

## WELCOME TO SRI LANKA. (THE LAND OF PARADISE)

### HISTORY

The history of SRI LANKA begins around 30,000 years ago when the island was first inhabited. Chronicles including the Mahawansa, The Dipavamsa, the Culavamsa and the Rajaveliya record events from the beginning of the Sinhalese monarchy in the 06th century B.C. Through the arrival of European Colonialists in the 16th century, and to the disestablishment of the monarchy in 1815. Some mentions of the country are found in the RAMAYANA. Buddhism was introduced in the 03rd century B.C by Arhath Mahinda (son on the Indian emperor Ashoka the Great).

### THE FACTS:

- Population 21 million.
- 3 main languages - Sinhala, Tamil and English.
- Buddhist majority (70%), with Hindu, Christian and Muslim minorities.
- Gained independence from Britain in 1948.
- Democratic Socialist Republic since 1978.
- The top exports are: Tea, Textiles, Gems AND Foreign Remittances.

### THE TRIVIA:

- Has the highest concentration of Leopard in the world.
- 7 of the world's UN World Heritage Sites.
- Is one of the world's 25 Biodiversity Hot Spots
- World's 3rd largest tea producer.
- The Sinhalese name, Sri Lanka, means, "The Resplendent Land" or "Holy Ceylon."
- Is famous for its Ceylonese Sapphire
- Has 1,340km of tropical coastline.



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## 05 Nights/ 06 Days – Discover Sri Lanka

### Day 01 Highlights: Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage / Dambulla Cave Temple

On arrival at the Bandaranaike International Airport, you will meet your representatives from Travelscape Holidays and be transferred directly to Sigiriya.

En-route visit Pinnawala Elephant orphanage.

The Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage is situated northwest of the town of Kegalle, halfway between the present capital Colombo and the ancient royal residence Kandy in the hills of central Sri Lanka. It was established in 1975 by the Sri Lanka wildlife department on a 25-acre coconut property near the Maha Oya River. The orphanage was originally founded in order to afford care and protection to the many orphaned Elephants found in the jungle.



Visit the Dambulla cave temple. This UNESCO heritage site is the largest and the best-preserved cave temple complex in Sri Lanka.

Dambulla Rock Temple - was built by king Walagambahu in the 1st century B.C. Dambulla is a world heritage site and is the most impressive of Sri Lanka's cave temples. The complex of five caves with over 2000 sq. meters of painted walls and ceilings is the largest area of paintings found in the world. The caves contain over 150 images of the Buddha of which the largest is the colossal figure of the Buddha carved out of rock and spanning 14 meters.



After checking into your hotel, you are free for the rest of the day.

**Overnight Stay in Sigiriya.**

## **Day 02 – Highlights: Sigiriya Rock Fortress / Minneriya National Park**

### **Minneriya/Kaudulla National Park: Optional Tour:**

Early Morning, you will be heading to Minneriya/Kaudulla National Park for a morning 4x4 jeep safari, since it is the best time to spot wild elephants in their natural habitat. If you're up for a serious rumble in the jungle, then Minneriya/Kaudulla is your ideal destination! Spreading over 8890 hectares, this park is mainly a sanctuary for elephants. It is always a pleasure to watch baby elephants playing at the lake. Among the 24 species of mammal's resident in the park are Elephants, Leopards, Sloth Bear, Spotted Deer, Sambar Deer, Wild Buffalo, Wild Pig, Grey Langers, Purple-faced Leaf Monkey, three species of Mongoose, Porcupines, and Indian Pangolin. Minneriya National Park has recorded over 170 species of birds.



On completion proceed back to the hotel & have breakfast.

Afternoon, you will visit the famous Sigiriya Rock Fortress (UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE), since it is the best time to witness and capture the sunset from the summit. King Kasyapa (477 - 495 AD) built his palace on the top of this rock and decorated its sides with colorful frescoes. Known as one of the wonders of the world due to the amazing architecture & technology being used.



Call it a day after checking into your hotel.

Thereafter, spend your evening on your own walking around and enjoying the surrounding nature.

### **Overnight stay in Sigiriya.**

### **Day 03 – Highlights: Temple of the Tooth Relic / Kandy City Tour**

After breakfast drive towards Kandy city. It is set on a plateau surrounded by mountains that are home to tea plantations and rainforests. Kandy is also famous for its sacred Buddhist sites, including the Temple of the Tooth Relic.

En route visit a Spice Garden, and learn about Sri Lankan Spices.

Check-in at the hotel.

Afternoon, visit the Temple of Tooth Relic (UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE).

#### **Temple of the Tooth Relic: OPTIONAL VISIT**

Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic is a Buddhist temple in the city of Kandy, Sri Lanka. It is located in the royal palace complex of the former Kingdom of Kandy, which houses the relic of the tooth of the Buddha. Since ancient times, the relic has played an important role in local politics because it is believed that whoever holds the relic holds the governance of the country. Kandy was the last capital of the Sri Lankan kings and is a World Heritage Site mainly due to the temple.



Evening, you'll explore on your own walking around Kandy's city centre before engaging with a cultural dance show which is inspired by Sri Lankan arts, traditional dance, and cultural heritage.

**Overnight stay in Kandy.**

### **Day 04 – Kandy - Bentota**

After a fantastic journey through the coconut palms, mountains, and waterfalls, you will finally arrive at the world-famous beachside of Sri Lanka. Bentota is a delightful sandy beach that was a well-kept secret in the past, but now few restaurants and pubs are opening up to visitors. It's a magnificent place characterized by white sands and coconut palms growing right from the edge of the sea as if in imitation of a postcard of a perfect tropical beach.

