

10 NIGHTS & 11 DAYS TOUR OF SRI LANKA & MALDIVES

Day 01 - Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage/ Dambulla Rock Fortress

On arrival you will be met and greeted by our representative at the Colombo International Airport. Depending on your time of arrival, travel to Dambula via the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage.

Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage is one of Sri Lanka's most popular tourist attractions which houses over 110 elephants today that roam freely within the walls of the orphanage. Started as a safe house for elephants trapped in the wild it is today the world's largest captive breeding centres. Visitors can feed elephants walk with them as they march to the nearby river for their daily bath time. In the evening visit the Dambulla rock fortress.

CAVE TEMPLE DAMBULLA dates from the 1st century BC houses the most impressive and venerated Buddhist cave temples in Sri Lanka. This 160metre (52 ft) rock has attracted millions of pilgrims since they were created by the formerly exiled King Valagambahu I in the 1st Century BC. He sought refuge in the caves for 14 years after losing his throne to Tamil invaders, and built the caves in gratitude after successfully reclaiming his throne in Anuradhapura. Process to Dambula. Enjoy the evening at leisure. Dinner and overnight at hotel in Dambulla

Day 02 - Polonnaruwa / Minneriya

After breakfast visit the ancient city of Polonnaruwa. POLONNARUWA was ancient Sri Lanka's 2nd capital city. The Cholas from India that invaded the country decided to build their empire and make Polonnaruwa their capital city. In the year 1055AD a courageous and strong-minded Sinhala king from the Southern part of Sri Lanka overpowered the Indian invaders and took over the capital that later fell into the hands of Magha a notorious prince from Kalinga of India who was more intent on looting than ruling. Today the ancient ruined city of Polonnaruwa, a site that is so popular and much visited, contains ruins of the both Sinhala (Sri Lankan) and Indian culture.

In the evening, enjoy a thrilling jeep safari to Minneriya National Park.

Minnierya National Park is one of Sri Lanka's popular wildlife reserve's that offers visitors the diversity of the Sri Lankan wildlife experience. The park consists of mixed evergreen forest and scrub areas and is home to Sri Lanka favourites such as sambar deer, leopards and elephants. However the central feature of the park is that it is home to the largest herd of elephants in the world. Visitors can enjoy sightings of the herd most evenings around the park's main lake.

Dinner and overnight at Dambulla

Day 03 - Sigiriya/ Nalanda Gedige/ Matale Spice Gardens/ Kandy

After breakfast check out of your hotel and proceed to Kandy. En route visit SIGIRIYA ROCK which is a fascinating hideout fortress built in the 5th century AD by Prince Kassype while he was hiding from his half brother. A visit to this site will explain why it was an excellent hideout and the majestic layout and design will fascinate any visitor. Sri Lankans' like to think of Sigiriya as the World's 8th Wonder. Proceed to visit Nalanda Gedige, which is an ancient Hindu Temple built in the 8th to 10th century AD. Built in the South Indian style of architecture, this monument was later used by Buddhist monks for meditation.

Visit the Matale Spice Gardens en route to learn about the captivating science that goes behind cultivating some traditional spices and ayurvedic herbs in Sri Lanka. Enjoy the evening at leisure in Kandy. Dinner and overnight stay in Kandy.

Day 04 - Kandy

Enjoy the morning at leisure and explore Kandy city and shops on your own.

Optional: Visit the Royal Botanical Gardens of Peradeniya. In the evening enjoy a city tour of Kandy. Kandy is Sri Lanka's last royal kingdom that fell with the colonization of the British army and is today a World Heritage site. The tour will take you to the Temple of the 'Tooth Relic', a magnificent golden roofed temple, Kandy Museum, Market Place and gem & jewelry shops.

In the evening, be escorted to a performance of the energetic traditional Kandyan Cultural Dance show, and accompanied by tumultuous drumming and climaxes with the amazing fire-walking show. Dinner and overnight stay in Kandy

Day 05 - Tea Plantation/ Ramboda Waterfalls/ Nuwara Eliya

After breakfast proceed to Nuwara Eliya. We will drive past some of Sri Lanka's most popular and scenic waterfalls during our drive up on spiraling mountain roads. Notably you will visit Ramboda waterfalls, which is 109m high and the 11th highest waterfall in Sri Lanka. We will visit a Tea plantation and Tea Estate where you will be given a detailed tour in understanding the practice that goes into preparing one of the best cups of tea in the world. From plucking of the 'two leaves and a bud' to the drying and processing of the final tea leaves to tasting that perfect cup of Ceylon Tea. Nuwara Eliya, because of its invigorating mountain climate and scenery, it 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's 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. The town was founded by Samuel Baker as a hill retreat for the British during the colonial era, where typical English pastimes including fox hunting, polo and cricket were played.

Enjoy a city tour of Nuwara Eliya town.

Dinner and overnight in Nuwara Eliya

Day 06 - Ella/ Tissamaharama/ Yala

After breakfast proceed to Tissamaharama via Elle Ella is a beautiful small sleepy town on the southern edge of Sri Lanka's Hill Country. It's situated in the middle of a beautiful countryside, with small vegetable plots in the valleys, tea plantations on the hill slopes and forests on the top. You can enjoy the picturesque scenery of the hill country. Visit the Yala National park in the evening for thrilling 4x4 Jeep safari ride. YALA PARK is perhaps the island's most popularly known reserves, and one of its biggest, encompassing an area of 14,101 hectares. Its terrain is best described as a tropical thorn forest and offers numerous lagoons within the park which offer stunning scenes and excellent spots to camp out and marvel at the many animals, birds, elephants that it draws. Yala also offers the highest density of Leopard population in the world and is your best chance to catch a glimpse of this often shy member of the cat family. A large number of important cultural ruins bear testimony to earlier civilizations and indicate that, much of the area was populated and well developed during the reign of the ancient Ruhunu kingdom.

Day 07 - Galle/ Colombo

After breakfast leave for Galle. En route view the renowned Stilt fisherman of Weligame which is a unique form of fishing only found in this part of the world. We then proceed to visit the Old Portuguese Fort in Galle which was later rebuilt by the Dutch to what it is today. Most of the administration of Galle still takes place from the fort. The view from the ramparts is breathtaking. The Galle Fort is an UNESCO World heritage site and the largest remaining fortress in Asia built by European occupiers. Proceed towards Colombo

Enjoy a short city tour of Colombo and if time permits visit some of the popular shopping haunts in the city.

Dinner and overnight stay in Colombo

Day 08 - Depart to Maldives

Transfer to Colombo International airport for your flight to Maldives.

On arrival your local representative will meet you at the airport and you will be transferred by speed boat to your select resort. Enjoy your day at leisure in Maldives.

Day 09 - Maldives Resort – Hotel – Budget / Luxury / Meal plan –All Inclusive

Enjoy the day at leisure at your selected beach resort in Maldives on Half Board Basis (Breakfast & Dinner included)

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Day 11 - Maldives Resort / Airport

After breakfast enjoy the morning at leisure. Transfer by speed boat to the airport for your flight. You could stay longer at the resort after checking out & will be transferred to the airport according to your flight departure times.