

## 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 6th 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 3rd 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.

## **Ramayana Tour Package | 6N 7D**

Sri Lanka is an island country in South Asia near south-east India. Sri Lanka has maritime borders with India to the northwest so a trip from India is very amazing experience with family and friends, our 7 Days tour Itinerary for Sri Lanka make you very familiar with the natural beauty of this country. Here you enjoy the diversity and multicultural values of this country, as Sri Lanka is home of various religions, ethnic groups, and languages. It is home of large groups of Sri Lankan and Indian Tamils, Moors, Burghers, Malays, Kaffirs and the aboriginal Vedda. Sri Lanka has a rich Buddhist heritage, and the first known Buddhist writings of Sri Lanka, the Pāli Canon, date back to the Fourth Buddhist council in 29 BC.

### **Highlights**

1. Munneshwaram Temple
2. Manawari Temple
3. Shri Bhaktha Hanuman Temple
4. Sita Amman Temple
5. Hakgala botanical Garden
6. Gayathri Peetam
7. Divurumpola Temple
8. Ravana's Cave
9. Anjaneyar Temple
10. Vibeeshana Temple

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## DAY 01: Arrival in Sri Lanka – Negambo

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- Upon arrival at the Colombo Bandaranayake International Airport, you will be warmly received by a representative. Your holiday of pure leisure has just begun. You will then be escorted to your vehicle and transferred to Negambo the starting point of an idyllic vacation.
- Check into the hotel.
- Transferred to Manavari temple & Munneshwaram temple.

### Munneshwaram Temple

It is believed that Munishwaram predates the Ramayana and a temple dedicated to Lord Shiva was located here. Munishwaram means the first temple for Shiva (Munnu + Easwaran). A Shiva Lingam was already here when Lord Rama visited this place. Lord Rama after his victorious battle left for Ayodhya with Sita in one of King Ravana's Vimanas. He felt he was being followed by a Bramhaasthi Dosham (a malevolent black shadow) as he had killed King Ravana who was a Brahmin



### Manavari Temple

When the Vimana was passing over Munneshwaram, he felt the Vimana vibrating, and realized the Brahmaasti Dosham was not following him at this particular point. He stopped the Vimana at this juncture and asked god Lord Shiva for advice. Lord Shiva blessed Lord Rama and advised installing and praying at four lingams located at Manavari, Thiru Koneshwaram, Thiru Ketheshwaram and Rameshwaram in India as the only remedy to get rid of the dosham. The first lingam was installed at Manavari about 5km from here, near the banks of the Deduru Oya. At the Manavari Temple Chilaw Manavari is the first lingam installed and prayed by Rama and till date this lingam is called as Ramalinga Shivan. Rameshwaram is the only other lingam in world named after Lord Rama.

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- On completion come back to the hotel & check in.
- Overnight stay at a Hotel in Negambo

## DAY 02: Negambo - Kandy

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Enroute visit Pinnawala elephant orphanage.
- After check in to the hotel & leisure.
- Travel to Kandy – a World Heritage city. Traditions and culture remain undisturbed by European influence in the colonial era. The Royal Palace, now known as the “The Temple of the Tooth Relic” (of Lord Buddha), situated right beside the Kandy lake gives a magical beauty to the city. Kandy is also home to one of the largest botanical gardens in South East Asia. The Gardens dates back to the 14<sup>th</sup> century and boasts over 4000 species of plants and many trees with significant histories. Visitors from the UK will be particularly interested in the Cannonball Tree planted by King George V. The tree is bent with its fruits, which resemble cannonballs hence the name.
- Visit to the Kandy Temple
- Dinner & overnight stay at the hotel.

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### DAY 03 Kandy – Nuwara Eliya

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- Travel to Nuwaraeliya, the emerald city of Sri Lanka, also known as “little England” for its cool climate and colonial style architecture. It is located at an altitude of 1,868 m (6,128 ft) above sea level which enables the plantations to produce the finest tea in the world.
- Visit a Tea Plantation – and be amazed at how the mountains have been tamed into carpets of tea
- Enroute visit Tea Factory, Hanuman temple & Ramboda falls.
- On completion check into the hotel & leisure.
- Dinner & overnight stay at hotel.

### DAY 04: Nuwara Eliya

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#### Sri Bhakta Hanuman Temple

In the hills of Ramboda where Hanuman was searching for Sita, the Chinmaya Mission of Sri Lanka built the Sri Bhakta Hanuman Temple which is visited by thousands of devotees every year.



#### Sita Amman Temple:

The Sita Amman Temple can be seen en route to the Hakgala Botanical Gardens. The prominent temple architecture will not fail to attract your attention. Ancient statues of Rama and Sita can be seen on one side of the temple. The temple today is a modern building with its paintings, statues and pillars decorated with sculptures; all depicting the tale of Rama and Sita.



### Hakgala Botanical Gardens

The Hakgala Botanical Gardens was one of the pleasure gardens of King Ravana. This garden was expanded during the British period and has a wide variety of flowers including an excellent collection of orchids. This is the exotic pleasure garden where King Ravana kept the depressed Sita, insisting that she marries him. It was here where the heartwarming meeting took place between her and Hanuman, who brought her Rama's ring with the news that Rama was looking for her. He offered to carry her back but she refused saying it would be an insult to Rama's honour if she did so. Part of this majestic garden still exists. It is also said that Hanuman nearly destroyed it in order to prove to Ravana of the forces against him.



### Divurumpola Temple

Still revered by thousands, this holy haven was the place where Sita performed her Agni Pariksha (proving her chastity) to her husband Rama. Continuing the practice for thousands of years, villagers still pledge their fidelity or take oaths there and even in certain courts, this agreement was binding. This place has been respected and worshipped by people down the ages.

