

# LUXURY GETAWAY

12 Nights/13 Days



Get back to nature on this incredible 13 day tour and experience the authentic taste of Sri Lanka. Indulge in luxury at world class Hotels and Resorts such as the Shangri-La Colombo, Kandy Stone House & Heritance Negombo as you journey through this glorious country.

Experience the perfect colonial blend of traditional hospitality and modern comfort. Enjoy some shopping at the many shopping malls available in the commercial capital of Sri Lanka before being flown in comfort to one of Sri Lanka's cultural hotspots, Sigiriya.

Explore the tranquil hills and live in luxury as you take in the sights before heading over to the gorgeous beach of Galle where you can spend time in paradise, taking in some sun and lazing on the golden beach surrounded by the gentle soothing sound of the waves.

Includes 12 Nights/13 Days accommodation, Daily Breakfast and Dinner, Transport in Air-conditioned vehicles, English speaking Tour guides and more.

## **DAY 01 | AIRPORT – COLOMBO**

On Arrival at [Colombo](#) International airport you will be welcomed by our representative chauffeur guide/national guide. Upon completion of arrival formalities, leave for your chosen hotel at Colombo.

Colombo-The commercial capital of Sri Lanka and the true hub of all activity in the island, Colombo is a buzzing hotspot of cosmopolitan life. In this throbbing city, a heady mix of cultures thrives. Here, contrasting landmarks - ancient sites, colonial masterpieces and ultra-modern skyscrapers sit side by side.

### **Overnight stay at Shangri-La Colombo**

## **DAY 02 | COLOMBO – PINNAWALA - DAMBULLA**

After breakfast, proceed to your hotel in Sigiriya.

Pinnawela- Begun in 1972, the [Elephant Orphanage at Pinnawala](#) 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.

Dambulla-The largest and the best preserved cave monastery in the island, [Dambulla](#) is a sacred pilgrimage site for followers of Buddhism for no less than 22 centuries. A cave complex comprising five sanctuaries, they were already established as important monasteries as far back as the 3rd century BC. At first, the caves were a refuge for King Valagambahu in 1st century BC. Returning from exile to his throne at Anuradhapura, he turned the caves into a magnificent temple for the monks who sheltered him.

### **Overnight Stay at Sigiriya Water Gardens**

## **DAY 03 | SIGIRIYA**

After breakfast, visit [Sigiriya Rock Fortress](#).

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. A somewhat treacherous climb up the rock is well worth it to see the impressive ruins of a once glorious city at the summit – 370m high. And the 360 degree view from the top is equally astounding, more amazing are the exquisite frescoes painted on to the sheer rock face – their beauty still unmarred despite the trials of time and attempts at destruction. The village and its surrounding areas also offer plenty of interest both historical and natural for those willing to explore.

### **Overnight Stay at Sigiriya Water Gardens**

## **DAY 04 | SIGIRIYA – POLONNARUWA - SIGIRIYA**

After breakfast, visit [Polonnaruwa](#).

Polonnaruwa- The ancient city of Polonnaruwa 216 km northeast of Colombo is a cornerstone of Sri Lanka's Cultural Triangle. 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 centre, 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.

### **Overnight Stay at Sigiriya Water Gardens**

## **DAY 05 | SIGIRIYA – MATALE - KANDY**

After breakfast, proceed to Kandy via Matale.

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. For cultural attractions Kandy is overloaded with historic sites and there is much to explore. For the nature lover the

Udawattekelle forest reserve is right at the heart of the city. One can literally walk from the hectic city centre to the quiet stillness of thick jungle in minutes.

