



**WORLD LANKA TOURS (PVT) LTD**

## **Round Tour (North, East & South) in Sri Lanka**

**17 Days/16 Nights**

### **Tour Highlights**

Negombo City & Fishing Village, Yapahuwa Rock Fortress, Anuradhapura Ancient City, Wilpattu National Park, Mihintale Rock, Jaffana, Trincomalee, Nilaveli, Polonnaruwa Ancient City, Sigiriya Rock Fortress, Hiriwaduna Village Tour, Minneriya National Park, Dambulla Cave Temple, Matale Aluvihare, Herbal Spice Garden, Kandy City Tour, Cultural Dancing Show, Temple of Sacred Tooth of Lord Buddha, Peradeniya Botanical Garden, Tea Plantations, Tea Factory, Ramboda Falls, Nuwaraeliya, Horton Plains, Train Journey, Ella, Little Adams Peak, Ravana Falls, Yala National Park, Stilt Fishing, Galle Fort, Madu River Boat Safari, Waskaduwa, Colombo City Tour...

About Sri Lanka: <http://www.worldlanka.com>

### **TOUR ITINERARY**

#### **DAY 01 AIRPORT – NEGOMBO (15 KM / 30 MINUTES DRIVE)**

Arrive at the Bandaranaike International Airport where you will be greeted by our professional Chauffer Guide / Representative. Afterwards our chauffer will take you to the hotel in Negombo (about 20 minutes' drive). Evening sightseeing tour in Negombo. Negombo is popular for its long sandy beaches and centuries old fishing industry. If time permits chauffer will conduct a sightseeing tour in Negombo as per your interest.

Overnight Negombo.



#### **DAY 02 NEGOMBO - YAPAHUWA – ANURADHAPURA (195 KM / 04 HOURS DRIVE)**

After breakfast leave for Anuradhapura visiting Yapahuwa en-route. The citadel of Yapahuwa was built on a huge 90-meter-high rock boulder in the style of the Sigiriya rock fortress and served as the capital of Sri Lanka in the latter part of the 13<sup>th</sup> century.

Proceed to Anuradhapura. Sightseeing tour in Anuradhapura to witness the first capital of Sri Lanka dating back to 4<sup>th</sup> century BC, famous for its well-preserved ruins with magnificent stupas and picturesque lakes which has an irresistible charm for the visitor.

Places to be visited in Anuradhapura, Abhayagiri, Jetavana, Thuparama, Mirisawetiya stupas, Ruwanveliseya Dagoba, Aukana & Samadhi Buddha Statues, Sri Maha Bodhi (world's oldest authenticated tree), Isurumuniya, Kuttam Pokuna(twin ponds)

Overnight Anuradhapura.



Yapahuwa Kingdom



Sacred Sri Maha Bodhi Tree



Samadhi Buddha Statue



Jetawanarama Stupa

### **DAY 03 ANURADHAPURA – WILPATTU – ANURADHAPURA (40 KM / 01 HOUR DRIVE)**

Leave for Wilpattu National Park. The unique feature of this park is the existence of “Willus” (natural lakes) which attract thousands of water birds and it's the domain of the elusive leopard. Bear and herds of deer and Sambhur are common. Return to the hotel in the evening.

Overnight Anuradhapura.



Wilattu National Park

Nallur Hindu Temple

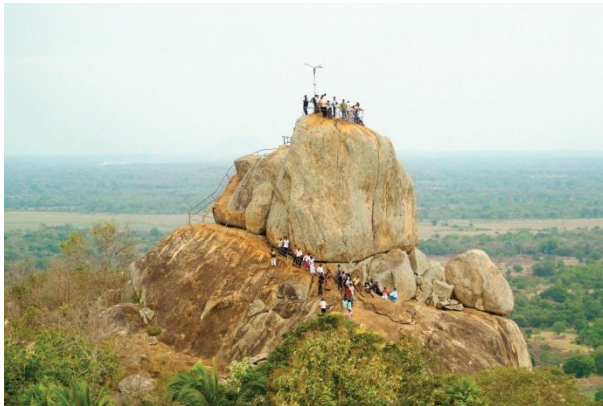
#### **DAY 04 ANURADHAPURA – MIHINTALE – JAFFNA (220 KM / 04 HOURS DRIVE)**

After breakfast leave for Jaffna, the magnetic north. Visit Mihintale en-route. Mihintale, “the mountain of Mahinda”, “the cradle of Buddhism”, was identified as a great monastic city. It is believed by Sri Lankans to be the site of a meeting between the Buddhist monk Mahinda and King Devanampiyatissa which inaugurated the presence of Buddhism in Sri Lanka.

