

GETAWAY ON BUDGET

07 Nights/08 Days



This tour includes 07 nights/08 days accommodation, 07 meals including daily buffet breakfast, transport in air-conditioned vehicles, English-speaking Tour guides and more.

DAY 01 | AIRPORT – COLOMBO

On Arrival at Colombo International Airport our representative/chauffer guide/national guide will welcome you. Upon completion of arrival formalities check into the hotel in Colombo.

Overnight Stay at Colombo

DAY 02 | COLOMBO - SIGIRIYA

After breakfast, proceed to Sigiriya

Pinnawela- Begun in 1972, the Elephant Orphanage at Pinnawela is a remarkable project created to protect abandoned or orphaned wild elephants who would not otherwise have survived in the wild. Relocated to the present size in 1975, today it has grown to become one of Sri Lanka's key attractions. The elephants roam free within the sanctuary – and the highlight of their (and the visitors') day is the feeding sessions and when they are led down to the river for a bath. From the banks of the river, you can watch these gleeful herds of elephants splashing around freely on the river.

THINGS TO NOTE: Light cotton clothes / Comfortable shoes / Sun hats / Sun lotions.

Evening, climb the sky fortress of Sri Lanka, Sigiriya

The ultimate icon of Sri Lanka's historic past, the giant rock fortress of Sigiriya arises high above the flat landscape, surrounded by jungle on all sides. A testimony to the inventiveness of the ancient civilizations of the land, the once impenetrable stronghold of King Kassapa, 'Sihagiri' or Lion's Rock as it was called then, is considered to be the 8th wonder of the world today. The feats of artistry, architecture and engineering at Sigiriya continue to impress visitors with their utter magnificence, even thousands of years on. Intricately landscaped pleasure gardens sprawl out below the rock, giant lion paws hewn in stone mark the entrance to the fortress at its foot, a highly polished mirror wall still carries the scrawled writings of ancient poets

Overnight stay in Sigiriya

DAY 03 | SIGIRIYA – POLONNARUWA - SIGIRIYA

After breakfast, proceed to Polonnaruwa

Polonnaruwa is one of the most significant kingdoms in Sri Lankan history this medieval capital (11th - 12th Century AD) remains a well-preserved city of ancient stupas, moonstones, beautiful parks, massive buildings and imposing statues. The ruins of this ancient city stay scattered over an extensive area of woodland and can be explored within a day. The city was enclosed by three concentric protecting the royal palace complex at its center, the religious buildings - called Quadrangle, lie to the North and are very well preserved to this day. The largest monuments are found here including the buildings of the Menik Vihara, Rankot Vihara, Alahana Pirivena and Jetavana monasteries, the incredible Buddha statues of the Gal Vihara, the soaring Lankatilaka shrine, the majestic King's Council Chamber, the Lotus Bath are must see sights. And of course, the giant statue of Polonnaruwa's greatest king - Parakramabahu, and the vast 'Sea of Parakrama' – a 12th century man-made reservoir which dominates the city are not to be missed either.

Afternoon safari in the Minneriya National Park

The Minneriya National Park encompasses the ancient Minneriya Tank which was built in the 3rd century AD by King Mahasen. Today, the ancient reservoir fills during the North Eastern

monsoon, but gradually shrinks as the dry season approaches. During this time herds of majestic Asian Elephants, sometimes over 300 in number, converge onto the receding shores of the Minneriya tank to forage on the surrounding greenery. This unique phenomenon is the highest concentration of wild Asian Elephants on Earth and has come to be known as "The Gathering". This phenomenon peaks during the months of August and September which is the height of the drought and is an opportunity not to be missed by wild life enthusiasts and casual travellers alike.

