

CHARMING SRI LANKA

Nuwara Eliya, Galle & Colombo

5 nights / 6 days

Sri Lanka (formerly Ceylon), a tiny island nation south of India in the Indian Ocean, is a rugged land of rainforest, diverse wildlife and endless beaches. It's famed for its ancient Buddhist ruins, including the 5th-century citadel Sigiriya, with its palace and frescoes, and the sacred city of Anuradhapura. Its flavourful cuisine reflects its history as a maritime hub and cultural melting pot.



Day 1 – Arrive Colombo

Today arrive at Colombo International Airport and get transferred to Nuwara Eliya.

Nuwara Eliya - The 'Little England' of Sri Lanka, is set against beautiful backdrops of Mountains, Valleys, Waterfalls and Tea Plantations. It is supposed to be one of the coldest places on the island, but is really just like an England spring day although the temperature does drop at night. All around Nuwara Eliya you will see evidence of the British influence. Houses are like country cottages or Queen Ann style mansions.

En route visit Pinnawala elephant orphanage, Tea Factory & Tea Garden.

Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage - Started in 1975 to house the abandoned and the wounded, the orphanage has grown to be a big family today. A unique experience never to be missed.

Tea Plantation - Tea was first planted in Sri Lanka in 1824 at the Botanical Gardens at 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 on 8 hectares of forestland, in the Loolcondura Estate.

Overnight stay at **ARALIYA GREEN HILLS**, Nuwara Eliya or similar.

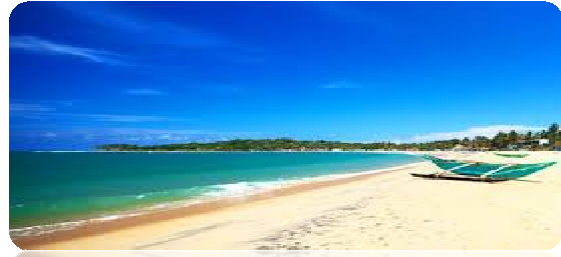
Day 2 – Nuwara Eliya

Today after breakfast take a tour of Nuwara Eliya and visit Sitha amman temple.

Sri Seethai Amman temple is a unique temple it has been made at the place where Seeta Mata spent her days in the prison of Ravana approx 5000 years ago. It is also unique in a way that it is one of the very few temples dedicated to Seeta. The temple is located on Nuwara Eliya Kandy road very close to the scenic town of Nuwara Elia (8 Kilometers)

City Tour - Major tourist attractions are Horton Plains, a National Park where sambhar and leopard are frequent sights and Hakgala Botanical Gardens famous for its collection of roses and the rare fernery. The town is an excellent getaway for trekkers and nature lovers.

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Day 3 – Onwards to Galle

Today drive through the scenic coastal roads of Sri Lanka to reach Galle.

Galle's Dutch colonial fort lies on the coast, a stunning setting with ocean views to three sides. Within its walls renovations and development has seen the growth of boutique hotels and coffee shops, but this area still has genuine Sri Lankan charm and original buildings. After exploring Galle Fort's walls and fortifications, walk towards the town passing the fishermen selling their catch towards the produce and fish markets. This area is delightful for tourist and food lovers.

Overnight stay at **CALAMANDER UNAWATUNA BEACH RESORT**, Galle or similar.

Day 4 – Galle

Today after breakfast explore the sandy beaches around Galle.
Enjoy your day in sun, sand & water.

Overnight stay at **CALAMANDER UNAWATUNA BEACH RESORT**, Galle or similar.

Day 5 – Colombo

After breakfast proceed to Colombo.

Colombo a 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 Goldsmith's quarters in the heart of Pettah, the Bazaar area, where is also a Hindu Temple with elaborate stone carvings, and the Dutch Church of Wolfendhal dating back to 1749. The historic Dawatagaha Mosque and the former Eye Hospital are two buildings in Cinnamon Gardens worth looking at. Also visit the BMICH, see the replica of Avukana Buddha and the Independence Square

Overnight stay at **RAMADA COLOMBO**, Colombo or similar.

Day 6 – Depart Colombo

Today after breakfast check out and morning is free to explore the city of Colombo on your own.
In the afternoon get transferred to the Airport for your flight back home.

COME HOME WITH WONDERFUL MEMORIES OF THE TOUR!!!

Inclusions:-

1. 2 nights' accommodation at Nuwara Eliya with breakfast
2. 2 nights' accommodation at Galle with Breakfast
3. 1 night accommodation at Colombo with Breakfast
4. Transportation by a/c vehicle with an English speaking chauffeur guide.
5. All sightseeing mentioned in the itinerary without entrance fees
6. Hotel Taxes

Exclusions:-

1. International Air ticket & Taxes
2. Visa Fees
3. Travel Insurance
4. Lunch or Dinner on tour.

5. Any entrance fees.
6. Camera/video permits
7. Expenses of a personal nature.
8. All applicable entrance fees.