### Gayathri Peedam

The Gayathri Cathedral also known as Sri-Lankatheeswarar Temple is the very first temple dedicated for Goddess Gayathri. Gayathri Siddhar chose this place because it was a spiritual revelation. It is believed that the Tri Moortis – Siva, Brahma and Vishnu, appeared here when prince Meganath also known as Indrajit, son of an ancient Sri Lankan King Ravana Performed Siva Thapas and Nikumbala Yagna. Therefore, Gayathri Peedam is one of important site of Ramayana Tour of Sri Lanka.



Overnight stay at a Hotel in Nuwaraeliya.



## DAY 05: Nuwara Eliya - Ella

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- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Transfer to Ella from Nuwara eliya. Visit to Ravana's falls & cave.
- On completion visit to Nine arch bridge.
- On completion transfer to hotel & check in.
- Dinner & overnight stay at hotel in Ella.





## DAY 06: Ella - Colombo

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- Today you will be transferred to Colombo – the official political and trade capital of Sri Lanka. All the famous shopping arcades are in and around the city, which allows one to have a tantalizing experience in Colombo as it has something to offer every visitor. As a hub of many ethnicities with people from all creeds working together, Colombo is indeed cosmopolitan.
- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Transfer to Colombo from Ella.
- Check into the hotel & visit to Anjaneyar temple.

### Anjaneyar Temple

This is the first Anjaneyar Temple in Sri Lanka and also the only Panchamuga (five faced) Anjaneyar Temple in Sri Lanka. It's the only temple in the world to have a chariot for Ajanyear.





### DAY 07: Colombo - Airport

Breakfast at the hotel.  
If time permits visit to Kelaniya Vibishana Temple.  
Drive to Bandaranaike International Airport for departure.

.....*End of the Tour*.....

### PACKAGE DETAILS

We are pleased to offer you the below rates.

Travelling Period: 10<sup>st</sup> June – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024

Blackout Period: 01<sup>st</sup> July – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024

### Hotels Used: 3\*

C in Date	C out Date	Nyts	Hotel	Location	Room Ctgy	Meal Plan
TBN	TBN	1	Hotel Sico	Negambo	Deluxe	HB
TBN	TBN	1	Hotel Devon	Kandy	Deluxe	HB
TBN	TBN	2	Hotel Ashford	Nuwaraeliya	Deluxe	HB
TBN	TBN	1	Ella Mount Heaven	Ella	Deluxe	HB
TBN	TBN	1	Berjaya Hotel	Colombo	Deluxe	HB

### Rates: US \$

Pax Count	02 Pax	04 Pax	06 Pax	08 Pax
Rate	US \$ 500 PP	US \$ 391 PP	US \$ 339 PP	US \$ 316 PP

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TBN	TBN	1	Goldi Sands Hotel	Negambo	Deluxe	HB
TBN	TBN	1	Ear's Regent Hotel	Kandy	Superior	HB
TBN	TBN	2	Mirage Kings Cottage	Nuwaraeliya	Deluxe	HB
TBN	TBN	1	Ella Flower Garden	Ella	Deluxe	HB
TBN	TBN	1	The Ocean Colombo	Colombo	Deluxe	HB

Rates: US \$

Pax Count	02 Pax	04 Pax	06 Pax	08 Pax
Rate	<b>US \$ 615 PP</b>	<b>US \$ 500 PP</b>	<b>US \$ 454 PP</b>	<b>US \$ 425 PP</b>

**Special notes:**

- Availability was not checked when sending this quote & subject to change without any prior notice.
- Above rates are net and non-commissionable.
- Extra Bank Charge + 5% GST + 5% TCS applicable if paying in Indian Bank Account

**Supplementary costs**

**Peak Period Supplement (01<sup>st</sup> July – 31<sup>st</sup> August) = USD 34.00 net PP**

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Entrance	Rates Per Person
Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage	Us \$ 12 Net
Temple Of the Tooth Relic	Us \$ 10 Net
Royale Botanical Garden	Us \$ 12 Net
Turtle Hatchery	Us \$ 07 Net
Madu River Boat Ride	Us \$ 20 Net Per Boat
Haggala Botanical Garden	Us \$ 12 Net
Gangaramaya Temple	Us \$ 03 Net
Lotus Tower	Us \$ 20 Net

#### Value added Services from Travelscape Holidays

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- ❖ Map Of Sri Lanka
- ❖ Room Upgrade on Availability
- ❖ 02\*500ml Bottles per person per Day
- ❖ Welcome at the airport with Garlands

#### The Price is Inclusive of

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- ❖ Accommodation at the hotels mentioned or similar on HB
- ❖ Transportation in a Pvt Air-conditioned vehicle.
- ❖ Service of an English-speaking Chauffeur/ National Guide.
- ❖ Toll charges.

#### The Price is Exclusive of

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- ❖ Entrance Fee to any sites which is not mentioned above.
- ❖ Early check in or late checkout charges.
- ❖ Visa Fees (please log on to [www.eta.gov.lk](http://www.eta.gov.lk))
- ❖ Visa will be on arrival charges USD 25 per person
- ❖ Tips to Guides / Chauffeurs
- ❖ Any fluctuations in the dollar component will affect the costing.
- ❖ Lunch or any extra meal not mentioned on the above program during the tour.
- ❖ Camera or Video permits.
- ❖ Expenses of a personal nature.
- ❖ Any service not specifically mentioned in the inclusion.
- ❖ Any increase of cost due to political disturbance / bandh or increase in tax or fuel cost, leading to increase in surface transportation and land arrangements, which may come into effect prior to departure or while touring.

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