

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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06 Nights 07 Days – Sri Lanka Tour Itinerary

Day 01 - ARRIVAL - HABARANA

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

- En route visit the 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 in 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.

- After completion visit the Dambulla cave temple.

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.



- Check in at the hotel and relax.
- Dinner & Overnight stay In Habarana.

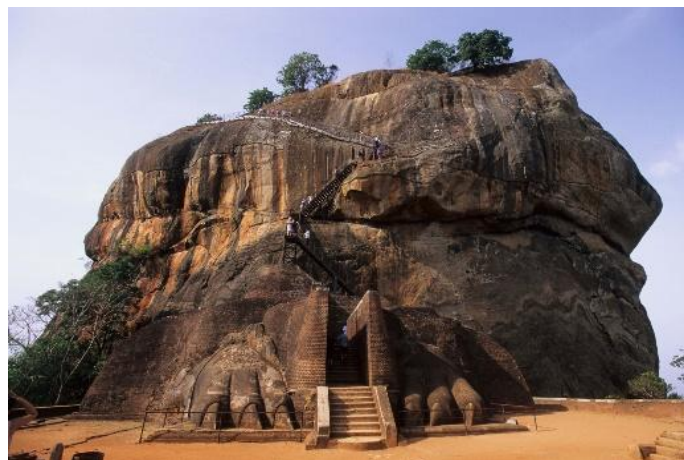
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Day 02 – HABARANA

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Explore Sigiriya Lions Rock.

Sigiriya - This UNESCO World Heritage Site, a spectacular Rock Fortress, is one of Sri Lanka's major attractions. The most impressive facets of the unique complex are the Water Gardens, the Frescoes of beautiful maidens, the Mirror Wall with ancient graffiti, the Lion platform and the Summit of 1.6 hectares, which was completely covered by buildings during the period of Sigiriya's glory. Built by King Kashyapa (477-495 A.D), the "Lion Rock" is a citadel of unusual beauty rising 200m from the scrub jungle. The rock was the innermost stronghold of the 70-hectare fortified town and the base is ringed by a moat, rampart, and extensive gardens. The world-renowned frescoes (originally 500, of which only 19 remain today) which are in a sheltered pocket of the rock approached by a spiral stairway are painted in earth pigments on plaster. The old stairway to the top led through the mouth of a crouching lion but today only the huge paws remain giving an indication of the massive proportions of the head. Remains of the handsome royal citadel are on the summit and several caves for meditation, audience platforms and baths complete the unique site.



- After a 03-hour trek proceeds back to the hotel and relax.
- Optional: Evening visit Minneriya National Park for a Game drive.

Minneriya National Park - The extent of this national park is about 8,889 hectares. There are wetlands in this national park which have international importance, animal and plant species which are plenty in dry zone are found in this park. Wild elephants, various amphibians, local and immigrant bird species are plenty in this park. about hundred and sixty species of birds, 09 amphibians, 25 reptile species, 26 fish species and more than 78 butterfly species have been found in this area. There are bamboo trees which are rare in another park.



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Day 03– HABARANA - KANDY

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Proceed to Kandy
- Check in at the hotel.
- Evening Visit Temple of the tooth relic.

Sri Dalada Maligawa or the 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.



- Dinner & Overnight stay In Kandy.

Day 04 - KANDY – NUWARA ELIYA

- After breakfast Proceed to Nuwara Eliya
- En route visit Tea plantation sites and the Ramboda waterfall

Tea Factory

Sri Lanka is one of the world's largest exporters of tea with a roaring tea industry that dominates the island's central highlands. Introduced to the country by British tea planter James Taylor in 1867, tea irreversibly changed the topography and even the demography of the country.

- Visit Sri Bhakta Hanuman Temple & Seetha Amman Temple
- Check-in at the Hotel
- Dinner & Overnight stay In Nuwara Eliya.

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Day 05 - NUWARA ELIYA – BENTOTA

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Proceed to Bentota.
- Check-in at the hotel.
- Evening leisure by the beach
- Dinner and Overnight stay in Bentota

Day 06 - BENTOTA

- After Breakfast Visit 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 River.

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

- Optional: Water sports in Bentota – **US \$ 35.00 net per person**
- Dinner and Overnight stay in Bentota

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Day 07 - BENTOTA - BIA

As all good things must come to an end, after breakfast today, your chauffeur guide will take you to the international airport in time for your return flight.

**** END OF TOUR ****

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: 10th June – 31st October 2024

Black out period: 01st July – 31st August 2024

Hotels Used: Standard (3 Star)

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

Period	02 Pax	04 Pax	06 Pax
01 st May – 31 st October 2024	US \$ 496	US \$ 385	US \$ 333

Peak Period Supplement (01st July – 31st 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
01	Mirage Kings Cottage	Nuwara Eliya
02	Earl's Reef Hotel	Bentota

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Period	02 Pax	04 Pax	06 Pax
01 st May – 31 st October 2024	US \$ 569	US \$ 457	US \$ 402

Peak Period Supplement (01st July – 31st August) = USD 40 PP

**** 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
Temple of the Tooth Relic	US \$ 08 net
Royal Botanical Garden	US \$ 12 net
Ashok Vatika	US \$ 12 net
Turtle Hatchery	US \$ 07 net
Madu River Boat Ride	US \$ 20 net per boat

Child 50% from the above entrance fee rates*

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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*

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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