

14 DAY EXPLORE SRI LANKA NORTH & EAST TOUR

Negombo – Sigiriya – Anuradhapura – Jaffna – Point Pedro –
Trincomalee – Whale Watching Tour – Pigeon Island – Kandy – Colombo

Day 01

Our guide will await your family's arrival at the Colombo International Airport (Flight at your own arrangement). Depending on your time of arrival, enjoy a Negombo Tour to discover the Negombo Fishing Village and other fascinating monuments and churches in the region.
Dinner and overnight stay at Golden Star Beach Hotel or similar.

Day 02

After breakfast proceed to Sigiriya via The Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage which was established in 1975, and commenced with seven orphans. Today some of these orphans enjoy the fortune of seeing their grandchildren born in the same location. The original objective of establishing the orphanage inclined more towards tourism, but is soon became a conservation and educational center. With the help of local and foreign elephant experts, Pinnawela started a scientific captive-breeding program for elephants. The free movement of the herd enhanced the chances for respective individuals of both sexes to get together and mate. The nearby river played a dominant role in this regard, and in 1984, the first baby of Pinnawela was born. The success story of Pinnawela has drawn the attention of scientists from all over the world. A considerable number of books and research articles on Pinnawela have been published in several languages.

After refreshment continue journey to Dambulla via Stop at Dambulla Cave Temple tour.

Dambulla Cave Temple an acclaimed as a UNESCO World Heritage site, is renowned for its rock paintings and rock temples and is one of the most key sites for Buddhist pilgrims in Sri Lanka.

Check in at Hotel Kassapa Rock or similar.

After Lunch proceed for a Sigiriya Rock Fortress tour.

Sigiriya Rock Castle: Climb the 5th century Sigiriya rock fortress which is a world heritage site, built by King Kashyapa (477-495 AD). The 'Lion Rock' is a citadel of unusual beauty rising 200 metros from the scrub jungle. The rock was the innermost stronghold of the 70 hectare fortified town. A moat, rampart, and extensive gardens including the renowned water gardens ring the base of the rock. Visit the world-renowned frescoes of the 'Heavenly Maidens' of Sigiriya, which are in a sheltered pocket of the rock approached by a spiral stairway. These frescoes are painted in earth pigments on plaster.

Dinner and overnight stay at Hotel Kassapa Lion Rock or similar.

Day 03

After Breakfast visit the Anuradhapura ancient City tour. Anuradhapura was the first capital of Sri Lanka founded in the 4 century BC. It is considered the most extensive and the most important of the ancient cities in the northern region. It served as a capital city of this region for over 1000 years and hence was residence to many Sri Lankan kings from 377 BC. King Pandukabhaya first made it a capital, naming it after the constellation Anuradha. He was followed by king Devanampiyatissa (250- 210 BC) in whose reign Buddhism was first introduced to Sri Lanka.

Later, enjoy a thrilling 4x4 wheel Safari Tour at Minneriya National Park. Dominated by the ancient Minneriya Tank, Minneriya National Park has plenty of scrub and light forest in its 8890 hectares to provide shelter for its toque macaques, sambar deer, leopards and elephants, just to name a few.

Dinner and overnight stay at Hotel Kassapa Lion Rock or similar.

Day 04

After Breakfast leave for an Elephant Ride Tour at Habarana. Habarana is famous among tourists and locals alike because of the elephant back safari rides to the nearby Habarana National Park which has a huge population of Elephants. And unlike in most natural parks in Sri Lanka Elephants here are not that used to humans and visitors can enjoy a less commercialized wildlife experience. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure at the hotel.

Optional: Bicycle Tour - Rent a bicycle from the hotel and discover the area around your hotel on a bicycle tour. (Bicycles may be available on request and is subject to availability)
Dinner and overnight stay at Hotel Kassapa Lion Rock or similar.

Day 05

After breakfast travel to the northern most tip of Sri Lanka – Jaffna. Enjoy a City Tour of Jaffna which will include the Jaffna Fort, Nallur Hindu Temple, Old Park, Kachcheri Church, The Jaffna Public Library, Pannai Sea & Jetty, Kandarodai Chunakam for Buddhist Monument.
Dinner and overnight stay at Hotel Tilko, Jaffna, or similar.

Day 06

After Breakfast visit Thenmarachchi, Vadamarachchi including Point Pedro and Valvettiduari
Dinner and overnight stay at Hotel Tilko, Jaffna, or similar.