Upon arrival at your hotel, you may grab a towel to relax on the beach while enjoying a cocktail or a chill

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### **Day 05 – Highlights: Turtle Hatchery/ Madu River Boat Ride.**

After breakfast, Visit a Turtle hatchery Farm. The Turtle Hatchery Project at Bentota Beach is another important attraction. Up to five endangered species of turtles have been frequenting a stretch on this undisturbed beach for a long time now. The turtles are allowed to hatch and thrive in a protected area before being set free.

Leave for a river cruise along the Madu Ganga, the estuary of the Madu Ganga River is a complex coastal ecosystem of mangroves and islands. It may be one of the last remaining tracts of pristine mangrove forests in Sri Lanka.

The boat trip is a wonderful way of seeing some of the hundreds of species of plants and animals – monkeys eat fruit in the trees, a water monitor lizard glides slowly through the water, and cormorants, egrets and kingfishers wait patiently on the banks, eyeing the water for prey.



There are around 64 islands in the river and lagoon, from a tiny speck housing a deserted shrine to one housing 250 families connected to the mainland with a very long footbridge. The main occupations of the local inhabitants are producing cinnamon and prawn fishing – if you take the trip in the evening, you will see the fishermen in their canoes lighting lanterns to attract the shellfish into their traps.

### **Overnight stay in Bentota.**

### **Day 06 – Highlights: Colombo City Tour/ Shopping / Departure**

After breakfast, drive towards the commercial city of Colombo.

City tour of Colombo followed by shopping tour.

Colombo – the trade and commercial capital has long been the traditional gateway to the Orient. Sri Lanka's largest city, it is located on the west coast and draws together all the cultures, religions, and influences of foreign lands into a pot-pourri of sounds, smells and a kaleidoscope of colour. The original traders and settlers - the Arabs, Portuguese, Dutch and the British have left in their wake churches and monuments, names and religions, costumes and food and smatterings of their languages which have been absorbed into the speech of the Sri Lankan. Today, Colombo is a fascinating city - a happy blend of east & west, past & present, with a charm of its own. A less known but amazingly true fact is that Colombo has a superb range of high-quality restaurants serving food from all over the world and some of the best shopping opportunities in Asia. As all the good things must come to end, our chauffeur guide will take you to the airport to catch the departure flight.

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## Tariff

The rates of this program are calculated per person in a shared double room in the hotels mentioned or similar – in USD (\$)

**Validity Period: 10<sup>th</sup> June – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024**

**Black out period: 01<sup>st</sup> July – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024**

Hotels Used: Standard (3 Star)

No of Nights	Name of the Hotel	Location
02	Lily's Resort	Habarana
01	Devon Hotel	Kandy
02	Rockside Beach Resort	Bentota

Period	02 Pax	04 Pax	06 Pax
01 <sup>st</sup> May – 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2024	US \$ 419	US \$ 319	US \$ 276

Peak Period Supplement (01<sup>st</sup> July – 31<sup>st</sup> August) = USD 23 PP

Hotels Used: Deluxe (4 Star)

No of Nights	Name of the Hotel	Location
02	Tropical Life Resort & Spa	Dambulla
01	Earl's Regent Hotel	Kandy
02	Earl's Reef Hotel	Bentota

Period	02 Pax	04 Pax	06 Pax
01 <sup>st</sup> May – 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2024	US \$ 471	US \$ 368	US \$ 327

Peak Period Supplement (01<sup>st</sup> July – 31<sup>st</sup> August) = USD 40 PP

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**\*\* The above rates are quoted in USD, inclusive of taxes\*\***

**\*\* Taxes are subject to change without prior notice as per government discretion\*\***

**\*\* The above rates are based on DBL room sharing & per person rates\*\***

### **Child Rates**

- 00 – 04-Year-old child sharing bed with parents on FOC basis.
- Child with an extra bed on HB basis= USD 46.00 net per night
- Child sharing bed with parents on HB basis = USD 28.00 net per night

### **Supplement Costs**

#### **Entrance fee supplements per person**

ENTRANCE	SAARC COUNTRIES
Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage	US \$ 10 net
Dambulla Cave Temple	US \$ 08 net
Sigiriya Lions Rock	US \$ 15 net
Minneriya National Park	US \$ 70 net
Turtle Hatchery	US \$ 07 net
Madu River Boat Ride	US \$ 20 net per boat

**\*Child 50% from the above entrance fee rates\*\***

#### **The above package includes:**

- ✚ Accommodation at the above-mentioned hotels or Similar on HB basis
- ✚ Return airport transfers and Intercity transfers
- ✚ City tours as per the itinerary.
- ✚ 02 X 500ML mineral water bottles per person per day.
- ✚ An aircon luxury vehicle with an English-speaking driver throughout the tour.
- ✚ All applicable Government taxes

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**The above package excludes:**

- ✦ Airfare & Visa Charges
- ✦ Entrance fees to any sites.
- ✦ Compulsory Supplements.
- ✦ **Sights mentioned as optional.**
- ✦ Video and Camera permits at sights.
- ✦ Meals Outside of the stated meal plan.
- ✦ Use of vehicles other than the specified itinerary.
- ✦ Expenses of personal nature.
- ✦ Any other services not specified above.
- ✦ Early check-in & Late check-out at the hotels (Check-in & check-out time 14.00 to 12.00 Noon)
- ✦ Tips of any personal nature.

- The price may be changed due to increases put in place by the government of the country.
- Establishment of brand-new taxes by the government on hotels and transport services.
- The increase in the price of entrance fees to your activities.
- All tax increases as well as new ones will be payable and will be invoiced accordingly, with prior notice of information.

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