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SRI LANKA

9 - Day Itinerary
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Trip Highlights:

➢ **Shopping experience in Colombo - Most Commercial City in Sri Lanka.**
➢ **Sigiriya Lion rock -UNESCO World Heritage Site**
➢ **Elephant back ride**
➢ **Kandy City -UNESCO World Heritage site.**
➢ **Nuwara Eliya – A city in the hill country of the Central Province.**
➢ **Yala National park Safari**
➢ **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 / Habarana

After breakfast, proceed to Habarana.

Do an Elephant back ride (Entrance fees directly by clients -$ 15 per Adult/CHD)

Elephant Ride A jungle trek on elephant back is an adventurous experience. Accompanied by the mahout - the elephant handler, you set off for a ride of a lifetime along jungle paths and across shallow rivers.

Check in to the hotel.

Overnight stay at a hotel in Habarana

Driving Distance Between the cities
Colombo to Habarana –approx. 4 ½ hrs

Activity Time
Elephant back ride -30 minutes

Day 3: Habarana / Sigiriya / Matale / Habarana

After breakfast, proceed to climb **Sigiriya Lion Rock.**

Sigiriya is situated in the Central Province of Sri Lanka close to Dambulla. It is a fortress complex of a ruined palace and one of the World Heritage sites declared by UNESCO. Undoubtedly the most treasured historical monument in Sri Lanka and probably the most visited tourist destinations in Sri Lanka, The most looked forward feature of the fortress is the frescoes. Another fascinating detail is its mirror wall. Every step from the entrance to the top is a marvel on its own, and the interesting surroundings makes the tedious climb to the top easy.

Continue the journey to Kandy via Matale.

En-route visit SPICE GARDENS You will see many spice gardens at Matale, where Cinnamon, Cardamom, Pepper Creepers and all other spice trees, plants and creepers are planted for visitors to see them. Spice products are also available for those who would like to buy them. At all Spice Gardens visitors are taken round explaining each tree and plant and at the end explaining the use of them in food preparations.

Check in to the hotel.

In the evening do a city tour with shopping in Kandy. 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.

(If clients visit a gem shop, they will be provided a cultural show ticket free. Not compulsory to buy gems. If not, the client will have to buy the clients directly for $ 7 per person).

Back to the hotel. O

Overnight stay at a hotel in Kandy.

Driving Distance Between the cities
Habarana to Sigiriya –approx. 20 minutes
Sigiriya to Mathale –approx. 2 hrs
Mathale to Kandy –approx. 1 hr

Activity Time
Sigiriya Lion Rock visit –approx. 2 ½ -3hrs
Cultural dance –approx. 45 minutes
Kandy city visit –approx. 1 hr

Day 4: Kandy / Nuwara Eliya

After breakfast, proceed to 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.

Leave to Nuwara Eliya.

Nuwara Eliya is a city in the hill country of the Central Province, Sri Lanka. The city is considered to be one of the most important locations for tea cultivation and well known for its cool climate being the coolest area in Sri Lanka. Many of the buildings have still preserved features from the colonial period. Many private homes have also maintained their old English-style lawns and gardens. The town wakes up with many activities in April for the Sinhalese and Tamil New year. Main allure during April season include the motor and horse racing events. En- route visit Ramboda Falls & Blue Field Tea Factory Check in to the hotel. In the evening walk around Gregory lake.

Overnight stay at a hotel in Nuwara Eliya

Driving Distance Between the cities
Kandy to Nuwara Eliya – approx. 2 1/2 hrs

Activity Time
Royal Botanical Garden - approx. 1 ½ - 2 hrs
Tea Factory visit - approx. 1 hr
Nuwara Eliya sightseeing - approx. 2 hrs

Day 5: Nuwara Eliya /Horton / Nuwara Eliya

After taking a packed breakfast around 5.00am at the hotel, ready to proceed to Horton Plains.