### **Overnight Stay at Kandy Stone House**

#### **DAY 06 | KANDY – NUWARA ELIYA (TRAIN JOURNEY)**

We board the train from [Peradeniya](#) station and start the most incredible train journey through the rolling hills covered with Tea estates & misty mountain valleys. (Seats are allocated in a scheduled carriage of Viceroy II, Train time- 12.31 pm till 03.55pm)

Nuwara Eliya- Hidden away high in the central mountains at an altitude of over 6000 feet, Nuwara Eliya is the resort capital of the hills – and a world away from the hot tropical beach atmosphere of the coast, not just in climate but in its character too. The British planters who flocked to the region to grow tea in the mid-19th century developed [Nuwara Eliya](#) as their summer retreat. Created as an exact replica of an English town, it is often called 'Little England'; and with its primarily colonial architecture, the stately Victoria Park, golf course, racing track, boating lake and grand period style hotels – and the cold, frequent showers of rain adding to the illusion, you could well be in an old English country town. This is the heart of the tea country, and is also a good base for excursions to discover other attractions of the hills. Sri Lanka's tallest mountain range 'Pidurutalagala' looms over the landscape, the surrounding forest is a treasure for nature lovers and the [Hakgala Botanical Gardens](#) close by is known for its roses and rare ferns.

### **Overnight Stay at Scottish Planter's Bungalow Nuwara Eliya**

#### **DAY 07 | NUWARA ELIYA – HORTON PLAINS – NUWARA ELIYA**

After breakfast, proceed to Horton Plains National Park.

[Horton Plains](#)-A truly unique natural wonder, Horton Plains National Park is a protected reserve of montane grassland and cloud forest in the central highlands at an altitude of 2,100–2,300 metres (6,900–7,500 ft), located around 28km from Nuwara Eliya in the central hills. The highest plateau in Sri Lanka it ends dramatically with a sheer drop of 870 m (2,854 ft) called World's End, which offers most spectacular views on a clear day. The reserve is a biodiversity hotspot with many endemics; myriad bird species, herds of Sambur deer, bear monkeys and the elusive leopard. While the plains can be explored by jeep, it should ideally be seen on foot – and best visited early morning as the mist tends to fall by lunchtime. Sri Lanka's second and third highest peaks, Kirigalpotta (2,395m) and Thotupola Kanda (2,357m) are also found here and three major rivers of Sri Lanka – Mahaweli, Kelani and Walawe also begin their journey here, and cascading waterfalls, especially Baker's Falls is a must see.

### **Overnight Stay at Scottish Planter's Bungalow Nuwara Eliya**

## **DAY 08 | NUWARA ELIYA – ELLA - YALA**

After breakfast, proceed to [Yala](#).

**Yala**-Situated in the arid South East region of Sri Lanka, [Yala National Park](#) is home to the greatest variety of the nation's wildlife and therefore, its most popular wildlife destination. Declared a Game Reserve in 1938, Yala comprises five blocks covering an area of 151,778 hectares. The park comprises several major habitat types - dunes, scrub forest, riverine forests, rocky out-crops, secondary forests and coastal lagoons with mangrove forests which are home to a wide variety of wildlife. The 44 mammal species found here includes the endangered leopard sub-species *Panthera Pardus Kotiya*, which found only in Sri Lanka. Yala is also known to contain the highest Leopard concentration in the world. Other 'big game' such as sloth bear, herds of elephants, buffalo, sambar, spotted deer and crocodiles are also found in great numbers.

### **Overnight Stay at Jetwing Yala Hotel**

## **DAY 09 | YALA - GALLE**

After breakfast, proceed to Galle.

**Galle**-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 travelers 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 centre of ancient trade in gems, pearls, spices and more Galle was the port of call for many seekers of tropical treasure. In 1505, the Portuguese fleet of Lorenzo de Almeida steered off course and landed there by accident – the rest is indeed history, as this marked the end of an era for the nation. The Portuguese were ousted by the Dutch in 1640; and the Dutch were in turn ejected by the British in 1796. Each, however, left their own legacies in the culture and landscape of the town, the remnants of which can still be seen. Today, Galle is a heady blend of culture, race and lifestyles - a thriving epicenter of rich heritage, beautiful beaches and laid back pace of life.