Visit Jaffna library. It was first built in 1933; the Jaffna Library has long been a symbol of northern heritage. Emphasized by its now restored classical architecture, the library also endured a horrific burning in 1981 – a time at which it held nearly 100,000 books and manuscripts, making it one of the largest libraries in Asia.

Jaffna fort was initially built by the Portuguese in the 17th century, and the Jaffna Fort is one of Sri Lanka’s last well-preserved colonial ramparts. Sprawled over the southeastern edge of the northern capital, the Jaffna Fort owes much of its grandeur to the Dutch, who captured it from the Portuguese and later expanded it into the landmark we see today. Following the departure of the Dutch, the British also used the Jaffna Fort as a stronghold until Sri Lanka’s independence in 1948.

Overnight Jaffna.



Mihintale



Jaffna Fort

#### **DAY 05 JAFFNA**

After breakfast leave for the sightseeing tour in Jaffna. Visit Nagadeepaya Buddhist temple was where



the Buddha came during his second visit to Sri Lanka, after five years of attaining Enlightenment, to intervene and mediate in settling a dispute between two Naga Kings, Chulodara and Mahodara, over possessing a gem-studded

Throne. The Nagadeepa Vihara was reconstructed and developed in the times of King Devanampiya Tissa and Dutugemunu to convert it into a sacred place.

Then you will visit Nagapooshani Amman Hindu Temple. This is the most visited historic Hindu Temple in Nainativu Island, Sri Lanka. Nagapooshani Amman Temple is dedicated to Goddess Parvati, who is known as Bhuvaneswari or Nagapooshani, an Avatar of Durga. The island of Nainativu, or Nagadeepa, is the center of one of the most sacred Buddhist & Hindu sites of the country, attracting over a thousand visitors daily. The annual festival of 16 days called Mahostavam (Thiruvizha) is held in June & July, attracting more than 100,000 pilgrims.

Leave for Kankesanthurai, visit Dambakola patuna, Keerimalai spring well on the way, back to hotel visit Kandarodai ancient Buddhist monastery. The Dambakola Patuna is an ancient port in northern Jaffna with a long history dating back to the first days of Buddhism in Sri Lanka. Back in 250 B.C., Mihindu Maha Thero brought Buddhism to Sri Lanka, following which Theri Sanhamitta, his sister, brought the famed Sacred Bo Sapling to the site of the Dambakola Patuna. To commemorate this event, King Devanampiya Tissa built the Jambukola Viharaya. The sapling grew to become the Sri Maha Bodhi, recorded as one of the oldest planted trees on Earth. He later planted eight from the tree in the same area.

The Keerimalai Hot Spring is a natural spring located in the Keerimalai area of Jaffna. The water source is an underground freshwater spring in Tellipallai, Maviddapuram. The spring is considered a holy pond, with many Hindu and other devotees patronizing it, seeking miraculous healing, remedies for impotence, and physical well-being. Located in the small hamlet known as Kandarodai, the Kadurugoda Viharaya (also known as the Kandarodai Temple) is one of the last Buddhist temples left in Jaffna. Declared as an important archeological site in Sri Lanka, the temple is maintained by the Sri Lanka Army.



Keerimalai Hot Springs



Nagadeepa Buddhist Temple

In Jaffna market you can buy the famous Jaffna mangoes, mats, hats and other items woven from Palmyra leaves.

Overnight Jaffna.

### **DAY 06 JAFFNA – TRINCOMALEE (APX. 240 KM / 04 HOURS DRIVE)**

After breakfast proceed to Nallur Hindu Temple, situated about 3km from Jaffna town and is also called as the Nallur Kandaswamy Kovil, one of the most significant Kovils in Sri Lanka. The 15th-century Kovil,

dedicated to Lord Murugan, the god of war, love, and beauty, boasts grand arches and vibrant hues as part of its enthralling Dravidian architecture.

