

## SRI LANKA –SCENIC TOUR

6 Nights/ 7 Days

### DAY 01 : Day of Arrival - Kandy



Arrive in Sri Lanka. You will be met by a representative and transferred to Kandy.

En route visit Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage.

\* **Pinnawela 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.

Checked in to hotel.

Overnight stay at Kandy.

### Day 02 Kandy



After breakfast commence city tour of Kandy, including Upper Lake Drive, Market Square and the Temple of the Sacred 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.

\* **Royal Botanical Gardens, Peradeniya**, Sixty Seven hectares of exquisite beauty and botanical treasures containing more than 4000 species, this is haven not only for Scientists but to every nature lover as well.

\* **Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic** - ever since 4<sup>th</sup> Century A.D, when the Buddha's Tooth was brought to Sri Lanka hidden from sacrilegious hands in an Orison princess' hair, the Relic has grown in repute and holiness in Sri Lanka and throughout the Buddhist world. It is considered Sri Lanka's most prized possession.

Evening view a cultural show featuring various dance types of Sri Lanka.

Overnight stay at Kandy.

### DAY 03 Nuwara Eliya



After breakfast leave for Nuwara Eliya and enroot visit tea plantation.

\* **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 an 8 hectares of forestland, in the Loolcondura Estate.

\* **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.

\* **Seethaeliya** – the little Kovil dedicated to Seetha with statue of Rama, Lakshmana and Hanuman.

Overnight stay at Nuwara Eliya

### DAY 04 YALA



Afternoon safari at Yala National Park.

\* **Yala** is a haven for Fauna both indigenous and migrant. Bird concentrations are by the Lagoons/Salvers. Here are thousands of Flamingoes, Assemblies of spotted Billed Pelicans, Spoonbills, Cormorants and various species of Herons. Pheasants, Pea Fowl, Peacocks and the Wild Fowl are found in hundreds. Wild Buffalo and herds of wild Elephants are a common sight. Whether it is birds or animals you have them all at Yala.

After breakfast proceed to yala.

Overnight stay at Yala

### Day 05 Bentota



After breakfast leave for Bentota. En route commence sightseeing of Galle.

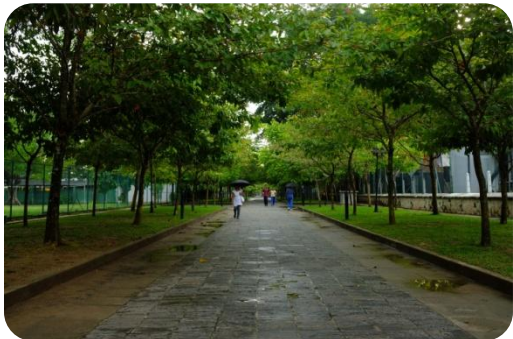
\* **Galle** - Sri Lanka's most historically interesting town is Galle. Built on a premonitory rock in the south of the Island. It was a major port until about 100 years, but today still handles shipping and sailing boats in the natural harbor.

Stroll around the Light House and harbor or visit the old town where you can see the traditional lace makers and carvers and purchase some of the finest shell-craft souvenirs in the world.

Checked in to the hotel.

Overnight stay at Bentota

### Day 06 Colombo



After breakfast transfer to Colombo and commence city tour of Colombo including shopping.

\* **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 center 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 Colombo.

### DAY 07

After breakfast transfer to the airport for departure.

**COME HOME WITH WONDERFUL MEMORIES OF YOUR TOUR**

**Inclusions:**

- 6 nights accommodation with breakfast at the hotels specified or similar.
- Transportation by a/c vehicle with an English speaking chauffeur guide
- Valued added Tax