### **Overnight Stay at Jetwing Light House.**

## **DAY 10 | GALLE**

Beach Stay.

### **Overnight Stay at Jetwing Light House**

## **DAY 11 | GALLE**

Beach Stay.

### **Overnight Stay at Jetwing Light House**

## **DAY 12 | GALLE - COLOMBO**

After breakfast, proceed to Negombo.

### **Overnight Stay at Heritance Negombo**

## **DAY 13 | NEGOMBO - AIRPORT**

After breakfast, proceed to airport.

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## **TOUR COST**

**PERIOD - 01.03.2018 - 30.04.2018**

<b>NO OF PAX</b>	<b>PER PERSON (DBL SHARING) AUS \$</b>
<b>02 PAX</b>	<b>1766</b>

### **PRICE INCLUSIVE OF:**

- ❖ 12 nights/ 13 days Accommodation in a SGL/DBL room in above stated hotels. Similar hotels will be provided on unavailability. Cost may change.
- ❖ Meal Plan – Half Board basis right throughout the tour (including Breakfast & Dinner)
- ❖ Arrival, departure transfers and the tour as per the itinerary in an air conditioned Luxury Car/Micro.
- ❖ Service of an English speaking Chauffer Guide.
- ❖ For honeymooners, honeymoon courtesies will be provided at each hotel.
- ❖ Welcome drink and refreshing wipes in all hotels
- ❖ Train tickets in an A/C luxury compartment from Kandy to Nanuoya
- ❖ Passenger Insurance (Vehicle)
- ❖ Fuel, Parking & highway fees
- ❖ Free Gift
- ❖ Complimentary SIM Card on arrival
- ❖ Garlands on arrival
- ❖ All currently applicable government taxes and service charges.

### **PRICE EXCLUSIONS:**

- ❖ Cost of Entrance Tickets & Jeep/boat hire charges to the places visited in the itinerary as follows;
- ❖ Pinnawela - AUS \$ 28 per person
- ❖ Dambulla - AUS \$ 14 per person
- ❖ Sigiriya - AUS \$ 43 per person
- ❖ Elephant Back Ride - AUS \$ 15 per person
- ❖ Polonnaruwa - AUS \$ 36 per person
- ❖ Minneriya - AUS \$ 57 per person
- ❖ Temple of Tooth - AUS \$ 14 per person
- ❖ Culture Dance Show - AUS \$ 10 per person

- ❖ Horton Plains National Park - AUS \$ 57 per person
  - ❖ Yala National Park - AUS \$ 57 per person
  - ❖ Turtle Hatchery - AUS \$ 5 per person
  - ❖ 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.
  - ❖ Any other item not specifically mentioned above in 'PRICE INCLUSIONS'.
  - ❖ Visa fees to Sri Lanka.
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## **GENERAL:**

- ❖ Hotel check-in time: 1400 h, Hotel check-out time: 1100 h.
- ❖ 'No Show' will not be entitled to any refunds.
- ❖ Acceptance of these 'Terms and Conditions' is a requirement of your booking.  
Submission of a booking is your acknowledgement that you have read, understood and agreed to be bound by these 'Terms and Conditions'.

## **PAYMENT:**

- ❖ In order to confirm your tour package, full payment is required upon confirmation.
- ❖ Credit Card payments require a 3.5% surcharge.
- ❖ Bank TT or Pay Pal (3.5% surcharge required) are accepted which is a common mode of payment

## **TOUR CANCELLATION POLICY:**

- ❖ 90 days or more before departure – LOSS OF DEPOSIT!
- ❖ 89 to 64 days before departure - 25% of Tour Cost
- ❖ 63 to 43 days before departure - 50% of Tour Cost
- ❖ 42 to 31 days before departure - 75% of Tour Cost
- ❖ Within 30 days of departure - 100% of Tour Cost