

## TOUR ITINERARY

### Day 01

### Airport | Negombo

#### Welcome to Sri Lanka!

Meet, greet and assist by our representative and transfer from Airport to Negombo. (Approximately 20 minutes' drive)

**Negombo**-Dubbed Sri Lanka's 'Little Rome', this beach town located just a few kilometers away from the Bandaranaike International Airport is full of surprises for wanderlusts. Negombo is a perfect choice to spend a few days in the company of the sun and sand. The diverse array of restaurants, pubs and accommodation choices this metropolis offer is a perfect reflection of this beach-town's exultant vibe. It is also a historically interesting location owing to the strains of Dutch-influenced architecture that remain intact in the town's landscape, not to mention the ancient Dutch Fort as well as several churches constructed during the Dutch Colonial era that are thronged by pilgrims daily. Among other amazing sightseeing options are the breathtaking sunsets, the bustling fish market as well as hand-made catamarans used by local fishermen that set sail in the evenings. Boat-rides are also available to explore the Dutch canals, mangrove forests or the nearby marshlands of Muthurajawela.



Arrive and check in at the hotel. Spend the day at leisure.

Overnight Stay in Negombo.

### Day 02

### Negombo | Dambulla

After breakfast leave for Dambulla. (Approximately 3 hours' drive), enjoy a village safari including a bullock cart ride, catamaran ride on the lake, lunch with a local family by the paddy field and a tuk-tuk ride.

*Make a visit to a village in Sri Lanka. Make a cart ride through the village, rice fields. Later make a short walk (a about 15 minutes) to the tank, to make a boat ride of about 20 minutes to a nearby vegetable field of the village. Enjoy cookery demonstration at local village house.*



Arrive and check in at the hotel. Evening relax at the hotel.

Overnight Stay in Dambulla.



### Day 03

### Dambulla | Sigiriya

After the breakfast transfer to Sigiriya for a climb up the Rock Fortress. (Approximately 30 Minutes' drive)

**Sigiriya** -The marvellous rock fortress of Sigiriya is a rare jewel among the many treasures in Sri Lanka. The site was the domain of King Kashyapa whose aim was to build an impregnable fortress and within it, a heavenly abode. Rising over the dry plains of the Dambulla district, the tough climb up this flat-topped monadnock ends with the most scenic bird's-eye view of the emerald plains and leafy villages below. The skeletal layout of the ancient city within the fortress marvels its observers with the grandeur and complexity of 5th century urban-planning of Sri Lanka. On the way to the top one can observe the famous Sigiriya frescoes of the buxom, wasp-waisted maidens bearing flowers, amidst the wilderness and ancient ruins. The smoothly glazed 'Mirror Wall' located a few steps away has sealed the expressions of ancient visitors, inspired by the vibrant frescoes.



Thereafter, return to hotel and relax.

Overnight Stay in Dambulla.

### Day 04

### Dambulla | Kandy

After breakfast leave for Dambulla Cave Temple.

**Dambulla cave temple** -Located in the Matale district, Dambulla is part of the cultural triangle and is home to the world famous Dambulla cave temples. The cave temples complex that lies atop a massive hill on the edge of the town is one of the eight UNESCO world heritage sites in the country and is renowned for its unique mural paintings and sculptures. If you are not a history-buff, fret not, because there is more to Dambulla.



Thereafter transfer to Kandy via spice garden. (Approximately 2 hours' drive)

**Spice garden** -Since time immemorial, this emerald isle has remained popular for its exotic spices, world over. To those who bear an interest in these rich elements that stirred the interests of many nations, the spice gardens located in



*Kandy, Matale and Mawanella offer wonderful opportunities to view these spices up-close. The gardens are not only delightful spots for a stroll midst the fragrant greenery but also offer interesting perspectives into the local spices, as the visitors are educated on the diverse variety of spices available in the country as well as on how they are grown and processed.*



Thereafter, proceed to Kandy.