Proceed to Trincomalee which is located on the east coast of the island overlooking the Trincomalee Harbor (ranked as the world's 5<sup>th</sup> largest natural harbors). In Trincomalee at leisure. Sightseeing such as the Thirukoneswaram Kovil, Kanniyai hot water springs, Fort Fredrick, Trincomalee war cemetery and beautiful sandy beaches (Nilaveli & Uppuveli)

Overnight Nilaveli/Trincomalee.

### **DAY 07 TRINCOMALEE**

In Trincomalee at leisure. A short boat ride off the beach and you may visit the Pigeon Island near Nilveli. It is famous for diving, snorkeling & sea bathing. Nilaveli beach is a popular destination amongst sun worshippers.

Visit the Pigeon Island. Pigeon Island consists of two islands; large pigeon island and small pigeon island. The large pigeon island is fringed by a coral reef, and is about 200 m long and 100 m wide. Its highest point is 44.8 m above mean sea level. The small pigeon island is surrounded by rocky islets.

Overnight Nilaveli/Trincomalee.



Trincomalee Beach Resort



Pigeon Island

### **DAY 08 TRINCOMALEE – POLONNARUWA – SIGIRIYA (APX. 180 KM / 04 HOURS DRIVE)**

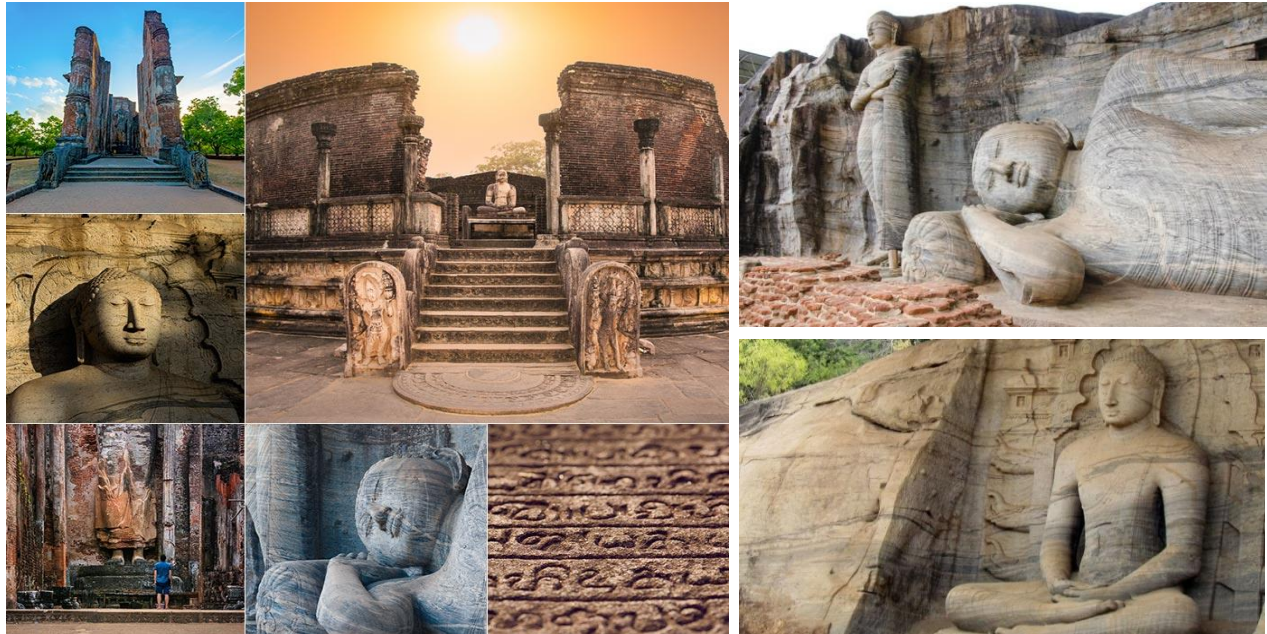
After breakfast leave for Polonnaruwa, medieval capital of the island (11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> century). Polonnaruwa shows the interesting blend of the influence of the South Indian Hindu culture on the Sinhala Buddhist art & architecture in the scattered shrines & monuments still venerated daily by devotees.

