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SRI LANKA

10 - Day Itinerary
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Trip Highlights:

➢ **Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage visit**
➢ **Sigiriya Lion rock -UNESCO World Heritage Site**
➢ **East Coast Beach**
➢ **Kandy City -UNESCO World Heritage site.**
➢ **Nuwara Eliya – A city in the hill country of the Central Province.**
➢ **Horton Plains – Central Highland UNESCO world Heritage**
➢ **National park safari Yala or Bundala or Lunugamwehera**
➢ **Shopping experience in Colombo - Most Commercial City in Sri Lanka.**

Day 1: Airport / Pinnawala / Habarana

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

Proceed to Habarana.

Overnight stay at a hotel in Habarana.

Driving Distance Between the cities
Airport to Pinnawala –approx. 2 hrs
Pinnawala to Habarana –approx. 2 ½ hrs

Activity Time
Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage – 1 -1 ½ hrs

Day 2: Habarana/ Sigiriya /Hiriwadunna /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.

Afterwards proceed for Hiriwadunna village Trekking including Lunch.
(Entrance fees directly by guest – $ 15 per Adult / CHD

Start the Hiriwadunna trek. Trek will be through the archetypal Sri Lankan village. The trek begins transferring the clients in Land Masters.

You can see the amazing birdlife, butterflies and possible sightings of crocodiles only add to the charm of the trek. If you are lucky you can sight the villagers as they go about their morning tasks of fishing or washing clothes at the periphery of the lake. Initially one wades through a shallow stream and thereafter crosses a wider tributary in a catamaran of an obliging farmer to inspect cultivation. You can enjoy a catamaran ride, bullock cart ride and finally a tasty Sri Lankan meal made at home by the villagers.

Overnight stay at a hotel in Habarana.

Driving Distance Between the cities
Sigiriya to Hiriwadunna -approx. 40 minutes one way
Hiriwadunna to Habarana –approx. 15 minutes one way

Activity Time
Sigiriya Lion Rock visit –approx. 3 hrs
Hiriwadunna village trek -approx. 2 -2 ½ hrs

Day 3: Habarana / Trincomalee

After breakfast proceed to Trincomalee.

Visit Hot water Springs (Hot Wells.)

Kanniya Hot Springs is a famous hot well in Sri Lanka from the past. There are seven wells in a square shape. Wells are only 3–4 feet deep and you can clearly see the bottom. The temperature is considerably high but varies from one spring to another. Wells run out of water, when 10-15 buckets of water are taken out. This hot water spring is connected with Hindu culture. Most of the Tamils in Sri Lanka do the religious rites for their lost loved one in this hot water spring according to Hindu culture. It is believed King Ravanan started these religious rites for his mother.

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Visit Koneswaram kovil.

Koneswaram kovil (Temple) is situated on top of the Swami Rock and offers a brilliant view of the surrounding sea. If you manage to visit there early in the morning you can capture some brilliant photos of the sunrise. If it's not a crowded day like a weekday you can go near the kovil from a vehicle. There are some brilliantly colored statues and carvings at the kovil.

The sea below has a brilliant blue color which is rarely seen anywhere in the world. Just before the entrance you can see the "Lovers Leap". As the name suggest it became famous because some couple jumped from it to commit suicide.

Back to the hotel.

Overnight stay at a hotel in Trincomalee

Driving Distance Between the cities
Habarana to Trincomalee. – approx. 2hrs

Activity Time
Kovil visit – approx. 1 – 1 ½ hrs
Hot water springs -approx. 30-40 minutes

Day 4: Trincomalee

Whales and Dolphin watching in Trincomalee.
(USD 45 per person -directly by the guests)

You can take a packed breakfast from the hotel and proceed to the Watersport centre by 05:45am.Whale watching starts around 6.00am onward for approx. 3 hours.

Boat ride in Pigeon Island including Snorkelling Equipment, Snacks
(USD 30 per person -directly by the guests)

Back to the hotel.

Overnight stay at a hotel in Trincomalee.

Activity Time
Whale watching – approx. 3hrs
Pigeon Island boat ride -approx. - approx. 2hrs

Day 5: Trincomalee / Kandy

After early breakfast, proceed to Kandy.

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 late afternoon 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.

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.

Back to the hotel.

Overnight stay at a hotel in Kandy.

Driving Distance Between the cities
Trincomalee to Matale –approx. 3 ½ hrs
Mathale to Kandy –approx. 1 hr

Activity Time
Kandy shopping - approx. 1hr
Cultural dance –approx. 45 minutes
Kandy city visit –approx. 1 hr

Day 6: 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.

Continue the journey 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 temple, Ramboda Falls & Blue field tea factory.

Check in to the hotel.

Visit Victoria park. (Entrance fees directly by guest – $ 02per Adult / per CHD)

Overnight stay at a hotel in Nuwara Eliya

Driving Distance Between the cities
Kandy to Nuwara Eliya –approx. 2 ½ hrs

Activity Time
Kandy temple visit - approx. 1hr
Royal Botanical garden – approx. 1 ½ - 2hrs
Tea Factory -approx. 1 hr
Victoria park. -approx.30-40 minutes

Day 7: Nuwara Eliya / Ella / Nuwara Eliya

After breakfast proceed to Ella.

Go on a small trek to the **Mini Adam's Peak.**

This beautiful short walk up to the top of Little Adam's Peak, would take about 45 minutes from the main road. The road is flat and wide and when you climb half way through the walk you would come across some concrete steps about 200-250 and these steps would take you to the top of the mountain where you can get a panoramic view of the southern coastal belt and on a clear day you may be able to see the ocean. The average daytime temperature is between 23°- 27°.

Visit Ravana Cave & Ravana Falls.

The Ravana Falls (popularly known as Ravana Ella in Sinhala is a popular site for a photo stop. It currently ranks as one of the widest falls in the country. This waterfall measures approximately 25 m (82 ft) in height and cascades from an oval-shaped concave rock outcrop.

During the local wet season, the waterfall turns into what is said to resemble an areca flower with withering petals. But this is not the case in the dry season, where the flow of

water reduces dramatically.

Back to the hotel.

Check in to the hotel.

Overnight stay at a hotel in Nuwara Eliya.

Driving Distance Between the cities
Nuwara Eliya to Ella –approx. 2 – 2 ½ hrs one way

Activity Time
Mini Adam's peak trek – 1hr & 15 minutes. Ravana cave & Falls -45minutes- 1 hr

Day 8: 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 9: : Yala / Colombo

Early breakfast and proceed to Colombo.

Rest of the evening at leisure.

Overnight stay at a hotel in Colombo

Driving Distance Between the cities
Yala to Colombo -approx. 5 ½ hrs

End of Tour

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