

Sri Lanka Highlights - Overview



SRI LANKA

Set in the Indian Ocean in South Asia, the tropical island nation of Sri Lanka has a history dating back to the birth of time. It is a place where the original soul of Buddhism still flourishes and where nature's beauty remains abundant and unspoilt

Few places in the world can offer the traveler such a remarkable combination of stunning landscapes, pristine beaches, captivating cultural heritage and unique experiences within such a compact location. Within a mere area of 65,610 kilometers lie 8 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, 1,330 kilometers of coastline - much of it pristine beach - 15 national parks showcasing an abundance of wildlife, nearly 500,000 acres of lush tea estates, 250 acres of botanical gardens, 350 waterfalls, 25,000 water bodies, to a culture that extends back to over 2,500 years.

This is an island of magical proportions, once known as Serendib, Taprobane, the Pearl of the Indian Ocean, and Ceylon. Discover refreshingly Sri Lanka!



Detailed Programme

Day 01 - Arrival to Sri Lanka

On arrival you will be met by your English-speaking chauffer guide at the Airport and will be transferred to your hotel in Negombo. **Transfer Time: Approx. 30 Min.**

Check into the hotel. Relax & unwind.



Negombo - sometimes known as "Little Rome" due to the profusion of Christian Churches, this archetypical fishing village has now grown to a major beach resort on the west coast, north of Colombo and 15 minutes from the International Airport. The wide sandy beaches and safe sea bathing are major attractions, as is the fish market where busy trading of a variety of fish, prawns and crabs takes place each morning (except Sunday) when the fishing craft return to shore. Traditional large sailed outrigger canoes are a picturous sight in this village which was once a trading port for the Portuguese and Dutch. Other attractions are the old Dutch fort gate built in 1672 now a part of the prison and the Dutch Canal which was then a supply route for the Dutch administration.

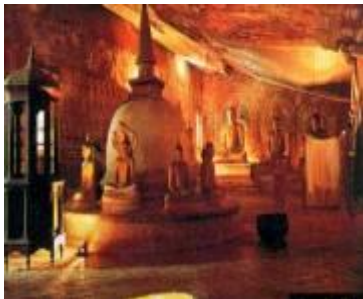
Overnight stay at a 3* Hotel in Negombo - HB Basis

Day 02 – Visit to Negombo Fish Market early morning and then travel to Habarana en route visiting Dambulla Rock Cave Temple.

Early morning at around 05:30 hours, visit the Infamous Fish Market. This may not be for everyone since the stench of fresh (and dried) fish is everywhere and you may need to hold your nose. But if you want to experience real local culture, this is a good place to start.

Thereafter breakfast, our chauffeur guide will drive you to Habarana, a predominant point in the cultural triangle. **Transfer Time: Approx. 4.5 Hrs.**

En route visit Dambulla Rock Cave Temple.



Dambulla – located in the north central province this UNESCO World Heritage Site which dates back to the 01st century BC, is an amazing complex of 05 caves, first used as a refuge by an ancient king who on regaining his throne, commissioned magnificent carved images within the living rock. Later kings made further improvements and the caves contain over 150 images of the Buddha of which the largest is a colossal figure spanning 15 meters. Cave inscriptions from the 2nd Century BC are found and on the walls are many paintings most of which belong to the Kandy period (early 19th century). This temple is a perfect location to view evolution of ancient Sri Lankan art and is an

important historical site due to the amalgamation of the material from many eras.

Transfer Time: Approximately 4 ½ hours.

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Day 03 – Visit to Sigiriya Rock Fortress & Polonnaruwa Ruins

After an early breakfast, you will Visit the 5th century old **Sigiriya Rock Fortress**.



This UNESCO World Heritage Site is 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. The rock was the innermost stronghold of the 70 hectare fortified town and the base is ringed by a moat, rampart, and extensive gardens. The world-renowned frescoes (originally 500, of which only

19 remain today) which are in a sheltered pocket of the rock approached by a spiral stairway are painted in earth pigments on plaster. The old stairway to the top led through the mouth of a crouching lion but today only the huge paws remain giving an indication of the massive proportions of the head. Remains of the handsome royal citadel are on the summit and several caves for meditation, audience platforms and baths complete the unique site.

Afternoon you will set off to explore the Medieval Capital of **Polonnaruwa**.

Transfer Time: Approx. 1.5 Hrs. (Sigiriya – Polonnaruwa)

The second most ancient of Sri Lanka's kingdoms, Polonnaruwa was first declared the capital city by King Vijayabahu I, who defeated the Chola invaders in 1070 CE to reunite the country once more under a local leader. This city is known to have been the pinnacle of the Golden Age of Sri Lanka, during the reign of Parakramabahu I, a ruler whose goal that no drop of water falling from the heavens be wasted led to the development of irrigation systems which are still utilised to this day. The greatest of these systems – the Parakrama Samudra (Sea of Parakrama) is a tank so vast that it is often mistaken for an ocean. It circles the main city like a ribbon, acting both as a defensive border against intruders and the lifeline of the people in times of peace.

**Overnight stay at a 3* Hotel in Habarana - HB Basis****Day 04 – Travel to Kandy and visit to Temple of the Tooth Relic**

After breakfast, leisurely transfer to your hotel in Kandy en route visiting Matale Spice Gardens where Sri Lanka known as Taprobane, was world renowned for its Quality Spice.

Transfer Time: Approx. 2.5 Hrs.