*Often referred to as the hill capital of Sri Lanka, Kandy offers a diverse variety of experiences to its visitors ranging from history, culture and simple scenic beauty coupled with a touch of urbanity. It was the last Sinhalese Kingdom that fell under British rule in 1815. The journey to this mellow weathered city can be quite enjoyable, particularly by train owing to the scenic delights that lie alongside. The city's colonial architecture has been preserved well even in the backdrop of rapid urbanization. Close to the city's centre is the prime landmark - Sri Dalada Maligawa that houses the sacred tooth relic of Buddha. Apart from the ancient monuments of the Kandyan era, the delightful jumble of antique shops and the bustling market in the city also make up for interesting places of visit.*

Visit Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic and Witness a cultural show in the evening.



Arrive and check in at the hotel. Evening relaxes at the hotel.

Overnight Stay in Kandy.



## Day 05

## Kandy | Nuwara Eliya

After breakfast proceed to Nuwara Eliya by train. **(Seats subject to availability)** (Approximately 2 ½ hours' drive)

**Kandy Train Ride**-Board your train from a quaint colonial station and embark on one of the most scenic train journeys in the world. Journey past waterfalls, little villages and up through the mountains on the scenic railway to this town in the cool highlands, once popular with British plantation managers. Look down over a sweeping vista filled with bright green tea bushes and vegetable gardens.



Arrive and check in at the hotel. Evening relaxes at the hotel.

Overnight Stay in Nuwara Eliya.

## Day 06

## Nuwara Eliya

After breakfast, do the Nuwara Eliya city tour.

**Nuwara Eliya**-Dubbed the 'Little England of Sri Lanka', Nuwaraeliya is located in the thick, misty hills of this paradise isle, 180 km away from Colombo. The summer resort of Sri Lanka, it is one of the few areas where the colonial atmosphere is preserved, still resembling a British countryside complete with rose gardens, hedges and red-roofed bungalows. Although the town-center has receded from its old-world charm, the lush tea-plantations, the racecourse, the English country house-styled Hill Club and the beautifully kept golf course instantaneously rushes its visitors back to the colonial times.



Thereafter visit tea plantation and tea factories.

**Tea Plantations** – tea was first planted in Sri Lanka in 1824 at the Royal Botanical Gardens in Peradeniya, when a few plants were brought from China. More were introduced from Assam in 1839. In 1867, a Scottish planter named James Taylor planted tea seedlings in 8 hectares of forestland in the Loolecondera Estate. In 1873, the tea export industry of Sri Lanka began with



a modest 23 lbs being shipped to London. Today more than 200,000 hectares in highlands and other areas are under tea and around 300 million kilograms (nearly 25% of world tea exports) are exported by Sri Lanka as the world's second largest tea exporter. Tea grows only on rolling terrain and is classified by elevation into Low Grown, Medium Grown & High Grown.



Thereafter, return to hotel and relax.  
 Overnight Stay in Nuwara Eliya.

## Day 07

## Nuwara Eliya | Tissamaharama (Yala)

After the breakfast leave for Tissamaharama. (Approximately 4 hours' drive)

Do the Yala National park jeep safari.

**Yala National Park** - Yala National Park is famous for big herds of elephants, large number of leopards, spotted deer, sambar, crocodiles, mongoose, wild boars, wild buffaloes and many other animals. More than 130 bird species have been recorded which include the resident birds and winter visitors. The common birds found here are spot-billed pelicans, cormorants, egrets, spoonbills, herons, storks, ibises, bitterns, Indian moorhens, white-breasted water hens.

Arrive and check in at the hotel. Evening relaxes at the hotel.



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Overnight Stay in Tissamaharama.



## Day 08

## Yala | Galle | Beruwala

After breakfast leave for Beruwala via visit Galle. (Approximately 5 ½ hours' drive)

**Galle Fort**-in the Bay of Galle on the southwest coast of Sri Lanka, was built first in 1588 by the Portuguese, then extensively fortified by the Dutch during the 17th century from 1649 onwards. The fort has a colourful history, and today has a multi-ethnic and multi-religious population. The heritage value of the fort has been recognized by the UNESCO and the site has been inscribed as a cultural heritage UNESCO World Heritage.



