



# Visit  **SRI LANKA**

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Seductive beaches and tempting water sports, magnificent landscapes featuring lazy lagoons, fertile wetlands, ecologically-wondrous types of forest, imposing mountains, bounteous rivers and waterfalls, an abundance of wildlife - much of it endemic unique ecosystems, inspiring heritage sites from ancient cities to colonial forts, a vibrant culture including fine arts and crafts and grand festivals, and people of diverse ethnicity and religious persuasion, charming and hospitable.

## TOUR MAP

**08 Nights /09 Days**

### Day 01 – AIRPORT / NEGOMBO

Upon arrival you will be greeted by our representative. Proceed to Negombo and check in the Hotel. By evening go visit the Fish Market and transfer back to the Hotel.

Enroute visit Fishing village in Negombo, Negombo, located on the west coast of Sri Lanka, is a peaceful coastal town with adorable white sandy beaches and turquoise water stretches. Negombo is one of the biggest open-air fishing village and markets in the country.

Dinner and Overnight stay at the hotel – Negombo.



## Day 02 – NEGOMBO / ANURADHAPURA

After breakfast proceed to Anuradhapura and check in to the hotel.

In the evening conduct a sightseeing tour in Anuradhapura.

### **Anuradhapura**

A UNESCO World Heritage Site located in the north central part of the Island was the first capital (5th century BC - 9th century AD), the center of the island's Buddhist civilization and undoubtedly the grandest city of ancient Sri Lanka. In antiquity and the interest, it is the equal of any ancient 'buried city' in the world. The oldest historically documented tree on earth (over 2,200 years old) - The Sri Maha Bodhi, brought as a sapling of the tree under which the Buddha attained enlightenment, and the island's oldest Buddhist shrines - some dating back to the 3rd century BC, impressive white 'dagabas' (relic chambers) and monuments

embellished with handsome stone carvings or sculpture, pleasure gardens, beautifully executed stone baths and ponds and a superb irrigation system of reservoirs and canals are the main attractions of Anuradhapura. Specific places to visit are - the Brazen Palace (2nd century B.C.), with 1600 significant stone columns are the remains of a magnificent multi-storied residence for monks – an engineering marvel at the time, Ruwanweli Seya (2nd century B.C) the most famous of all the dagoba's, originally depicted the perfect



Dinner & Overnight stay at the hotel – Anuradhapura.

## Day 03 – ANURADHAPURA / DAMBULLA

After breakfast at the hotel proceed to Dambulla, check in the Hotel. By evening go visit the Sigiriya Rock and transfer back to the Hotel.

### **Sigiriya**

This UNESCO World Heritage Site, a spectacular Rock Fortress, is one of Sri Lanka's major attractions. The most impressive facets of the unique complex are the Water Gardens, the Frescoes of beautiful maidens, the Mirror Wall with ancient graffiti, the Lion platform and the Summit of 1.6 hectares, which was completely covered by buildings during the period of Sigiriya's glory. Built by King Kashyapa (477-495 A.D), the "Lion Rock" is a citadel of unusual beauty rising 200m from the scrub jungle.



Dinner and Overnight stay at the hotel – Dambulla.

## Day 04 – DAMBULLA

After breakfast proceed to visit the village tour and transfer back to the Hotel.

### **Village Trek**

Trek through this archetypal Sri Lankan village. The trek begins with a scenic walk along a bund of a Wewa (man-made reservoir). The amazing birdlife, butterflies and possible sightings of crocodile only add to the charm of the trek. Sight the villagers as they go about their early morning tasks of fishing or washing clothes at the periphery of the lake. Initially one wades through a shallow stream and thereafter crosses a wider tributary in a catamaran of an obliging farmer to inspect Chena cultivation (slash and burn agriculture) Enjoy the farmer's humble hospitality. With the guidance of the farmer, pick some fresh vegetables from the plot.



