

Sri Lanka

7 Days / 6 Nights

Day 01 – Airport | Colombo

On arrival you will be blessed to get your first taste of warm Sri Lankan hospitality. Your designated Guide will welcome you at the Airport and will guide you to the transportation.

Your first destination will be Colombo **COLOMBO CITY TOUR** drive through the city taking you to the busy commercial areas as well as the tree lined residential, Cinnamon Gardens, Visit Fort, the former British administrative Centre and military garrison, Sea Street – the Goldsmiths quarters in the heart of Pettah, the Bazaar area, where is also a Hindu Temple with elaborate stone carvings, and the Dutch Church of Wolfe dhal dating back to 1749. Start shopping in Colombo, Visit ODEL, One Galle Face Mall, Colombo City Center, Dilly & Carlo and Visit bargain market in Colombo Pettah.

Overnight Stay in **Colombo**.

Day 02 – Colombo|Dambulla

After an appetizing breakfast checkout from the hotel & proceed to Dambulla

En route visit Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage or Millenium Elephant Foundation

PINNAWALA ELEPHANT ORPHANAGE is an orphanage, nursery and captive breeding ground for wild Asian elephants located at Pinnawala village. Pinnawala has the largest herd of captive elephants in the world. In 2011, there were 96 elephants, including 43 males and 68 females from 3 generations, living in Pinnawala. The orphanage was founded to care for and protect the many orphaned wild elephants found wandering in and near the forests of Sri Lanka. It was established in 1975 by the Sri Lanka Department of Wildlife Conservation (DWC).

En route visiting **MILLENIUM ELEPHANT FOUNDATION** is in Kegalle near Kandy. Join an elephant expert who volunteers here and learn all about the foundation and the elephants that they care for. You can walk with the elephants, bathe them, and visit the on-site elephant dung factory. However, visitors should be aware that many of the elephants kept here are chained, on the request of their owners. The elephants do no manual labor, however, and are only guided by a trained mahout, a caretaker who uses a hook to tap certain pressure points on the animal's body – this does not hurt them when done correctly.

DAMBULLA CAVE TEMPLE first came to use as a refuge for King Valagambahu in 1st century BC. Concealed by the local monks upon returning from exile to his throne at Anuradhapura he had the magnificent cave temple built for them. The cave temple consists of a complex of Buddhist image houses. Its rock ceiling is one large sweep of colorful frescoes, some of which dates to over 2,000 years, which depicts Buddhist mythology, and the tales of the Buddha's previous births. This cave temple has the largest number of Buddha statues all housed in one place, including a 14-meter-long, colossal figure of the recumbent Buddha carved out of the rock.

Overnight Stay in **Dambulla**

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Day 03 – Dambulla | Sigiriya | Minneriya | Dambulla

After a scrumptious breakfast proceed to Sigiriya or Pidurangala

SIGIRIYA is a “UNESCO World Heritage Site” and the 5th Century “Fortress in the Sky” which is perhaps the most fantastic single wonder of the Island. It is also known as Lion Rock because of the huge lion that used to stand at the entrance to the Palace on the summit of the 600-foot-high rock. On its summit are the foundations of the Royal Palace, Water Tanks to supply water and all other buildings and at the edges the guardhouses. On one of the stairways the only known ancient work of Sinhala secular painting survived in the form of Frescoes of 21 life sized damsels still shining in their original colors. The Water Gardens, Fountain Garden, Summerhouses, Boulder Gardens, and the Caves within the enclosed area should not be missed.

HIRIWADUNNA VILLAGE TRECK This is a typical countryside experience with a jeep ride to the rural village of Hiriwadunna. The trek begins with a beautiful walk along to a man-made reservoir. You will also experience a boat ride, bullock cart ride, rural vegetable cultivation, paddy fields and enjoy an authentic Sri Lankan lunch at a Village house.

MINNERIYA NATIONAL PARK is a national park in North Central Province of Sri Lanka. The area was designated as a national park on 12 August 1997, having been originally declared as a wildlife sanctuary in 1938.[1] The reason for declaring the area as protected is to protect the catchment of Minneriya tank and the wildlife of the surrounding area. The tank is of historical importance, having been built by King Mahasen in third century AD. The park is a dry season feeding ground for the elephant population dwelling in forests of Matale.

Large numbers of Sri Lankan elephants are attracted to grass fields on the edges of the reservoir during the dry season. The Minneriya tank contributes to sustain a large herd. Elephants gathered here is numbering around 150-200. Some reports account number of elephants to as high as 700. They migrate here from Wasgamuwa National Park and benefit from food and shelter of the park's forest. Tourists visit Minneriya largely because of elephants, especially in dry season.

Overnight Stay in **Dambulla**

Day 04 – Dambulla|Kandy

After breakfast Proceed to Kandy, En route Visit the Spice Garden & Matale Hindu Temple

SPICE & HERBAL GARDEN IN MATALE to see the different spices, which Sri Lanka is famous for. You will be introduced to different spices and shown how some of these spices are grown and processed

Wooden Architecture & **WOOD CARVING** are inextricably linked in the traditional wooden architecture of Sri Lanka. Especially in Kandy, the allied skills simultaneously highlight the construction and carving skills of master –craftsmen and architects.