Thereafter proceed to Beruwala.

Beruwala is quite a short drive away from Colombo, located just 53 km from the capital. This small, beach town is ideal for a day trip where one can absorb the daily life of locals. The wide, alluring coastal line richly embedded with coconut groves are only part of its charm. The Beruwala fishing harbor is loaded with interesting sights in the wee hours of the morning as the fishing boats come ashore with the day's catch. The stark white minarets of the Kachimalani Mosque located at the Northern edge of the town also make up for perfect snapshot views.



Arrive and check in at the hotel. Evening spend relax at the hotel.

Overnight Stay in Beruwala.

## Day 09

## Beruwala

Breakfast in the hotel

Full day leisure at the hotel

Overnight Stay in Beruwala



## Beruwala | Airport

According to your flight time check out from the hotel and leave to the airport (Approximately 3 hours' drive)

## End of Service

### Standard Hotels Details

Nights	City	Hotels	Room Category	Meals
1	Negombo	Amagi Aria	Standard Pool View Room	BB
2	Sigiriya	Pinthaliya Resort and Spa	Deluxe Room	BB
1	Kandy	Royal Kandyan	Deluxe Room	BB
2	Nuwara Eliya	Galway Heights	Deluxe Room	BB
1	Thissamaharama	Oakray wild	Deluxe Room	BB
2	Beruwala	Earls Reef	Standard Room	BB

### Superior Hotels Details

Nights	City	Hotels	Room Category	Meals
1	Negombo	Arie Lagoon	Deluxe Room	BB
2	Dambulla	Paradise Resort and Spa	Superior Room	BB
1	Kandy	Amaya Hills	Standard Room	BB
2	Nuwara Eliya	The Golden Ridge Hotel	Deluxe Room	BB
1	Thissamaharama	Cinnamon Wild	Jungle Chalet	BB
2	Beruwala	The Palms	Deluxe Room	BB

### Deluxe Hotels Details

Nights	City	Hotels	Room Category	Meals
1	Negombo	Jetwing Blue	Deluxe Room	BB
2	Sigiriya	Seerock The Kings Domain	Superior Deluxe	BB
1	Kandy	The Golden Crown	Deluxe Room	BB
2	Nuwara Eliya	Araliya Green Hills	Superior Room	BB
1	Thissamaharama	Jetwing Yala	Superior Room	BB
2	Beruwala	Eden Resort & Spa	Superior Room	BB



### Complimentary

- Flower garlands on arrival
- Farewell gift on departure

## General Terms & Conditions

- Children under 12 years sharing room with parents will pay 50% of the “Per Person Sharing Double Room” price and other supplements.
- Prices for tours falling into (two) different rate slabs will be invoiced at the higher rate.

## General Cancellation Policy –

- 22 to 30 to days prior to arrival date – 25% of the full price (excluding weekends and international holidays)
- 15 to 21 days prior to arrival date – 50% of the full price (excluding weekends and international holidays)
- Less than 15 days prior to arrival date – 100% of the full price
- No Shows and Early Departure – 100% of the full price

**Important**

- Check in time at all hotels is 1400 hrs
- Check out time at all hotels is 1200 hrs

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## TRAVEL TIPS

### Tips, porter age & Gratitude

We always encourage our clients to offer drivers tips or gifts for satisfactory services (USD 10 to USD 20 Per day), if they wish. Tipping drivers/ guides is accepted practice, and it is especially beneficial on long tours when drivers may be away from home for long periods. However, drivers must under no circumstances insist on a tip or gift for work undertaken on our itinerary.

### Language of measurement

Most of Paradise Island's foundation was set during the British rule of this tiny nation of islanders. As a result, Sri Lankans mainly use the Metric system: centimeters, meters, grams, kilograms. However, when regarding height and area this may vary between imperial as well: square feet, inches and feet.

## Sunshine Island

Sri Lanka is known for its fun in the sun and most locals brave the sun's rays fearlessly, however, visitors are recommended to wear their preferred sunblock and sun-hats whenever possible, and to stay hydrated during their travels. Adventurers are recommended to have an intake of 3 liters of water per day, at the least.

