



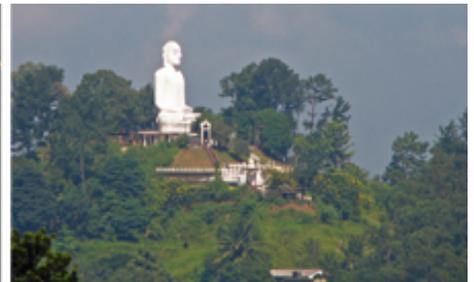
Programme : Tour in The Hills.
Duration : 7 Days / 6 Nights.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1 : Arrival – The City & Temple of Kandy

Meet and assist on arrival at Airport by Aitken Spence Travels Representative,

Transfer from Airport to Kandy, (travel time would be 4 Hours approximately)



Last ruled by King Sri Wickrama Rajasinghe - before it was brought under the British rule in 1815, Kandy - the World Heritage Site & last royal capital of Sri Lankan kings - crafts an array of culture, history and heritage in the minds of visitors across the globe. Experience an ancient Kandyan legacy engraved around its crown jewel, the temple of the sacred tooth relic of Lord Buddha. A stroll across this small lakeside town - cradled among the misty hills - will feature the Kandy City Centre - bundled with latest and world class brands, bazaar, an arts & crafts centre, as well as a gem museum & lapidary. Walk in colour as you glide through fresh fruits and vegetables in the Kandy market. Fine tune your evening by stepping to the beat of traditional music & drumming amplified by a cultural show enhancing the rich and vibrant culture of the Wonder of Asia, Sri Lanka.

Dinner and Overnight Stay in Kandy.

Day 2 : The Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage – The Peradeniya Botanical Garden

Breakfast in Kandy,

Transfer from Kandy to Pinnawala, (travel time would be 2 Hours approximately)



The Pinnawala Elephant orphanage is a 25-acre coconut property, that is home to many orphaned elephants who roam freely. But why does a visit to Pinnawala create so much excitement? This is the one place you would get to see these gentle giants up close when they stroll to the nearby river at 10.00am and 2.00pm daily. It's an opportunity to take lots of pictures of them taking a bath, enjoying the water, playing and socializing with the rest of the elephants. If you are adventurous you could volunteer your time for a ½ day or full day session to be a caretaker. If not with supervised assistance you could even bath and scrub an elephant. How does that sound for an Elephant experience?

Transfer from Pinnawala to Peradeniya, (travel time would be 1 Hour & 40 Minutes approximately)



First developed as a pleasure garden under royalty and later harmonized by the British, the Royal Botanical Gardens of Peradeniya - today bundled with the most welcoming facilities located just 4 miles off Kandy - is a flourishing national asset in the Wonder of Asia. Walk into this 147-acre bliss of an experience, passing well-tended lawns, pavilions & an octagon conservatory to be greeted by the vast expanse of a magnificently landscaped lush green turf which will encourage you for an exhilarating break. Towards the north of the entrance rests a cafeteria that one might come across before stepping into some of the highlights - the orchid house & giant Javan fig tree - of this place which overflow in grace.

Transfer from Peradeniya to Kandy, (travel time would be 30 Minutes approximately)

Dinner and Overnight Stay in Kandy.

Day 3 : The City Of Nuwara Eliya – Tea Plantation Visit

Breakfast in Kandy,

Transfer from Kandy to Nuwara Eliya, (travel time would be 3 Hours approximately)



Misty steep roads, twisting through lush green blankets of tea bushes in a cool climate, remind visitors that they are within the range of the renowned British colonial retreat, Nuwara Eliya. Augmented by an English countryside atmosphere, the city of light - once governed by English & Scottish planters - is still studded with colonial bungalows, hedgerows & one of the finest 18-hole golf courses in the world. A hike through the green grass and red-brick walls should present breathtaking views of a buzzing countryside hamlet. Drive through green valleys of the hill country pierced by endless waterfalls & dotted by tea pluckers draped in bright-colored saris. Or rent a bike for a gentle ride along the banks splashed by the waters of Lake Gregory.

