

## 8 Days What The Sri Lanka Tour

(Negombo - Anuradhapura - Wilpattu Safari - Sigiriya Rock - Bentota)

### Program in Brief

Day	Date	Program
1	Aug-19 to Apr 20	Arrival transfer to Negombo & in the evening do the sightseeing tour
2	Aug-19 to Apr 20	Transfer Anuradhapura for sightseeing via visit to Dambulla Cave Temple
3	Aug-19 to Apr 20	Early morning Wilpattu Safari & evening do the Mihintale
4	Aug-19 to Apr 20	Morning visit to Sigiriya Rock & after that do the sightseeing Tour in Kandy
5	Aug-19 to Apr 20	Transfer to Ella by Train & evening do the city tour of Ella
6	Aug-19 to Apr 20	Transfer to Bentota & evening leisure at the Hotel
7	Aug-19 to Apr 20	Galle day Excursion with visit to Kosgoda Turtle Hatchery & back to Hotel
8	Aug-19 to Apr 20	Transfer to Airport for Departure transfer

### Program in Detail

#### D1 | COLOMBO AIRPORT - NEGOMBO SIGHTSEEING

Arrival at the Colombo International Airport, meeting and assistance by Local staff. Then, transfer to Negombo.

#### Negombo

North of Colombo and a short drive along the coast from the International Airport, lies Negombo, a seemingly laid-back town crisscrossed by canals. A major beach resort, Negombo is home to a small port based on its centuries-old fishing industry. It still retains its quaint, tranquil air despite the stir of a busy town. Aptly nicknamed 'Little Rome', there are a few colonial remains in Negombo's old town, otherwise the road running parallel with the sandy beach is a good place to soak up the atmosphere created by its trendy cafes and bars.

#### D2 | VISIT TO DAMBULLA CAVE TEMPLE & VISIT TO ANURADHAPURA FOR SIGHTSEEING

After breakfast, set out to Anuradhapura via Dambulla.

#### Dambulla - The Golden Cave Temple

At the heart of the cultural triangle lies Dambulla known for its famous Golden Rock Temple, a most impressive cave monastery and one of the largest in South Asia. Of the 157 Buddha statues found in the five dimly lit grottos, 73 were gold plated at the behest of King Nissanka Malla, the 12-century monarch. Its walls decorated with some of the finest murals in the country are a showcase of sacred Buddhist art at its finest. A sacred pilgrimage site for nearly 22 centuries, it has been declared a world heritage site and its spectacular setting overlooking the surrounding is truly awe-inspiring.

Transfer to Anuradhapura

#### Anuradhapura

Anuradhapura (UNESCO World Heritage site), possibly the most celebrated ancient capital and the first kingdom of Sri Lanka that dates back from 4<sup>th</sup> century BC to the 1<sup>st</sup> century AD flourished for nearly 1500 years BC. Anuradhapura is most notable for its Hydraulic Technology. Though it stands in ruins today, the ultimate structures still stand tall. Second only to the pyramids in Giza, the dagobas, are an amazing work of architecture in honor of Buddhism. The sacred Sri Maha Bodhi Tree in Anuradhapura (related to Lord Buddha attaining enlightenment) is the oldest recorded tree in the world (2,250 years).

The Anuradhapura Archeological Museum, the Abhayagiri and the Jetavanarama Museums, the Ruwanwelisaya are worth a visit.

#### D3 | WILPATTU JEEP SAFARI AND EVENING VISIT TO MIHINTALE

Its an early start to the day with a visit to Wilpattu.

#### Wilpattu

Wilpattu National Park (Land of Lakes), occupying a large swathe of land stretching all the way up to the border of the Northern Province, the Wilpattu is the largest National Park in Sri Lanka and one of its oldest wildlife reserves. The chances of spotting leopard

and sloth bear are significant for which the park was once famous, not to mention elephants, deer and many types of bird. Equally the lack of visitors and the size of the area means that it's also supremely peaceful compared to many of the other parks. Wilpattu is a picturesque wildlife reserve with open grasslands, dense scrub jungle and a unique complex of lakes called 'Villus' that lend the name to the reserve.

After the jeep safari, transfer to Mihintale.