Day 07

After Breakfast leave the Hotel for Trincomalee, en route swami rock , rama sita Temple , and Trincomalee Harbor. Trincomalee (Trinco) appeals to tourists primarily as the gateway to the fine Uppuveli and Nilaveli beaches. Possibly the site of historic Gokana in the Mahavamsa (Great Chronicle), the town itself is mildly attractive and is situated around several picturesque bays and rocky peninsulas. Its economic trump card is the world third largest deep-water port, also considered to be one of the world's finest. However, this has made it the target for all manner of foreign attacks: the Danish preceded the Portuguese, who desecrated the city's holiest Hindu shrine before losing Trinco to the Dutch. By the British takeover in 1795, the city had changed hands another seven times. It suffered further attacks in WWII, this time from Japanese bombing raids. Today the population is a potentially explosive mix of Tamils, Sinhalese and Muslims. Dinner and overnight stay at Chaaya Blu Trincomalee or similar.

Day 08

After an early Breakfast, leave for Boat safari by 6 am, to Watch the Dolphin and Whales, return Hotel by 11 am. Sri Lanka Navy has shifted its whale watching cruises to the Eastern coast with effect from 06th June 2011. This excursion may be offered depending on sailing schedule and season. This is a must-see as a few miles off the coast of Sri Lanka is one of the world's most popular sites for many whales (including Blue Whales) to feed and breed. On this 5 hour tour guests will also be able to enjoy the thrill of their vessel being guided by a pod of dolphins.

In the evening enjoy a boat ride to the pigeon Island - Pigeon Island is located around 1 km away from the Nilaveli beach. This consists of two islands, one is small and other one is larger in size. This is one of the best places to see corals and go snorkeling. Dinner and overnight stay at Chaaya Blu Trincomalee or similar

Day 09

Enjoy a full day at leisure on the beaches of Nilaveli.

(It is worth taking it easy on the beaches of Nilaveli. Not only are these the best beaches in Sri Lanka but you have also traveled a long distance to get to Trincomalee and your journey with the tours are a little tiring with more to do) Dinner and overnight stay at Chaaya Blu Trincomalee or similar.

Day 10

After a leisurely breakfast proceed to Kandy via Matale Spice Gardens.

Matale Spice Garden tour: Visit a piece garden in Matale to see different spices for which Sri Lanka is famous for. Here, clients could see different spices and how some of these spices are grown and processed. If you are lucky we can witness a Cookery demonstration.

Check in to your hotel in Kandy and enjoy the evening at leisure.

Dinner and overnight stay at Albatross Golfing Resort and Holiday Villa or similar.

Day 11

After breakfast enjoy a Kandy City tour : The Last Capital of Sri Lanka Kandy was home to many of Lanka's great kings which is today a World Heritage Site. The name "Kandy" conjures visions of splendor and magnificence. Many of the legends, traditions and folklore are still fondly kept alive. Drive around the Kandy Lake built by the last Sinhala king, Sri Wickrama Rajasinghe in 1798. Visit the town and a bazaar, the arts and crafts centre, a gem museum and a lapidary. You will have plenty of time to explore and shop

in many of Kandy's busy sidewalks and alley ways. In the evening visit the Temple of the Tooth Relic in Kandy followed by a Traditional Cultural show. Dinner and overnight stay at Albatross Golfing Resort and Holiday Villa or similar.

Day 12

After breakfast visit the Royal Peradeniya Botanical Gardens Tour in Kandy.

The Royal Botanical Gardens was first built as a pleasure garden by a Sinhala king and was expanded by the British. It is 147 acres in extent and provides an amazing variety of trees, Plants & flowers. Most amazing the oldest Tea Tree. Thereafter Visit the Gem museum, Arts & Crafts Centre, and Silk Factory. Enjoy the evening at leisure. Optional – Enjoy a round of Golf at the 18 hole Victoria Golfing Rang in Digana. Dinner and overnight stay at Albatross Golfing Resort and Holiday Villa or similar.

Day 13

After breakfast travel to Colombo. On arrival enjoy a Half Day Colombo City Tour.

Colombo 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 bargains, 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. In the afternoon enjoy a Colombo Shopping Tour by visiting some of Colombo's most popular shopping destinations. Dinner and overnight stay at Grand Oriental Hotel Colombo or similar.

Day 14

Checkout of your hotel and transfer to Colombo International airport. Your tour of Sri Lanka end here. Have a nice flight and we look forward to seeing you again soon.