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# SRI LANKA

## Kandy & Colombo

### 4 - Day Itinerary

### (May 1 – Oct 31)

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## Trip Highlights:

➢ **Shopping experience in Colombo - Most Commercial City in Sri Lanka.**
➢ **Kandy City – UNESCO World Heritage Sit**

**Day 1: Airport / Pinnawala / Kandy**

Pick up from Colombo Airport, you will get your first taste of warm Sri Lankan hospitality; Representative will welcome you and transfer you to Kandy via Pinnawala.

**Visit Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage**
Pinnawala is situated in the Sabaragamuwa province of Sri Lanka close to Kegalle town. An orphanage, nursery and captive breeding ground for wild Asian elephants is located at this village remarkably known as 'Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage'. The orphanage has the largest herd of captive elephants in the world and is visited daily by many local and foreign tourists. The main attraction is clearly to observe the elephants bathing and feeding which is quite an experience. The orphanage was launched to provide a lifeline to the orphaned baby elephants and adult elephants lost.

**Continue the journey to Kandy Continue the journey to Kandy**.
Kandy - The hill capital. Venue of the annual Perahera. The last stronghold of the Sinhala Kings was finally ceded to the British in 1815. Kandy is an example of Buddhism's influence in Sri Lanka today. Temple's shrines and monasteries keeping Buddhist traditions alive are everywhere. Kandy is a world heritage site. 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 1806.

**Check in to the hotel.**

Rest of the evening at leisure.
Overnight stay at a hotel in Kandy.

**Driving Distance Between the cities**
Airport to Pinnawala - approx. 2hrs Pinnawala to Kandy - approx. 1 ½ hrs

**Activity Time**
Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage visit –approx. 1 – 1 ½ hrs

**Day 2: Kandy**

Breakfast at the hotel.

**Visit Peradeniya Botanical Garden.**

Peradeniya Botanical Garden is situated in the Central Province of Sri Lanka and visited approximately 02 million people annually. The unusual name is Sinhalese translation of guava plain. The garden is notable for its collection of a variety of Orchids. It is home to various species of plants, spices, medicinal plants and palm trees. It is also one of the largest botanical gardens of Sri Lanka, An artificial lake with water plants including giant water lilies and papyrus seeds is found in the centre of the garden.

Visit the Kandy town and Bazaar, the arts & crafts centre, a gem museum and a lapidary. Also if you are interested in Gems & Jewellery you could visit the gem museum shops in the area which is famous for so many years.

**Visit the Temple of the Tooth**

Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic - ever since 4th Century A.D, when the Buddha's Tooth was brought to Sri Lanka hidden from sacrilegious hands in an Orissan princess' hair, the Relic has grown in repute and holiness in Sri Lanka and throughout the Buddhist world. It is considered Sri Lanka's most prized possession.

**In the evening, witness the cultural dance**. Visitors can see these Dance & Music at the daily Cultural Performances held at several places in the city. Back to the hotel.

Overnight stay at a hotel in Kandy.

**Activity Time**
Royal Botanic a garden -approx. 1 ½ -2hrs
Kandy city visit –approx. 1 ½ hrs
Kandy temple -approx. 1hr Cultural dance –approx. 45 minutes.

**Day 3: Kandy / Colombo**

After breakfast proceed to Colombo.

Check in to the hotel.

In the evening do a city tour in Colombo with shopping. Colombo with shopping, 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 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 Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH)- an outright gift to Sri Lanka from the People's Republic of China.

Visit Colombo Museum
Visit Gangarama temple

Back to the hotel. Overnight stay at a hotel in Colombo.

**Driving Distance Between the cities**
Kandy to Colombo –approx. 3 -3 ½ hrs

**Activity Time**
Colombo City tour with shopping (approx. 3 hrs)

**Day 4: Colombo / Airport**

After breakfast transfer at the airport to connect the departure flight.

**Driving Distance Between the cities**

Colombo to Airport –approx. 1hr

**End of Tour**