Transfer from Nuwara Eliya to Tea Plantation, (travel time would be 30 Minutes approximately)



Sri Lanka, Tea and Tourism are words which cannot be separated. Take a tour to the cold & misty hills that take pride of an ultimate tea tour, covering lush green blankets of tea plantations. Or just step into a tea factory processing the prestigious brand of Ceylon Tea, to observe a rich tradition kept alive up to date. As you observe the hissing and swishing of machines, inhaling the heavenly scent arising from these facilities, make sure to end your day in style over a perfectly blended cup of pure Ceylon Tea.

Transfer from Tea Plantation to Nuwara Eliya, (travel time would be 30 Minutes approximately)

Dinner and Overnight Stay in Nuwara Eliya.

Day 4 : The Horton Plains National Forest Reserve

Breakfast in Nuwara Eliya,

Transfer from Nuwara Eliya to Horton Plains, (travel time would be 1 Hour & 30 Minutes approximately)



Horton Plains, UNESCO World Heritage Site, trekking paradise & Eco-tourism hideout in the heart of the isle, painted with unending stretches of green pastures marks one of the healthiest wet montane evergreen forests in Sri Lanka. With an altitude above 7000ft, the plateau sweeps to a robust 3169 hectares sheltering flora and fauna varieties that may be found no where else on earth. As the tributary of Belihul Oya - Bakers Falls - thunders down rocks head along the 9km trekking path - across frost-covered grass - to feel the icy-cold wind against your face. You may even gaze down World's End, a head-spinning 3700ft drop towards the Southern end or drive carefully through herds of sambar deer, shy to human touch & birdlife chirping across the plains. If you're cautious enough you may be greeted by the sights of a grunting wild boar, a pouncing fishing cat, otters or even the 'Spotted-Ghost that haunts the plains', the Sri Lankan Leopard!

Transfer from Horton Plains to Nuwara Eliya, (travel time would be 1 Hour & 30 Minutes approximately)

Dinner and Overnight Stay in Nuwara Eliya.

Day 5 : The City of Ella

Breakfast in Ella,

Transfer from Nuwara Eliya to Ella, (travel time would be 2 Hours & 40 Minutes approximately)



A quaint hill side village offering the most amazing view in all of Sri Lanka, Ella is ideal for leisurely treks. Trudge through tea plantations, temple sites and waterfalls through the day. Welcome the night with clear skies, twinkling stars and the distant glow of light houses in the Southern Coast. Though there are just a handful of guesthouses and hotels here, Sri Lankan's warm and friendly signature hospitality is more than available at every place.

Dinner and Overnight Stay in Ella.

Day 6 : The City Of Colombo

Breakfast in Ella,

Transfer from Ella to Colombo, (travel time would be 6 Hours & 45 Minutes approximately)



The throbbing metropolis, Colombo - located in the West - is not only the country's commercial capital, but also the turbine that impels above 50% of the national GDP flanking Colombo's fancy urban development effort. Drive along the clean streets edging the crystal white Race Course - horse racing hub in 1893 & World War II airstrip - furnished today with lavish clothing, food & tea boutiques. Meanwhile, ride to Pettah & tune into the Floating Market - an offbeat shopping experience - or feel the buzz surrounding the upcoming inspiration, the Colombo Port City - an offshore city - featuring parks, commercial complexes & even an F1 track! Head along Bauddhaloka Mawatha towards 'Arcade' facing a historic waypost, the Independence Square. Every designer boutique, top-notch cuisine outlet and even the 'walk-over fish tank', have revamped this colonial masterpiece into one of the trendiest shopping and hangout zones in Sri Lanka. Have a chilled beer at the Dutch Hospital while gazing through fancy windows showcasing best fashion, jewelry & handicraft brands. Smell the scent of incense while listening to the chiming bells of Gangarama temple. Or, jazz up to Colombo's night life spiced by night clubs & casinos that borderline its bustle. If you're lucky, head into an exhibition at the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH) before swaying your head to an opera or play at Nelum Pokuna that should just drive your day into perfection!

Dinner and Overnight Stay in Colombo.

Day 7 : Leisure – Departure

Breakfast in Colombo,

The complete day is at leisure.

Check out at noon.

Transfer from Colombo to Airport for departure, (travel time would be 1 Hour approximately)

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