#### Mihintale

Famous Mihintale, better known as the cradle of Buddhism, because it was here that Buddhism was first introduced to Sri Lanka in 247 BC. The sacred site is clustered around a hilltop which is only accessible via 1850 steps. Its beautiful tranquil setting created with its frangipani tree lined flights of steps, linking its many ruins, rocky hills & dagobas are awe inspiring. The oldest recorded nature sanctuary is located here.

Mihintale is one of Sri Lanka's foremost pilgrimage sites during Poson Poya, which falls in the month of June, to commemorate the introduction of Buddhism.

Return to hotel a relaxing evening.

### **D4 | SIGIRIYA ROCK FORTRESS AND KANDY SIGHTSEEING TOUR**

Depart early to visit Sri Lanka's most famous tourist attraction – Sigiriya.

#### Sigiriya (UNESCO World Heritage site)

The shortest lived but the most extraordinary of all Sri Lanka's medieval capitals, declared a world heritage site, this ancient ruin was once the Capital of King Kasapa<sup>1</sup>. A lover of beauty, he ruled Sigiriya for 18 years, transforming the surroundings of his historical palace into a thing of beauty. Only 19 of the original 500 immortal frescoes, representing celestial maidens remain today. Its extensive network of beautifully laid out gardens; reservoirs and other structures including its unique plumbing system stand witness to the grandeur of its architecture, during its day.

It can be a hard 200m climb to the top, but once there, the view is magnificent.

Descend the rock and continue to Kandy in the central region.

#### Kandy

Kandy (UNESCO World Heritage site), is the Hill Capital of Sri Lanka, locally referred to as "Nuwara" meaning The Great City, the most scenic ancient city in the country and the only one that borders a natural reserve - the Udawatte Kele famous for its avifauna.

Nestled in the highlands, not only does its rich historical significance make "Nuwara" a popular tourist destination, but also the many shops displaying precious and semi-precious stones, skillfully crafted jewelry, handicrafts, colorful batiks and silks, and local food add unforgettable flavor to this beautiful city.

#### Temple of the Tooth

Sri Dalada Maligawa as its known locally or The Temple of the Tooth is one of the most sacred & famous Buddhist sites, not just in Sri Lanka but also in the religion worldwide.

The spectacular 17<sup>th</sup> century temple took nearly a hundred years to construct from 1687 to 1782 and houses the sacred tooth relic of Lord Buddha. Rituals are performed daily at 04:30, 10:30 and 6:30 p.m. The sacred square and old city centre within the temple complex contain the four shrines of the Gods Vishnu, Natha, Katarama and the Goddess Pattini and many historical buildings and museums.

The temple is host to one of Asia's most celebrated festivals, The "Esala" procession, held during the month of July/August around the Full Moon. The casket of the tooth relic is paraded through the streets on the back of a tusked elephant in a grand procession followed by several traditional dancers, drummers and torch bearers accompanied by over a hundred beautifully costumed elephants.

Check-in to your hotel for a relaxing evening.

### **D5 | TRAIN JOURNEY TO ELLA FOLLOWED BY SIGHTSEEING TOUR**

After breakfast board the train to Ella.

#### Ella

Due to its elevation, Ella enjoys a cooler climate that supports an amazing variety of lush flora and fauna. This same elevation allows Ella to provide clients with unique opportunities for Adventure and it is highly regarded as a destination for providing some of the most admired views.

If it's sheer magnificent beauty that you seek, Ella must be on your list.

Take a stroll on the road less travelled. Experience kayaking at the Buduruwagala Reservoir, or a relaxing cycle tour absorbing the picturesque Ravana Falls, or enjoy bird watching at Ella jungle.

Take a train ride to absorb the scenic beauty of this area from the tracks, it is sure to leave you in awe. Don't forget the nighttime either; if you are lucky on a clear night, you will be able to see the Galle City - Light House.

Check-in to your hotel for a relaxing evening.

## **D6 | TRANSFER TO BENTOTA**

After breakfast, leisurely transfer to your beach stay.