## Summer chic

Given the tropical weather and natural humidity, the most comfortable clothing while traveling Sri Lanka would be made of cotton or linen, pair this with a chic open-toed sandal and your beach or party ready for the tropics

## Little inhabitants



Dab on a little insect and mosquito repellent, especially around dusk/ late evenings, as Sri Lanka is home to variety of them to avoid itchy bites

### **Electronics**

In Sri Lanka the standard voltage is 230V and the frequency is 50Hz. Most electric appliances can be used in Sri Lanka, as both two-pin and three-pin - circle and square adapters are used locally.

### **Respect and Responsibility**

When visiting places of worship and ancient ruins, visitors are encouraged to wear modest clothing that are preferably white or light in color.

Sri Lanka is picturesque to say the least, and is a great place to create a beautiful picture-scape of your travels; be prepared however, for rules on photography and especially flash photography around ancient sites and in-and-around places of worship. Permits may be required at specific locations before you can take photos.

Many historic sites request the purchase of entrance tickets that are available only from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. These tickets cover charges for photography, recording and parking. Rates are quoted in US Dollars and rupee parities are subject to fluctuation.

Poya days are religious holidays providing to Sri Lanka's residents throughout the year. Poya days usually fall on full moon days and are considered as public, bank and mercantile holidays. Throughout the nation, many people observe religious practices and refrain from eating meat and drinking alcohol.

The sale and purchase of alcohol as well as fresh meat is prohibited on these special religious holidays.

When traveling around Paradise Island, make sure to look for designated smoking areas especially when out and about, as smoking in public places is prohibited by law.

### **Exceptional Service**

When indulging at most of Sri Lanka's luxury and semi-luxury hotels, cafes, restaurants and nightclubs, you'll find that at the end of the night your total bill includes taxes and a "service charge" which technically is considered as the tip you would generally give your waiter. As such it isn't necessary to provide a tip should you wish not to, but as islanders we love to show our appreciation in gratitude, praise and just a little bit of an extra tip before ending our night, especially when we've experienced exceptional service.

Generally, 10% of your total bill value is the accepted norm globally for tipping, with the minimum at LKR 100/.

### **Time and place**

Paradise Island is marked at GST +5.30 and most visitors tend to experience even a little bit of jet lag, as such it's always best to make sure you have plenty of time to recuperate and be awake during your travels. Most often than not, there are many adventures to be had whilst traveling the paths in Sri Lanka.

### **Medical aid**

Sri Lanka is well known for its easily accessible, acclaimed, affordable medical care throughout the island. Whether a teaching hospital, general/ government hospital or a private clinic, Sri Lanka is host to several well-stocked and staffed clinics and hospitals. Pharmacies can also be found every 1km even when traveling along the path less taken.

### **Currency**

The rupee is the currency of Sri Lanka, and one [01] rupee is divided into 100 cents. It is issued by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka and abbreviates into LKR to distinguish between other rupee currencies.



As you enter paradise island, you will find a host of bank outlets located within the airport where you may convert your currency.

Once outside and along your travels, you may convert your currency at any bank or money exchange outlet by providing your passport as proof of intent. Banks and/ or money exchange outlets can be found easily within every major city or town.

Tip: Carry sufficient amounts of change, especially in Rs. 10, 20, 50 and 100 denominations.

#### Foreign Currency Regulations

Visitors bringing in more than US\$10,000 should declare the amount at Customs upon arrival. All unspent rupees converted from foreign currencies can be re-converted to the original currency on departure as long as encashment receipts are produced.

#### Emergency Services

#### Telephone Number

Ambulance / Fire & rescue	110
Government Information Centre	1919
Police Emergency Hotline	118 / 119
Accident Service-General Hospital-Colombo	011 2 691 111
Emergency Police Mobile Squad	011 5 717 171
Tourist Police	011 2 691 500
Police Emergency	011 2 433 333
Report Crimes	011 2 691 500
Fire & Ambulance Service	011 2 422 222