The Siva Devalas are interesting transposition of the Hindu style of décor. Other popular ruins are, the King's Council Chamber the floral stone pillars of Nissanka Lata Mandapaya, the royal citadel, Kumara Pokuna, the Thuparama with its original vaulted roof, the exquisite circular Vatadage relic house, lavished with moonstones, guardstones and sculptured railings, Kiri Vehera, the best preserved of Sri Lanka's un-restored dagobas.

Visit Gal Vihare, the massive statues of Buddha cut in a row form a horizontal escarpment of streaked granite. Visit Demala Maha Seya a shrine of novel design, Thivanka Image House which is famous for Buddhist frescoes, Lankathilake Viharaya, shows a unique style of brickwork architecture.

Visit Parakrama Samudraya made by King Parakramabahu, one of the largest man made inland lakes in the world. Can be visited the statue of Parakramabahu near the lake. It's a large statue cut in a niche carved out of rock. Leave for Sigiriya after visiting the site.

Overnight Sigiriya.



Polonnaruwa Medieval Capital

### **DAY 09 SIGIRIYA - MINNERIYA (APX. 45 KM / 01 HOUR DRIVE)**

After breakfast leave for Sigiriya, visit the rock fortress. This rock fortress was built by King Kasyapa in the 5<sup>th</sup> century A.D. and was a royal citadel for more than 18 years. The Sigiriya site contains the ruins of an upper palace located on the flat top of the rock, a mid level terrace that includes the Lion Gate and the mirror wall with its frescoes, the lower palaces cling to the slopes below the rocks. The site was both a palace and a fortress.

Leave for a Village Tour which will be operated in a small village called Hiriwaduna. This will be a 2.5hrs tour through the village and you will be having an opportunity to experience the nature and the culture of a real Sri Lankan rural village. Tour starts with a Bullock cart ride and will be taking to a pond to have a Catamaran boat ride to the other side of the village. You may have a short walk through paddy fields, vegetable gardens and will be able to witness the traditional cocking demonstration. Also you will be able to enjoy a traditional Sri Lankan lunch (rice & curry) at a Mud house. At the end you will be returned to the starting point by a tuk-tuk.

Leave for Minneriya to experience a wild safari in the afternoon by a safari jeep. Minneriya is a hot spot for safari lovers because of its abundance of elephants. Over 200 elephants converge to enjoy the tank with the receding water level to play and make merry.

Overnight Sigiriya.



Sigiriya Kingdom



Sigiriya Frescoes



Minneriya National Park



Village Tour

**DAY 10 SIGIRIYA – DAMBULLA – MATALE – KANDY (APX. 95 KM / 03 HOURS DRIVE)**

After breakfast leave for Kandy visiting the Dambulla cave temple. Dambulla is the largest and best preserved cave temple complex in Sri Lanka. It's rock ceiling is one large sweep of colourful paintings which related to Lord Buddha and his life. Some of them are over 2000 years old. There are 80 documented caves in the surrounding and a total of 153 Buddha statues within the cave.

Afterwards leave for Kandy. Visit the Aluvihare Rock Temple enroute. It was a historic location where the Pali Canon was first written down completely in text on ola (palm) leaves. Its recommended to visit a Herbal Spice Garden at Matale to learn about Sri Lanka's world renowned spices and a lot of different herbs. Visitors are provided an insight into an age old industry of spice production, which attracted many of European and Asian merchants to the ports of Ancient Sri Lanka. Reach Kandy by late evening.

Overnight Kandy.



Dambulla Cave Temple

### **DAY 11 KANDY - PERADENIYA**

After breakfast leave for Peradeniya to visit the Royal Botanical Garden. Its renowned for its collection of orchids. The garden includes more than 4000 species of plants, including orchids, spices, medicinal plants and palm trees. The total area of the botanical garden is 147 acres. Thereafter visit the Temple of the Tooth which houses the Sacred Tooth of Lord Buddha. Visitors can observe poojas (offerings) the ancient traditions of drumming and sacred chanting in honor of the Tooth Relic.

Witness the Cultural Dancing Show in the evening. It's a stimulating of Sri Lankan Arts, Dance and Cultural Heritage with traditional dancer's & drummer's performance.

