

## **SRI LANKA, Explore Tour (7D/6N)**

**DAMBULLA – PINNAWALA – SIGIRIYA – KANDY – NUWERA ELIYA –KITULGALA – COLOMBO**

Valid from 01 November 2023 till 30 April 2024



### **Detailed Program:**

#### **DAY 1: BEIRUT – COLOMBO – DAMBULLA**

Arrival, meet greet and proceed to Dambulla via Pinnawala. The Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage, established in 1975, commenced with seven orphans. Today some of these orphans enjoy the fortune of seeing their grandchildren born in the same location. The original objective of establishing the orphanage inclined more towards tourism, but is soon became a conservation and educational center. With the help of local and foreign elephant experts, Pinnawela started a scientific captive-breeding program for elephants. The free movement of the herd enhanced the chances for respective individuals of both sexes to get together and mate. The nearby river played a dominant role in this regard, and in 1984, the first baby of Pinnawela was born. The success story of Pinnawela has drawn the attention of scientists from all over the world. A considerable number of books and research articles on Pinnawela have been published in several languages. The members of the Pinnawela herd have been filmed, videoed and photographed thousands of times by professionals. On completion proceed to hotel.

**Overnight stay at Jetwing Lake / Occidental Paradise Resort**

#### **DAY 2: DAMBULLA – SIGIRIYA – DAMBULLA**

After breakfast. Climb the 5th century Sigiriya rock fortress which is a world heritage site, built by King Kashyapa (477-495 AD). The 'Lion Rock' is a citadel of unusual beauty rising 200 meters from the scrub jungle. The rock was the innermost stronghold of the 70-

#### **DAY 5: KANDY – NUWERA ELIYA**

After breakfast proceed to Nuwara Eliya en-route visiting a tea plantation and a tea factory, where the best tea in the world is produced. Here you could observe all about the process of manufacturing tea. You can also see how tea is graded. Taste a cup of pure Ceylon tea in the factory.

Thereafter continue to Nuwara Eliya, because of its invigorating mountain climate and scenery, is Sri Lanka's most popular hill resort. Nuwara Eliya is also the heart of Sri Lanka's tea country producing a significant share of the world best tea. Sri Lanka's highest mountain Pidurutalagala (8282 feet) is located here. Nuwara-Eliya also has one of the finest 18-hole golf courses in South Asia.

**Overnight stay at Araliya Green City / Araliya Red**

#### **DAY 6: NUWARA ELIYA – COLOMBO**

After breakfast proceed to Colombo via Kitulgala. The Kelani River (the broadest river in Sri Lanka) flowing through Kitulgala was the main location where the Oscar winning movie "Bridge on the River Kwai" was filmed. On the hill above this town, a prehistoric cave was recently discovered containing large middens of shells from some unknown civilization. Check in at the hotel. Afternoon do a city tour of Colombo, like many capital cities in developing countries is fast changing its face. Almost overnight, skyscrapers arise from where old buildings once stood. Yet in some parts, the old-world charm is retained. For example, there is a 100-year-old clock tower and

hectare fortified town. A moat, rampart, and extensive gardens including the renowned water gardens ring the base of the rock. Visit the world-renowned frescoes of the 'Heavenly Maidens' of Sigiriya, which are in a sheltered pocket of the rock approached by a spiral stairway. These frescoes are painted in earth pigments on plaster.

**Overnight stay at Jetwing Lake / Occidental Paradise Resort**

**DAY 3: DAMBULLA – MATALE – KANDY**

After breakfast proceed to Kandy en-route visiting a spice garden in Matale to see different spices for which Sri Lanka is famous for. Here, clients could see different spices and how some of these spices are grown and processed. Witness a Cookery demonstration. Check in at the hotel.

**Overnight stay at Earl’s Regency / Hotel Topaz.**

**DAY 4: KANDY – PERADENIYA**

After breakfast proceed to Peradeniya. This Botanical Garden was first built as a pleasure garden by a Sinhala king and was expanded by the British. It is 147 acres in extent and provides an amazing variety of trees, plants and flowers.

On completion do a city tour of Kandy. Kandy was the last capital of the Sri Lankan kings which is a World Heritage Site. The name "Kandy" conjures visions of splendor and magnificence. Many of the legends, traditions and folklore are still lovingly kept alive. Drive around the Kandy Lake built by the last Sinhala king, Sri Wickrama Rajasinghe in 1798. Visit the Kandy town and Bazaar, the arts and crafts center, a gem museum and a lapidary. Also visit the Temple of the Tooth Relic in Kandy and witness a Cultural show.

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several British built colonial buildings. Other places of interest are the Pettah bazaar - where one can shop for bargain, a Hindu and a Buddhist temple, residential areas where you find the stately homes of the affluent, the Colombo Museum, the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH)- an outright gift to Sri Lanka from the People's Republic of China, and the Dutch Museum.

**Overnight stay at Cinnamon Lake Side / Pearl Grand Hotel**

**DAY 7: COLOMBO – BEIRUT**

Transfer to the Colombo airport for departure flight

**Selected hotels: (or similar)**

Night	City/Region	Superior	Deluxe
2	DAMBULLA	Occidental Paradise Resort	Jetwing Lake
2	KANDY	Hotel Topaz	Earl’s Regency
1	NUWERA ELIYA	Araliya Red	Araliya Green Hills
1	COLOMBO	Pearl Grand hotel	Cinnamon Lakeside

**Prices are per person in US. Dollars: (Minimum 2pax)**

Category	Period	Triple	Double	Single
<b>Superior</b>	01.11.23 – 30.04.24	1,170	1,220	1,415
<b>Deluxe</b>	01.11.23 – 30.04.24	1,255	1,395	1,525

- Rates are subject to change without prior notice
- Additional charge of \$ 210 for 1pax travelling alone applicable on top of the single rate

**Above rates include:**

- ✓ Round trip ticket to Colombo (economy class)
- ✓ Airport taxes \$365
- ✓ Meet and assist at the airport on arrival and departure
- ✓ 6-night accommodation at superior or deluxe hotels (standard rooms)
- ✓ Meals: daily breakfast at all hotels
- ✓ Transportation in an air-conditioned vehicle
- ✓ English speaking driver / guide
- ✓ Entrance fees at Elephant Orphanage, Sigiriya Rock Fortress, Kandy Temple, Botanical Garden, Cultural Show.
- ✓ Assistance of our representative in Sri Lanka

**Above rates exclude:**

- ✓ Visa charge
- ✓ Travel insurance \$ 20
- ✓ Lunches & dinners
- ✓ Camera and video permits
- ✓ Compulsory high season
- ✓ Optional tours
- ✓ All other expenses

**Flight details: Qatar Airways**

QR 419 05NOV BEYDOH 0105 0530  
 QR 654 05NOV DOHCMB 0910 1630  
 QR 665 11NOV CMBDOH 1015 1300  
 QR 426 11NOV DOHBAY 1455 1805

*NB: Schedule, ticket rate & airport taxes are subject to change depending on availability at the time of booking*

**Booking Terms & Conditions:**

- Deposit of 50% per person upon reservation / Non-refundable
- Full payment is requested to be settled 02 week before departure /Non-refundable

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