Overnight Stay in Sigiriya

DAY 04 | SIGIRIYA – DAMBULLA - KANDY

After breakfast, Proceed to Kandy

An icon of Sri Lanka, Dambulla Rock Cave Temple houses unique drawings in five magnificently constructed cave temples flanking the golden temple of Dambulla. See beautiful cave paintings along walls that shelter 150 statues of Lord Buddha. As you enter, look straight up to the gigantic Buddha statue glittering in gold

Kandy-The cultural epicenter and the hill capital of the island, Kandy is Sri Lanka's second city and home to the Temple of the Tooth - the country's most important religious shrine, and the traditional pageant the Esala Perahera. Although modernity and urban sprawl has changed the face of this once quaint hill station, it still carries a regal atmosphere with graceful Kandyan style architecture mingling with colonial buildings set around a tranquil lake surrounded by green hills. The kingdom of Kandy was the last stronghold of the Sinhalese, clinging to its sovereignty long after the island had fallen to the Portuguese and Dutch and the English, preserving its own unique customs and culture until the very last. These traditions live on today in the city's unique music, dance and architecture.

Overnight Stay in Kandy

DAY 05 | KANDY

After breakfast, visit Peredeniya Botanical Garden

Royal Botanic Gardens, Peradeniya are about 5.5 km to the west of the city of Kandy in the Central Province of Sri Lanka. It attracts 2 million visitors annually. It is near the Mahaweli River (the longest in Sri Lanka). It is renowned for its collection of orchids. The garden includes more than 4000 species of plants, including orchids, spices, medicinal plants and palm trees.[1] Attached to it is the National Herbarium of Sri Lanka. The total area of the botanical garden is 147 acres (0.59 km²), at 460 meters above sea level, and with a 200-day annual rainfall. It is managed by the Division of National Botanic Gardens of the Department of Agriculture.

Afternoon visit to Silk Factory and the Gem Museum in Kandy

Overnight Stay in Kandy

DAY 06 | KANDY - HIKKADUWA

After breakfast, proceed to Hikkaduwa

Day at leisure

Overnight Stay in Hikkaduwa

DAY 07 | HIKKADUWA – GALLE - HIKKADUWA

After breakfast, participate sightseeing tour around Galle

Visit the Dutch Fort of Galle as well as the National Maritime Archeological Museum. The new hub of 'cool' and creative activity in Sri Lanka, the Southern capital of Galle is enjoying a great comeback. Galle and its outskirts have now become a favored hotspot for travellers looking for an all-round holiday. The main attraction of Galle is the 17C Dutch Fort, a UNESCO protected World Heritage site. Historically, Galle was a location of paramount importance due to its strategic location on the South coast as well as its natural harbor. The center of ancient trade in gems, pearls, spices and more, Galle was the port of call for many seekers of tropical treasure

Enjoy the eve at leisure

Overnight Stay in Hikkaduwa

DAY 08 | HIKKADUWA – COLOMBO - AIPORT

After breakfast, proceed to airport.

Colombo is the capital city of Sri Lanka. A race course, which was a horse racing hub in 1893 and a World War II airstrip, will be your first stop. The course is now furnished with lavish clothing, food and tea boutiques. Afterwards, head to Pettah to visit the Floating Market's architecturally designed stalls, where concrete floors and minimalist decor are designed to reflect the calm water of the lake below. Afterwards, head to Independence Square, where the revamped shopping arcade has turned the colonial masterpiece into one of the trendiest shopping areas in Sri Lanka

******* End of Services*******

OPTION 01 – 3* HOTELS

LOCATION	HOTEL
Colombo	The Ocean Hotel or similar http://www.theocean.lk/
Sigirya	Saunter Paradise Hotel or similar http://www.saunterparadisehotel.com/
Kandy	Royal Kandyan Hotel or similar https://www.royalkandyan.lk/
Hikkaduwa	Heaven Seven Resort or similar https://www.heavensevenhotels.com/hikkaduwa-hotel/

OPTION 02 – 4* HOTELS

LOCATION	HOTEL
Colombo	Colombo City Hotel or similar http://www.colombocityhotels.lk/
Girithale	Deer Park Hotel or similar http://deerparksrilanka.com/
Kandy	Earl's Regent Hotel or similar http://www.aitkenspencehotels.com/regentkandy/
Induruwa	Temple Tree Hotel or similar http://www.templetreeresortandspa.com/

