



***13 DAYS / 12 NIGHTS ROUND TOUR IN SRI LANKA***

***(SCENIC. WILD, HERITAGE & PRISTINE BEACHES)***

**Tour Highlights: GALLE, MIRISSA, YALA. ELLA, NUWARA ELIYA, KANDY, DAMBULLA, SIGIRIYA, MINNERIYA, POLONNARUWA, TRINCOMALEE, NEGOMBO.**

**DAY 01 AIRPORT – GALLE – MIRISSA (200KM /03 HOURS DRIVE)**

Arrive at the Bandaranaike International Airport where you will be greeted by our Representative or Chauffeur. Proceed to Mirissa by highway visiting the Galle Dutch Fort which 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.

Sightseeing of different beautiful southern beaches until Mirissa, 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.

Mirissa is known to be the beach to just lay back. The beach is ideal for snorkeling, surfing & whale watching boat trips. It has developed a reputation as a party destination for the travelers and also popular for seafood restaurants.

***Overnight Mirissa.***



Mirissa Beach



Galle Fort

**DAY 02 MIRISSA – YALA (125 KM /02 HOURS DRIVE)**

Leave for Yala visiting different beaches on the way. Reach Yala National Park by afternoon and enjoy the wild life by a safari jeep. 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.

**Overnight Tissamaharama or Kataragama.**



Yala National Park

**DAY 03 YALA – ELLA (95 KM /02 HOURS DRIVE)**

After breakfast leave for Ella visiting Buduruwagala Ancient Buddhist Temple. **Buduruwagala** is an ancient buddhist temple in Sri Lanka. The complex consists of seven statues and belongs to the Mahayana school of thought. The statues date back to the 10th century. The gigantic Buddha statue still bears traces of its original stuccoed robe and a long streak of orange suggests it was once brightly painted. The central of the three figures to the Buddha's right is thought to be the Buddhist mythological figure-the Bodhisattva Avalokitesvara. To the left of this white painted figure is a female figure in the thrice-bent posture, which is thought to be his consort-Tara.

Visit Ravana Falls on the way. Ravana Falls is currently ranking as one of the widest falls in the country. It is a gorgeous beautiful waterfall just by the main road which can have a view from the main road. It has a natural pool near the bottom of the falls which is a place for swimming and splashing depending on the water level. Feel the beauty of the nature while doing the sightseeing in and around Ella by walking around.

**Overnight Ella.**



Buduruwagala Ancient Buddhist Temple

## **DAY 04 ELLA**

After breakfast leave for Little Adams Peak which has a fantastic view on the top. It takes about an hour to walk up to the top and the path is well laid out. The views once you are at the top are simply stunning.

Visit Nine Arches Bridge and other sightseeing nearby. Stay at leisure and enjoying the dinner at a restaurant in Ella city will be memorable.

### ***Overnight Ella.***



Nine Arch Bridge



Ravana Falls

## **DAY 05 ELLA – NUWARAELIYA – KANDY (160 KM / 05 HOURS DRIVE)**

Leave for Ella Station to experience the best train journey in Sri Lanka through misty mountains and tea gardens. Packet breakfast will be arranged as the best train journey starts at around 06.40 a.m. in the morning. Our chauffer will be dropped you to the station in Ella and he will be picked you up in Nanuoaya (Nuwaraeliya) once again without any delay as he gets an easy way to Nuwaraeliya. The train journey will be about 3 hours.

Meet the driver at the station and leave for Kandy 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 (world famous “Ceylon Tea”) and also you can buy fresh products from their outlet.

