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SRI LANKA

5 - Day Itinerary
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Trip Highlights:

➢ **Shopping experience in Colombo - Most Commercial City in Sri Lanka.**
➢ **Kandy City – UNESCO World Heritage Site**
➢ **Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage Visit**
➢ **Turtle Hatchery & Madu River Boat Ride**

Day 1: Airport / Colombo

Our representative will meet outside with a signage of your name at the arrival lounge of the Airport. He will greet you and guide you to the vehicle, there after you can start your journey to Colombo.
Check in to the hotel.
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
Airport to Colombo –approx. 1 hr

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

Day 2: Colombo / Pinnawala / Kandy

After breakfast, proceed 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 in the wilderness.

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.
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.

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.

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

Activity Time
Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage - approx. 1 - 1 ½ hrs
Kandy City Tour with Shopping - approx. 2 hrs
Cultural Show - approx. 45 minutes

Day 3: Kandy / Beruwala

Breakfast at the hotel. Do a city tour in Kandy.
Visit Peradeniya Botanical Garden.

Peradeniya Botanical Garden is situated in the Central Province of Sri Lanka and visits 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 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. Proceed to Bentota/ Beruwala.

Bentota - on the South coast of Sri Lanka lies the city of Bentota/Beruwala. The general area of Bentota is interesting for birds. On the shore, Sea birds and Wanders are often found. Including the rare Indian Heron and the Vegetation along the river harbor many local species as well as winter migrants. Many interesting sightseeing tours are possible from here, such as the Turtle Hatchery, Boat trips on Bentota River.

Check in to the hotel.
Rest of the evening at leisure.
Overnight stay at a hotel in Beruwala or Bentota

Driving Distance Between the cities
Kandy to Beruwala – approx. 5 hrs

Activity Time
Royal Botanical Garden - approx. 1 ½ - 2 hrs

Day 4: Beruwala / Balapitiya / Induruwa / Beruwala

After breakfast enjoy a boat ride in Madu Ganga (River)

915-hectare Madu Ganga Estuary is connected by two narrow channels to the Randombe Lake, forming a complex wetland system encompassing 64 mangrove islets. In the year 2000, International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) undertook a detailed biodiversity survey of the region & revealed the existence of no less than 10 major wetland vegetation types supporting over 300 plant species & 248 species of vertebrates. This remarkable diversity has led to its being classified under RAMSAR Convention on Wetlands in 2003.

Visit Induruwa Sea Turtle Conservation Center.

Sea Turtles are born underground (under sand to be more accurate). Then they find their way to the surface, and to the ocean, after which they start a life filled with many dangers, where only a few will make it through the growing years. Releasing baby turtles is a very unique experience. And there is nothing like holding a baby turtle in your hand.

Back to the hotel.
Rest of the day at leisure on the beach.
Overnight stay at a hotel in Beruwala or Bentota

Driving Distance Between the cities
Beruwala to Induruwa – approx. 30 minutes
Induruwa to Balapitiya - approx. 20 minutes
Balapitiya to Beruwala - approx. 45 minutes

Driving Distance Between the cities

Madu River Boat Ride –approx. 1 ½ hrs
Kosgoda Turtle Hatchery - approx. 15 minutes

Day 5: Beruwala / Airport

After breakfast enjoy a boat ride in Madu Ganga (River)

Driving Distance Between the cities
Beruwala to airport – approx. 2 hours

End of Tour