TOUR COST

3* HOTELS

PERIOD – 01.05.2019 – 31.10.2019

NO OF PAX	PER PERSON (DBL SHARING) AUS \$
02	2 for 1 offer - 2899

4* HOTELS

PERIOD- 01.05.2019 – 31.10.2019

NO OF PAX	PER PERSON (DBL SHARING) AUS \$
02	2 for 1 offer - 3099

PRICE INCLUSIVE OF:

- ❖ 07 nights/ 08 days Accommodation in a SGL/DBL room in above stated hotels. Similar hotels will be provided on unavailability. Cost may change.
- ❖ Meal Plan - Bed & Breakfast basis right throughout the tour (except Day 1 breakfast)
- ❖ Arrival, departure transfers and the tour as per the itinerary in an air conditioned Car/Micro
- ❖ Service of an English speaking licensed Guide
- ❖ Passenger Insurance (Vehicle)
- ❖ Fuel, Parking & highway fees
- ❖ Complimentary SIM Card on arrival
- ❖ Garlands on arrival
- ❖ All currently applicable government taxes and service charges.

PRICE EXCLUSIONS:

- ❖ Cost of Entrance Tickets & Jeep hire charges to the sites visited in the itinerary.
- ❖ Dinner cost & Lunch cost.
- ❖ International air-fare, airport tax or any kind of insurance cover other than what is stated.
- ❖ Items of personal nature like drinks, laundry, telephone calls, tips, etc.
- ❖ Any other Sites not mentioned in the itinerary
- ❖ Visa fees to Sri Lanka.

MAIN HIGHLIGHTS:

- ❖ Visit the famous Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage
- ❖ Experience the climb and enjoy the breathtaking the beauty of the Sigiriya rock fortress.
- ❖ Experience the largest Elephant gathering at Minneriya National Park Journey to the ancient city of Polonnaruwa
- ❖ Enjoy the hidden beauty of the Dambulla rock Cave Temple
- ❖ Visit to the sacred city Kandy the hill Capital of Sri Lanka
- ❖ Taste a cup of world famous "Ceylon Tea" in Nuwaraeliya.
- ❖ Experience the visit to the ancient Dutch fort in Galle Boat ride to Madu River Balapitiya the best biodiversity area
- ❖ Witness Sea Turtle hatchery in Kosgoda.
- ❖ Colombo city with shopping

Minimum group size 10.

FLIGHT INFORMATIONS:

Full Service Airline(s) Used

- ❖ Sri Lankan Airlines plus any codeshare partners and other airlines (subject to availability).
- ❖ Flights are from Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide and Brisbane
- ❖ Flights from Perth are available at a surcharge of \$325 per person – contact us for further details
- ❖ Excluding peak period.
- ❖ Air fares is based on Lowest category in Economy class
- ❖ Rates and the availability are subject to change at the time of reserving

Please Note:

One-way flights cannot be accommodated. Travelers must take all included flights within the package, and any flights intentionally forfeited will result in later flights being subject to cancellation.

OPTIONAL TOURS / ACTIVITIES:

DAY 2:

- Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage : \$ 40 AUD for 2 people
- Sigiriya Rock Fortress Tour : \$100 AUD for 2 people

DAY 3:

- Polonnaruwa City Tour: \$ 90 AUD for 2 people
- Jeep safari to Minneriya National Park : \$ 135 AUD for 2 people (Entrance fees & Jeep to the park)

DAY 4:

- Dambulla Rock Cave Temple Tour: \$ 35 AUD for 2 people
- Kandy City Tour: \$45 AUD for 2 people (including entrance fees to the Temple of the Tooth)

PLEASE NOTE:

- ✓ prices are based on 2 people, are subject to availability.
- ✓ The optional tours listed above must be confirm before departure
- ✓ Some tours require minimum numbers to operate.

DEPARTURE DATES:

- ❖ **May** – 09th, 21st
- ❖ **June** – 02nd, 14th, 25th
- ❖ **July** - 07th, 20th, 31st
- ❖ **August** – 01st, 13th, 25th
- ❖ **September** - 01st, 12th, 25th
- ❖ **October** – 03rd, 14th, 26th