### ***Overnight Kandy.***



## **DAY 06 KANDY – PERADENIYA – KANDY**

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.***



Temple of Tooth



Peradeniya Botanical Garden

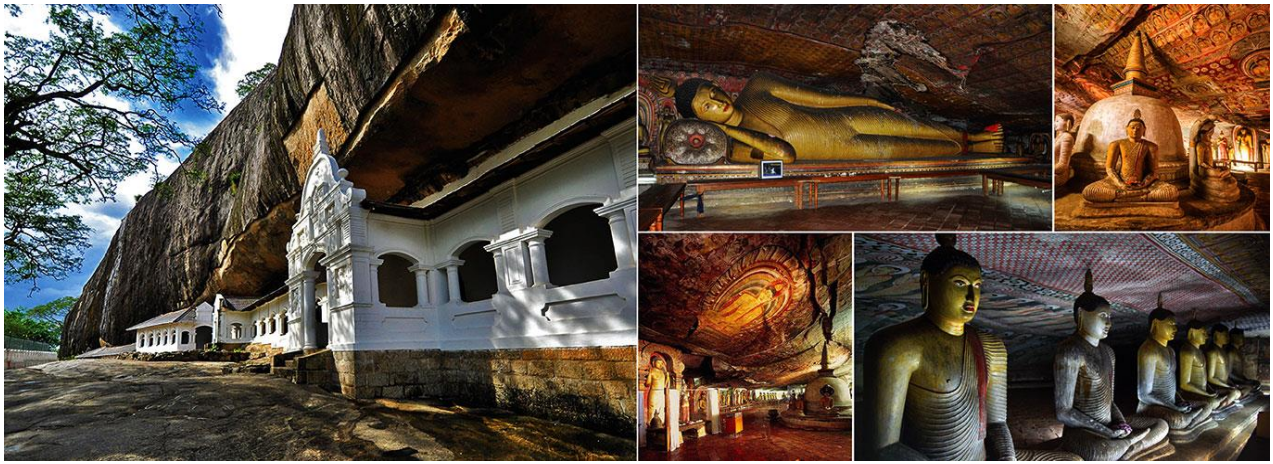
## **DAY 07 KANDY – DAMBULLA – SIGIRIYA (95 KM / 03 HOURS DRIVE)**

Visit the Aluvihare Rock Temple en-route (if interested). It was a historic location where the Pali Canon was first written down completely in text on ola (palm) leaves. Visit a Hindu Temple at Matale en-route.

It is recommended to visit a Herbal Spice Garden at Matale which is on the way to Sigiriya 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

Leave for Sigiriya visiting the Damulla Cave Temple. Dambulla is the largest and best preserved cave temple complex in Sri Lanka. Its rock ceiling is one large sweep of colorful 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.

### ***Overnight Sigiriya.***



Dambulla Cave Temple

**DAY 08 SIGIRIYA – HIRIWADUNA – MINNERIYA – SIGIRIYA ( 95 KM / 02 HOURS DRIVE )**

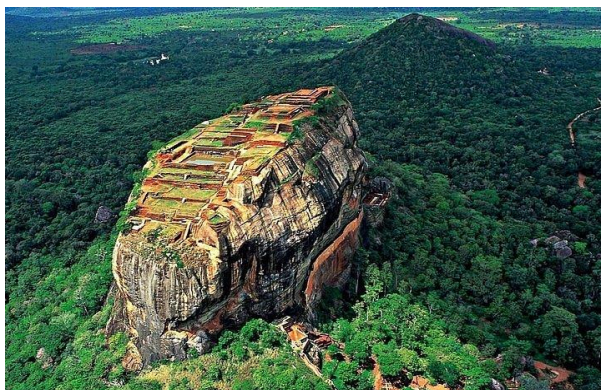
After breakfast leave for Sigiriya, visit the rock fortress. This rock fortress was built by King Kasyapa in the 5th century A.D. and was a royal citadel for more than 18 years.

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 cooking 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



Village Tour



Minneriya National Park

**DAY 09 SIGIRIYA – POLONNARUWA – TRINCOMALEE(190 KM / 04 HOURS DRIVE)**

After breakfast leave for Polonnaruwa, medieval capital of the island (11th & 12th 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. Proceed to Trincomelee which is located on the east coast of the island overlooking the Trincomalee Harbor (ranked as the world’s 5th largest natural harbors)

***Overnight Nilaveli/Trincomalee.***



### **DAY 10 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.

***Overnight Nilaveli/Trincomalee.***

### **DAY 11 TRINCOMALEE**

Leisure at Trincomalee. On the beach and sightseeing such as the Thirukoneswaram Kovil, Kanniyai hot water springs, Fort Fredrick, Trincomalee war cemetery and beautiful sandy beaches (Nilaveli & Uppuveli)

***Overnight Nilaveli / Trincomalee.***



Nilaveli Beach



Pigeon Island

### **DAY 12 TRINCOMALEE – NEGOMBO(250 KM / 05 HOURS DRIVE)**

After breakfast proceed to Negombo. Leisure at hotel in the evening and enjoy the dinner.

Negombo is popular for its long sandy beaches and centuries old fishing industry.

***Overnight Negombo.***



## **DAY 13 AIRPORT (15 KM /25 MINUTES DRIVE)**

It's time to say good bye to our valuable clients....

After breakfast proceed to the Bandaranaike International Airport according to the flight schedule. You are advised to be there before 03 hours to the flight.

- **Total Cost, Inclusions, Exclusions, Terms & Conditions of the tour package will be notified once we send the final quotation of your tour according to the tour itinerary and your requirements.**
- **Details of the hotels and Cost of Transactions will be notified as per your requirements.**
- **We are flexible to amend / change the above Tour Itinerary and the Total Number of Days of Your Stay in Sri Lanka as per your requirements.**
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