Evening get the wild life experience in Minneriya by 4 x 4 Jeeps.

### **Minneriya National park.**

Minneriya National Park is located in Sri Lanka's North Central Province, 182 kilometers from Colombo. The major cities closest to Minneriya National Park are Habarana and Polonnaruwa. Minneriya National Park, which is part of the elephant corridor that connects Kaudulla and Wasgamuwa National Parks, provides visitors with the opportunity to see elephant herds all year. May to October is the best period to visit Minneriya National Park in view of the world-famous Great Elephant Gathering of the Asian wild elephants.



Dinner & Overnight stay at the hotel- Dambulla.

## **Day 05 – DAMBULLA / KANDY**

After Breakfast at the hotel proceed to Kandy. Enroute visit the Spice Garden and Check in the Hotel. By evening go visit the Temple of Tooth Relic and Witness the Culture Dance.

### **Spice Garden**

The Island had been famous for its spices since the medieval times and is considered as one of the main reasons for the Europeans to conquer the Island and for the Arabs to trade upon from the 14th century onwards. A qualified guide will do a conducted tour of the garden and a presentation of its products.

Check in to the hotel.



### **Temple of Tooth Relic**

A lovely exotic city, the Hill Capital and last stronghold of the Sinhala Kings is a UNESCO World Heritage Site which retains an aura of grandeur, time has not affected. Encircled by hills, with a tranquil lake in its centre, it is the site of the renowned temple that enshrines the Tooth Relic of the Buddha.

Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel – Kandy.



## Day 06 – KANDY / NUWARA ELIYA

After breakfast proceed to Nuwaraeliya, enroute experience visiting the Tea Plantations and check in the Hotel. By evening go witness the boat ride down Gregory Lake and transfer back to the Hotel.

### **Tea Factory**

Sri Lanka is one of the world's largest exporters of tea with a roaring tea industry that dominates the island's central highlands. Introduced to the country by British tea planter James Taylor in 1867, tea irreversibly changed the topography, and even the demography of the country.



### **Gregory Lake Boat ride**

Named after Sir William Gregory in 1873, this is a prominent attraction used for water sports and recreational activities. Lake Park, Boat Rides are available. Can be reached by sea plane which takes only 30 minutes from Colombo. At the southern end of the town is Gregory Lake where the holiday makers can enjoy a leisurely walk on the paved walk ways, with swan shaped paddle boats for the more adventurous. There are pony rides round the lake for the kids and even adults, with plenty of fast food stalls located in a separate area where one can enjoy a meal or a snack



Dinner and Overnight stay at the hotel- Nuwara eliya.

## Day 07 – NUWARA ELIYA / BENTOTA

After breakfast proceed to Bentota, enroute visit the Turtle Hatcher and check in the Hotel.

### **Turtle Hatchery**

The Turtle Hatchery Project at Bentota Beach is another important attraction. Up to five endangered species of turtles have been frequenting a stretch on this undisturbed beach for a long time now. The turtles are allowed to hatch and thrive in a protected area before being set free.



Evening do the water sports in Bentota.

Jetski / Banana boat and Sofa ride included to the package.



Dinner and Overnight stay at the hotel – Bentota.

## Day 08 – BENTOTA

Breakfast at the hotel.

Evening do the Madu river boat safari.

### **Madu Ganga Boat Ride**

This two-hour tour takes you on a boat safari through the primitive depths of the mangrove marshes in Madu River. Traverse the dark and dangerous caverns formed by the thick mangrove forests; interspersed with bright open stretches of water. Get a chance to see crocodiles, water snakes, tree snakes and wild boars in their natural habitat. Watch the cormorants; storks and much other avian life hunts for their prey in swift flow of Madu River.



Return to the hotel.

Dinner and Overnight stay at the hotel – Bentota.

## Day 09 – BENTOTA / DEP

After Breakfast proceed to the airport .

Please note that you need to be at the airport before 03 hrs prior to the departure



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