KANDY, including Upper Lake Drive, Market Square, Arts & Crafts Centre, Gem Museum & Temple of Tooth Relic. Kandy the hill capital, venue of the annual Perahera The last stronghold of the Sinhala Kings was finally ceded to the British in 1815. Kandy is an example of the Buddhism's influence in Sri Lanka today. Temple's shrines and monasteries keeping alive Buddhist traditions are everywhere.

By the evening experience a **Colorful Cultural Dance Show** where you will be taken to mind blowing Sri Lankan culture extravaganza... Get ready for Heavy drumbeat and acrobatic act.

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Day 05 – Kandy| Bentota or Beruwela or Induruwa

Breakfast at Hotel. Visit Royal Botanical Garden & Giragama Tea Factory

ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS, PERADENIYA This majestic botanical garden is 147 acres in extent and was started in 1374 as a pleasure garden of the Kings of Gampola and Kandy. There are more than 5,000 species of trees, plants, and creepers. Some which are rare and endemic, as well as flora from the tropical world are found in the gardens. The Spice Garden and Orchid House are popular with tourists. There are 5 Palm Avenues beautifying the gardens, the earliest and tallest, Royal Palm Avenue, was planted in 1905 and the Double Coconuts from the Seashells Island, with the largest seed of all plants in the world, is one such avenue.

Enjoy “**Tea experience**”, which involves a visit a plantation to observe firsthand the process, starting from the plucking field where it all begins with the picking of “two leaves and a bud” to the factory where the processing begins. Originally introduced to the island around 1850 by the British, Ceylon Tea is world famous for its high quality and has remained a major contributor to the island’s economy for generations. Currently, Sri Lanka is one of largest exporter of tea worldwide. The high altitudes produce the best flavors, so Sri Lanka’s hill-country is the ideal environment to grow the most flavorful tea. A guided tour around a Tea Factory is an enlightening experience.

Thereafter proceed to Bentota or Beruwela or Induruwa

Overnight Stay in **Bentota or Beruwela or Induruwa**

Day 06 – Bentota City Tour

Breakfast at the Hotel – Half Day Leisure at Hotel & Evening Visit Bentota City

MARINE TURTLE CONSERVATION KOSGODA Globally, all seven species of marine turtles are endangered. Of these seven, five come ashore to nest in Sri Lanka. The process of marine turtles nesting, hatchlings being born, and swimming back to sea is fascinating to observe. The Kosgoda Conservation Project is an ideal way to learn and observe this endangered species

MADU RIVER BOAT RIDE in the 915-hectare Madu Ganga Estuary is connected by two narrow channels to the Randombe Lake, forming a complex wetland system encompassing 64 mangrove islets. In the year 2000, International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) undertook a detailed biodiversity survey of the region & revealed the existence of no less than 10 major wetland vegetation types supporting over 300 plant species & 248 species of vertebrates. This remarkable diversity has led to its being classified under RAMSAR Convention on Wetlands in 2003.

Evening Engage in Water Sports (Snorkeling / Scuba Diving are available and subject to the sea condition)

Overnight Stay in **Bentota**

Day 07 – Bentota or Bentota or Induruwa|Airport

Breakfast at Hotel Pack your Luggage Check out from the hotel & proceed to Airport

Though it will be difficult to say goodbye, as all good things come to an end. Your guide will meet you on time at the hotel lobby to return you by way of a scenic drive to the international airport for your departing flight and a safe journey home.

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CITY	HOTEL	ROOM TYPE	MEAL PLAN
Colombo (1Night)	Fairway Colombo	Superior Room	Breakfast
Dambulla(2Nights)	Tropical Life Resort & Spa / Sigiriyana by Thilanka	Standard Room	Breakfast & Dinner
Kandy (1 Night)	Hotel Topaz / Earls Regent / Thilanka Kandy	Deluxe Room	Breakfast & Dinner
Bentota / Beruwela (2Nights)	Earls Reef / The Palms	Deluxe Room	Breakfast & Dinner

Rates in JOD

Price per person in a Double Room
735

CITY	HOTEL	ROOM TYPE	MEAL PLAN
Colombo (1 Night)	Sofia Colombo	Deluxe Room	Breakfast
Dambulla (2 Nights)	Sigiriya Jungle's	Deluxe Room	Breakfast & Dinner
Kandy (1 Night)	Cinnamon Citadel / Radisson Kandy	Standard Room	Breakfast & Dinner
Bentota / Beruwela (2 Nights)	Cinnamon Bey / Occidental Eden Resort	Superior	Breakfast & Dinner

Rates in JOD

Price per person in a Double Room
770

THE ABOVE PRICE INCLUDE:	ABOVE PRICES DOES NOT INCLUDE:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Economy Class Air Ticket. ➤ Accommodation in specified rooms on for 06 nights as mentioned ➤ Transportation by air-conditioned car as per the above itinerary. ➤ English Speaking chauffeur Guide 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Lunch throughout the tour ➤ Entrance fees to sites as mentioned above ➤ Cost of Visa for entering Sri Lanka ➤ Cost of beverage throughout the tour. ➤ Expenses of a personal nature.
Compliments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 10 Minutes head & shoulder massage at Herbal Garden ➤ Honeymoon Amenities (Bed Decoration or Cake) 	
Important Notes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Above rates are subject to change without prior notice according to the airlines companies' regulations and currency fluctuations. 2. Above offers are subject to availability of rooms upon your request and no reservation has been made for your trip at any of the mentioned hotels. 	

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Kindest regards,