### **Bentota**

Bentota and its surrounding area, boast some of the finest beaches on the west coast with classic sweeps of golden sand, washed by a turquoise sea, edged by palm trees and the river fusing into the lagoon. A favourite for those seeking the ultimate beach experience, Bentota offers numerous hotels clustered around its center, but some of unique getaways in the area are situated further along the coast, and offer a more peaceful environment from which to enjoy the sun, sea and sand. Bentota attracts thrill seekers for a variety of water sports and boating excursions.

Visits to Sri Lanka's most famous architect Geoffrey Bawa's estate home 'Lunuganga' whose creations are a marvelous blend of nature and modern artifice and his architect brother Bevis Bawa's estate "Brief" are not to be missed.

Evening at leisure.

## **D7 | DAY EXCURSION TO GALLE DUTCH FORT AND VISIT TO KOSGODA TURTLE HATCHERY**

After breakfast set out the southern coastal town of Galle.

### **Galle (UNESCO World Heritage site)**

The Port city of Galle has grown from its ancient origins and distinct charm that stands out from the rest in terms of character & atmosphere. At the heart of the city - but strangely detached from it - lies the Old Dutch Quarter known as the Fort. Its entrance, a massive archway gives it a medieval air and appears magically time warped, with its red tiled Dutch period villas, their open verandahs facing the narrow streets. A well-preserved townscape with a number of imposing churches, Dutch period storehouses, a courthouse and a lighthouse jutting out to sea, it has lasted through the centuries.

Life moves at an easy pace within the Fort. Visitors may relax at any of its several arty restaurants and watering holes. A stroll on its lengthy ramparts overlooking a natural harbour at sunset is a must. Other places to visit include a marine museum, the St. Mary's Church and thoughtfully restored Amangalle, a historic luxury hotel.

Its sea front gives it a languid air and a string of resort hotels along its coast; a favourite for visitors, has been the beautiful stretch at Unawatuna beach.

Return to Bentota, with a stop at Kosgoda.

### **Kosgoda Turtle Hatchery**

Turtle Hatchery centres launch projects to conserve natural nesting sites, monitor sea turtle activities, make public aware of the risk of extinction of these creatures and how important to save them before it is too late. One such centre is located in Kosgoda. The centre showcase different types of sea turtles and their life cycles. If you are lucky enough and arrive at the right time, you can watch beautiful scenes of releasing of the infants into the sea. Further, patrolling the beach at night with the teams of hatchery centres would allow you to witness female turtles coming up to their nests and laying eggs which is a once in a life time experience that you should not miss.

Evening at leisure.

## **D8 | DEPARTURE TRANSFER**

After breakfast, set out the airport to board your flight for your onward journey.

End of Tour

## Applicable Rates

### STANDARD OPTION

Hotels Used - Goldisands Hotel or Similar  
 Miridiya Lake Resort or Similar  
 Oak Ray Regency Hotel or Similar  
 Oak Ray Ella Gap Hotel or Similar  
 The Palms Hotel or Similar

#### AUG 01 – NOV 30

No of Pax	2 Pax	3-6 Pax	7-12 Pax	13-20 Pax	21-25 Pax	26-40 Pax	41-45 Pax
Per Person Sharing Double	890.00	815.00	770.00	720.00	705.00	700.00	680.00

Single Supplement	235.00
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#### DEC 01 – APR 30

No of Pax	2 Pax	3-6 Pax	7-12 Pax	13-20 Pax	21-25 Pax	26-40 Pax	41-45 Pax
Per Person Sharing Double	925.00	850.00	805.00	755.00	740.00	735.00	715.00

Single Supplement	250.00
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### HOTEL PEAK PERIOD SUPPLEMENTS

Preferred Category	Hotel Supplement Charges - All Hotels			Per Person Supplement	
	Hotel Name	Effective Period / in USD / Per Room Per Night		24 DEC-19	31-DEC-19
Standard	Goldi Sands	20-DEC-19 to 10-JAN-20	70	60	65
		11-JAN-20 to 31-MAR-20	60		
		01-APR-20 to 30-APR-20	40		
	Miridiya Lake Resort	20-DEC-19 to 15-JAN-20	25	35	35
	Oakray Regency	15-DEC-19 to 20-JAN-20	30	35	35
	Oakray Ella Gap	15-DEC-19 to 20-JAN-20	30	35	35
	The Palms	21-DEC-19 to 10-JAN-20	100	75	80
		11-JAN-20 to 29-FEB-20	70		
		01-MAR-20 to 31-MAR-20	60		