(We usually advise early morning time to avoid the misty climate. But If client don't like to wake up early they can decide the time as per their choice)

(Entrance fees $ 25 per adult/ $ 13 per CHD) and Van hire $ 30 (and 6 pax per Van).

Sri Lanka's best and most popular venue for nature reserves and eco-tourism is Horton Plains national park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The breathtaking scenery with beautiful rolling hills with upper montane forest and wet patana grasslands is home to many endemic flora and fauna in Sri Lanka. There are several attractions at Horton Plains like the Baker's fall, Chimmini pool and the famous World's end an escarpment with a 3700 feet sheer drop with a fantastic view of tea estates below and on clear mornings one can see all the way up to the southern coastline.

Proceed to visit Ambewela Farm. (Entrance fees directly by guests - $02 per Adult/per child)

In the afternoon proceed to **visit Ambewela Farm**. (Ambewela New Zealand Farm) Started in 1974-Jan 17th with 5600 litres of fresh milk collected at Kotagala Chilling Centre, producing only 100 to 150 Lbs of Milk Powder per day. Today -2007- Ambewela spray Dried Milk Powder Factory produces 10-13 Metric Tons from 110,000 Litres of fresh Milk. The freshness of milk is assured using milk collected from 32 Milk Collecting centres from Passara, Bible, Bandarawela, Welimada, Haputhale and the surrounding areas. Thus also sustaining the dairy farmers.

In the evening, walk around Gregory Lake.

(Entrance fees directly by guests - $02 per Adult / per child)

Overnight stay at a hotel in Nuwara Eliya

Driving Distance Between the cities
Nuwara Eliya to Horton Plains -approx. 1 ½ hrs one way
Nuwara Eliya to Ambwella – approx. 45 minutes

Activity Time
Horton Plains visit approx. 3 -4hrs
Ambewela farm – approx. 1 ½ hrs
Gregory lake walk -approx. 30 minutes

Day 6: Nuwara Eliya / Yala

Breakfast at a hotel.

Proceed to Yala.

Check in to the hotel.

Leave to Yala National Park for Evening Safari by private Jeep

(Entrance fees $ 25 per adult/ $ 13 per CHD + Jeep hire $ 25 per jeep (and 6 pax per jeep).

Yala National Park is located between Southern and Uva Provinces of Sri Lanka. It is the second largest park of the country and is also one of the earliest wild sanctuaries. The largest breed of leopards are found in this area. Probably sighting months of leopards are from January to July. Two prominent pilgrim sites are also situated within the park. The park was severely damaged during the 2004 Tsunami catastrophe.

Back to the hotel.

Overnight stay at a hotel in Yala.

Driving Distance Between the cities
Nuwara Eliya to Yala –approx. 4 ½ hrs

Activity Time
Yala Safari –approx. 3hrs

Day 7: Yala / Galle /Bentota

Breakfast at the hotel. Proceed to Bentota / Beruwala.

On the way, do the **City tour in Galle.**

Galle was once the chief port of Sri Lanka. It is still well known for hand-made lace. You can also visit the Galle Fort (spanning 90 acres) which was originally built by the Portuguese and later extended by the Dutch in 1663. This is also a World Heritage Site.

Check in to the hotel.

Rest of the evening at leisure.

Overnight stay at a hotel in Bentota / Beruwala.

Driving Distance Between the cities
Yala to Galle –approx. 4hrs Galle to Beruwala – approx. 1 - 1 ½ hrs

Activity Time
Galle City tour – approx. 1 ½ hrs

Day 8: Beruwala /Balapitiya /Induruwa / Beruwala

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

(Entrance fees directly by clients -$ 22 for the boat for all) -Maximum 6 pax per boat .

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 Centre
(Entrance fees directly by clients -$ 2 per person)

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

Activity Time
Madu river boat ride – approx. 1 ½ hrs
Kosgoda turtle hatchery – approx.. 15 minutes

Day 9: Beruwala / Airport

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

Driving Distance Between the cities
Beruwala to Airport - approx. 2 hrs

End of Tour

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