June to September), this tank is an incredible place to observe the

elephants who come to bathe and graze, as well as the huge flocks of birds (cormorants and painted storks to name but a few) that come to fish in the shallow waters.

Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

Day 04 – HABARANA / SIGIRIYA / KANDY (APPROX. 125 – 130KMS / 4HRS) – THE SECRET KANDY

Breakfast in the hotel.

Checkout from the hotel and proceed to Visit the rock fortress of Sigiriya.

The legendary sky citadel of Sigiriya, the “Lion Rock” famous for its frescoes of ‘Celestial Maidens’ is possibly the most impressive site in Sri Lanka. Built by King Kasyapa in the 5th century on top of a vast 200m granite rock it took seven years to build and was abandoned after ten years of occupation when the King, defeated by his brother, committed suicide. Although it is a steep climb, the views and frescoes are definitely worth the effort. Sigiriya is best visited first thing in the morning or just before sunset when it is cooler and less crowded.

Head south to Kandy. While continuing to Kandy, on the way (in Matale) you will have the chance to visit spice plantations that grow a variety of spices such as cinnamon, pepper and nutmeg, for which Sri Lanka was renowned and initially colonized by the Portuguese, Dutch and British. You could also visit a batik factory and watch the production of the artistic fabric.

Arrive in Kandy and check in to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

Day 05 – KANDY – THE SECRET KANDY

Breakfast in the hotel. The morning is free to relax.

In the afternoon, take a guided tour of the city of Kandy. Kandy is the old capital of Ceylon and the seat of the last Singhalese kingdom. It is a charming city with the most important Buddhist temple in the country and is set around an ancient artificial lake amongst rolling hills that are covered by forests and tea plantations. Set in the mountainous area of the island, there are fantastic views over the city from some of the hotels.

Wandering about in Kandy is a fun experience, with crossroads and interconnecting byroads – all forming an intertwined complex. Most pavements are dominated by vendors selling garments, lotteries, toys and various fancy items – making passing through look almost impossible, especially during festive seasons. The main market area in the heart of the town is frequented often for its array of fresh fruits, vegetables, fish and meat stalls, sweets, clothes, fancy goods and what not.

Kandy is a great place to buy gemstones. Sapphires of all colours, rubies, tourmalines and spinels can all be found here. Visitors are also invited to have a look around their workshop, where they will be able to see the design, and cutting, polishing and setting processes.

Visit the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic of Lord Buddha in the late afternoon. Ever since it was founded in the 16th Century, it has housed one of the most sacred relics of Buddhism – a tooth of Buddha collected from his funeral pyre and which is now protected within the gold-roofed Temple of the Tooth. See the blessing ceremony with all the fanfare, drums, trumpets and brightly colored Monks performing their rituals. There is also local dance performance which you will enjoy in the town in the late afternoon, which is a little touristy but entertaining none the less.

Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

Day 06 – KANDY / PERADENIYA / NUWARA ELIYA (80KMS / 2½HRS) – HERITANCE TEA FACTORY

After breakfast, checkout from the hotel and proceed to Nuwara Eliya.

You will visit the Royal Botanical Gardens of Peradeniya on your way in the morning. Initially a royal park, in 1821 under British rule it became a botanical garden. Here, exotic crops such as coffee, tea, nutmeg, rubber and cinchona (quinine) – all of which were to become important to the country's economy were first tested. The Botanical gardens are fantastic with an excellent orchid house and a wide variety of plant species from all over the world. For keen gardeners, at least a morning is recommended to visit the gardens, possibly longer.

Proceed to Nuwara Eliya. Just outside Nuwara Eliya, you will visit a tea plantation and a factory. Here you will learn the process how two fresh tea leaves and a bud are converted in to that fine brown dust we call tea.

Arrive in Nuwara Eliya and check in to the hotel. The rest of the day is free to relax and enjoy a guided tour of the city. Set in the cool and misty hilly interior at an altitude of 1800m is the colonial hill station of Nuwara Eliya. Built by the British in the 19th century as an escape from the sweltering heat of the lowlands it came complete with half-timbered mock-Tudor houses with inglenook fireplaces & billiard tables, a golf course, race track, gentlemen's clubs and botanical gardens. Now a bustling town and the vegetable garden of Sri Lanka it nonetheless gives you a glimpse into life in the colonial heyday.

Dinner and overnight stay in the hotel.

Day 07 – NUWARA ELIYA / BENTOTA – VIVANTA BY TAJ

After breakfast, checkout from the hotel in Nuwara Eliya and proceed to Bentota.

Check in to the hotel (Bentota) in the afternoon.

Rest of the day is free to relax and enjoy the sun, sea and sand!!

Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.

Day 08 – BENTOTA – VIVANTA BY TAJ

Enjoy breakfast in the hotel.

Day is free to relax and enjoy the sun, sea and sand!!

Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.

Day 09 – BENTOTA / COLOMBO / AIRPORT – CINNAMON GRAND

After breakfast, checkout from the hotel in Bentota and proceed to Colombo.

Arrive in Colombo in the afternoon and take a tour of the city of Colombo. Facing the Indian Ocean and stretching along 14 km of the island’s western shores Colombo used to be called the Garden City of the East. Things have changed, overcrowded buses and minivans have replaced the bullock carts and the once quiet roads are now bustling with people and traffic. Yet the city still has its charms with its complex assortment of tree-lined boulevards, colonial buildings, parks, open air markets, temples, lakes, churches and now even skyscrapers. Colombo is the natural entry and exit point from the country and if not for its own charms its excellent shopping, great restaurants and a thriving art scene make it an enjoyable stop.

You will also visit the famous Gangarama Temple and the historical Museum of Colombo.

Check in to the hotel (Colombo) in the late afternoon. Relax and enjoy dinner.

Day 10 – DEPARTURE

Transfer to airport for the departure.

END OF TOUR

5 STAR CATEGORY HOTELS

IN	OUT	REGION	HOTEL	ROOM TYPE	
NIGHTS					
Day 01	Day 02	Negombo	Jetwing Beach	Deluxe AC	01
Day 02	Day 04	Habarana	Cinnamon Lodge	Deluxe AC	02
Day 04	Day 06	Kandy	The Secret Kandy	Junior Suite	02
Day 06	Day 07	Nuwara Eliya	Heritance Tea Factory	Executive floor Deluxe	01
Day 07	Day 09	Bentota	Vivanta by Taj	Deluxe Delight Sea View	02
Day 09		Colombo	Cinnamon Grand	Premium Room	01

Email for quote

Program includes –

- Welcome and assistance on arrival in Sri Lanka by our representative
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles, as mentioned above.
- Accommodation for 09 nights on Half Board basis at the hotels proposed above, starting with Breakfast of Day 02, ending with Dinner on Day 09.
- Entrance fees to sites as mentioned in the itinerary
- Jeep and tracker for the game drives proposed
- Taxes applicable locally

PRICES QUOTED DO NOT INCLUDE –

- Airfare & Visa Fee
- Lunch
- Mineral water, tea / coffee, soft drinks, alcohol or any other beverages
- Tips and gratuities
- Video / photo permits at the sites visited
- Laundry, telephone or any other services obtained from the hotels
- Expenses of a personal nature
- Services other than those specified.

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