You will see many spice gardens at Matale and in Mawanella on the Colombo-Kandy road where Cinnamon, Cardamom, Pepper Creepers and all other spice trees, plants and creepers are planted for visitors to see them. Spice products are also available for those who would like to buy them. At all Spice Gardens visitors are taken round explaining each tree and plant and at the end explaining the use of them food preparations.

Afterwards visit a **Batik Factory** where you can see the manufacture of beautiful Batik prints. These shops contain a wide variety of Batik items.

Thereafter conduct a city tour including a visit to the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic in the evening in time for the Puja Ceremony. The Temple of the Tooth which is commonly known as "Sri Dalada Maligawa" is situated in the city of hills, Kandy.



Kandy – 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 and the Royal Botanical gardens – home to one of the world's best collections of Orchids. A cultural sanctuary where many legends, traditions and folklore are still lovingly kept alive, Kandy and its satellite villages are the centre of the island's handicraft industry (items of wood, brass & silver) exquisite silver or gold jewellery and precious gems of many varieties including the world's best blue and star sapphires. The highlight of the city's calendar is the Esala Perahera, when a replica of the casket enclosing the Tooth is taken in procession for ten glittering nights in July/August by exotically costumed dancers, drummers and approximately 100 Elephants.

Kandy is also famous for its shopping, gems, jewelry, handicrafts, batiks, silks etc. You will have the opportunity of browsing to your heart's content.

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Day 05- Departure from Kandy

After breakfast, transfer to the Airport in time for the connecting flight. **Transfer Time: Approx. 3 Hrs.**

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

FINE PRINT**Cost is as follows**

Availability of the hotels are subject to confirmation of the tour

Validity period - 1st to 30th April 2020

No of Pax Travelling	01 Pax	2 PAX	3-5 PAX	6-7 PAX
Per Person Rate	Per Person in a Single (USD)	Per Person Sharing a Double (USD)	Per Person Sharing a Double (USD)	Per Person Sharing a Double (USD)
	575	410	360	275
Vehicle Allocated	Car	Car	Micro Van	Micro Van
	Single Room Supplement at USD 125 Triple Room Reduction at USD 160			

SUMMER**Validity period - 1st May to 14th July 2020/1st September to 31st October 2020**

No of Pax Travelling	01 Pax	2 PAX	3-5 PAX	6-7 PAX
Per Person Rate	Per Person in a Single (USD)	Per Person Sharing a Double (USD)	Per Person Sharing a Double (USD)	Per Person Sharing a Double (USD)
	555	390	340	255
Vehicle Allocated	Car	Car	Micro Van	Micro Van
	Single Room Supplement at USD 125 Triple Room Reduction at USD 160			

Validity period - 15th July to 31st August 2020

No of Pax Travelling	01 Pax	2 PAX	3-5 PAX	6-7 PAX
Per Person Rate	Per Person in a Single (USD)	Per Person Sharing a Double (USD)	Per Person Sharing a Double (USD)	Per Person Sharing a Double (USD)
	575	410	360	275
Vehicle Allocated	Car	Car	Micro Van	Micro Van
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Compulsory Perahera Supplement from 5th - 15th August 2019 - USD 50 Per room per night

WINTER**Validity period - 1st November to 14th December 2020**

No of Pax Travelling	01 Pax	2 PAX	3-5 PAX	6-7 PAX
Per Person Rate	Per Person in a Single (USD)	Per Person Sharing a Double (USD)	Per Person Sharing a Double (USD)	Per Person Sharing a Double (USD)
	555	390	340	255
Vehicle Allocated	Car	Car	Micro Van	Micro Van
	Single Room Supplement at USD 125 Triple Room Reduction at USD 160			

Validity period - 15th December to 31st January 2021

No of Pax Travelling	01 Pax	2 PAX	3-5 PAX	6-7 PAX
Per Person Rate	Per Person in a Single (USD)	Per Person Sharing a Double (USD)	Per Person Sharing a Double (USD)	Per Person Sharing a Double (USD)
	575	410	360	275
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X'mas/New Year Eve Supplements - USD 80 per person

CHILD POLICY

- 0 - 2.11 years: Meals on complimentary basis
- 3 - 11.11 years: 50% off the per person sharing Double Room rate, inclusive of an extra bed. Only 01 extra bed can be accommodated in a Double Room

NOTE:

02 Children below 12 years are considered as ONE ADULT. Therefore, 02 children can share a Triple room with 02 adults. However, no extra bed is allowed in a Triple room.

INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

Inclusions:

- Accommodation based on the standard room categories at the specified hotels.
- Meal plan as mentioned above.
- Transport in an Air-Conditioned Car/ Van with an accompanying English-speaking Chauffeur Guide.
- Government Tax

Exclusions:

- All entrance fees including jeep hire at National Parks
- Early check-in & late checkout.
- **Alcohol**
- Meals & beverages not included in the package price.
- Tips & Expenses of personal nature
- Travel Insurance, VISA & Air Fare

COMPLEMENTARY VALUE ADDITIONS:

- 02 Complimentary mineral water bottles of 500 ml per person per day
- Visit to a spice garden
- Visit to a gem lapidary
- Wheel Chair upon request. (Upon request only)
- Airport assistance by WALKERS TOURS representative with the English-speaking Chauffeur/ National Guide at the arrival lounge at the AIRPORT. (24 hours x 07 days)
- *Complimentary Kandy Cultural Show - Gem Gallery Visit Is A Must to Obtain the Complimentary Coupon For Kandy Cultural - Only During Kandy Stay*