### SUPERIOR OPTION

Hotels Used - Amora Lagoon Hotel or Similar  
 Rajarata Hotel or Similar  
 Cinnamon Citadel or Similar  
 Ella Mount Heaven Hotel or Similar  
 Cinnamon Bey Hotel or Similar

**AUG 01 – NOV 30**

No of Pax	<b>2 Pax</b>	<b>3-6 Pax</b>	<b>7-12 Pax</b>	<b>13-20 Pax</b>	<b>21-25 Pax</b>	<b>26-40 Pax</b>	<b>41-45 Pax</b>
Per Person Sharing Double	955.00	875.00	830.00	780.00	765.00	760.00	740.00

Single Supplement	295.00
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**DEC 01 – APR 30**

No of Pax	<b>2 Pax</b>	<b>3-6 Pax</b>	<b>7-12 Pax</b>	<b>13-20 Pax</b>	<b>21-25 Pax</b>	<b>26-40 Pax</b>	<b>41-45 Pax</b>
Per Person Sharing Double	995.00	915.00	870.00	820.00	805.00	800.00	780.00

Single Supplement	305.00
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**HOTEL PEAK PERIOD SUPPLEMENTS**

Preferred Category	Hotel Supplement Charges - All Hotels			Per Person Supplement	
	Hotel Name	Effective Period / in USD / Per Room Per Night		24 DEC-19	31-DEC-19
Superior	Amora Lagoon	21-DEC-19 to 14-JAN-20	20	55	60
	Rajarata Hotel	20-DEC-19 to 10-JAN-20	20	35	40
	Cinnamon Citadel	21-DEC-19 to 29-FEB-20	146	120	130
		01-MAR-20 to 30-APR-20	126		
	Ella Mount Heaven	NA	NA	35	35
	Cinnamon Bey	21-DEC-19 to 15-JAN-20	243	150	160
		16-JAN-20 to 31-JAN-20	149		
		01-FEB-20 to 16-APR-20	183		
		17-APR-20 to 30-APR-20	126		

The above rate is US\$ and based on 02 - 45 Pax

**MODE OF TRANSPORT**

- 1 - 2 Pax - CAR
- 3 - 6 Pax - MICRO VAN
- 7 - 12 Pax - MINI COACH
- 13 – 20 Pax - 29 SEATER COACH
- 21 – 25 Pax - 35 SEATER COACH
- 26 – 40 Pax - 45 SEATER COACH
- 41 – 45 Pax - 52 SEATER COACH

**Includes**

- ❖ Hotel Accommodation on the given basis at hotels mentioned or similar
- ❖ Transport for the entire tour including sightseeing
- ❖ Local government taxes
- ❖ Services of an English Speaking Guide throughout the entire tour
- ❖ Welcome Garlands & Mineral Water Bottles on Tour

- ❖ Meals: Dinner & Breakfast basis at Hotels ( Half board Basis )
- ❖ Entrance fees to

Mihintale  
Anuradhapura Ancient city  
Sigiriya Rock Fortress  
Dambulla Cave Temples  
Kandy Temple of the tooth  
Kandy Cultural Dance Show  
Tea Factory & Plantation Visit  
Galle Museum  
Kosgoda Turtle Hatchery  
Wilpattu National Park with Jeep  
Train Ride from Kandy to Ella ( Bases on seat availability at the time of confirmation )

#### **Does Not Include**

- ❖ Tips and portorage
- ❖ Visas | Insurance | Flights | Airport Taxes | Camera & Video Permits At The Cultural Sites
- ❖ Expenses of a personal nature
- ❖ Any services not mentioned
- ❖ Lunch on Tour
- ❖ Breakfast on Day 1
- ❖ Dinner on Day 8
- ❖ Beverages - Alcoholic and Non Alcoholic

#### **Notes**

Significant fluctuation in the currency rates or taxes may affect final rate

If the given hotels are not available at the time of allocations, alternate properties of a similar or better standard will be provided

Quote is subject to room availability and price fluctuations prior to booking.

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