Overnight Kandy.



Peradeniya Botanical Garden



Temple of Tooth

### **Day 12 KANDY – NUWARAELIYA – HORTON PLAINS (APX. 140 KM /04 HOURS DRIVE)**

Leave for Nuwaraeliya visiting a tea factory and tea gardens. First introduced here by the British. You will be able to see beautiful tea gardens and tea-pluckers work on the slopes wearing colorful sarees. Visit a tea factory around Ramboda will be a fantastic stop through misty mountains as you can enjoy with a cup of tea and also you can buy their fresh products from their outlet. Leave for Nuwaraeliya visiting beautiful waterfalls and sightseeing will be interested.

Leave for Horton Plains. Clad in mist, located on a high windswept saddle at almost 2,134 meters the Horton Plains are an expanse of misty grassland, rare and beautiful plants and ice cold streams. It's one of the world's best nature reserves and eco-tourism venues in Sri Lanka. The plains also feature many interesting attractions such as "Bakers Falls", "Chimney Pool" and the famous "World's End".

Overnight Nuwaraeliya.





Tea Plantation at Nuwara Eliya



Horton Plains

### **DAY 13 NUWARAELIYA – ELLA (APX. 65 KM / 02 HOURS DRIVE)**

After breakfast conduct a sightseeing tour in Nuwaraeliya. Afterwards leave for Nanuoya Station to experience the best train journey in Sri Lanka through misty mountains and tea gardens. Our driver will be dropped you to the station in Nanuoya and he will be picked you up in Ella once again without any delay as he gets an easy way to Ella. The journey will be about 3 hours. Meet the driver at the station and leave for the hotel.

Overnight Ella.

### **DAY 14 ELLA – YALA (120 KM / APX. 02 HOURS DRIVE)**

After breakfast leave for sightseeing in Ella such as Nine Arch Bridge, Little Adam’s Peak, Ravana Caves, Ravana Falls. Ravana Falls is currently ranking as one of the widest falls in the country. Leave for Yala.

Overnight Yala



Little Adams Peak



Nine Arch Bridge

### **DAY 15 YALA - MIRISSA – GALLE (APX. 180 KM /04 HOURS DRIVE)**

Leave for Yala National Park and enjoy the wild life by a safari jeep in the early morning. Yala is famous for its elephant population, seen in small and large herds, spotted deer, Sambhur, Barking deer, Monkey, Wild Buffalo, Wild Boar, Sloth Bear and innumerable varieties of birds endemic and migratory. Peacock is the most famous of the birds at Yala. Leave for Galle after the safari.

Sightseeing of different beautiful southern beaches, stilt fishermen activities and all that will be covered on the way. Stilt fishing is a method of fishing unique to the island. The fishermen sit on a cross bar called a “petta” tied to a vertical pole and driven in to the sand a few meters offshore. Visit the Galle Dutch Fort in the evening to see the sunset. It was built first in 1588 by the Portuguese, then extensively fortified by the Dutch during the 17<sup>th</sup> century. It’s a historical, archaeological and architectural heritage monument which has been recognized as a world heritage site.

Overnight Galle.



Yala National Park



Galle Fort

**DAY 16 GALLE – WASKADUWA- BENTOTA (APX. 80 KM / 90 MINUTES)**

After breakfast leave for Waskaduwa visiting Hikkaduwa & Bentota beaches. Enjoy with a River Boat Safari at Madu River with the sightseeing of 64 islands. Madu River wetland is fed by seven tributaries, which creates the main water body of the wetland. Visit a turtle hatchery and a mask factory en-route.

Overnight Bentota.



Bentota Beach



Madu River Boat Safari

**DAY 17 BENTOTA - COLOMBO – AIRPORT (APX. 115 KM / 90 MINUTES DRIVE)**

Leave for the airport visiting Colombo City. Places to be visited in Colombo will be, Gangaramaya Temple, Independence Square, Old Parliament Building, Old Dutch Hospital, Temple Trees, President’s House, Galle Face Green, National Museum, BMICH, Viharamahadevi Park, Nelum Pokuta Theatre, Lotus Tower, Floating Markets, Pettah Market.

Leave for the Bandaranaike International Airport by expressway according to the departure time.



City of Colombo




Independence Square

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