

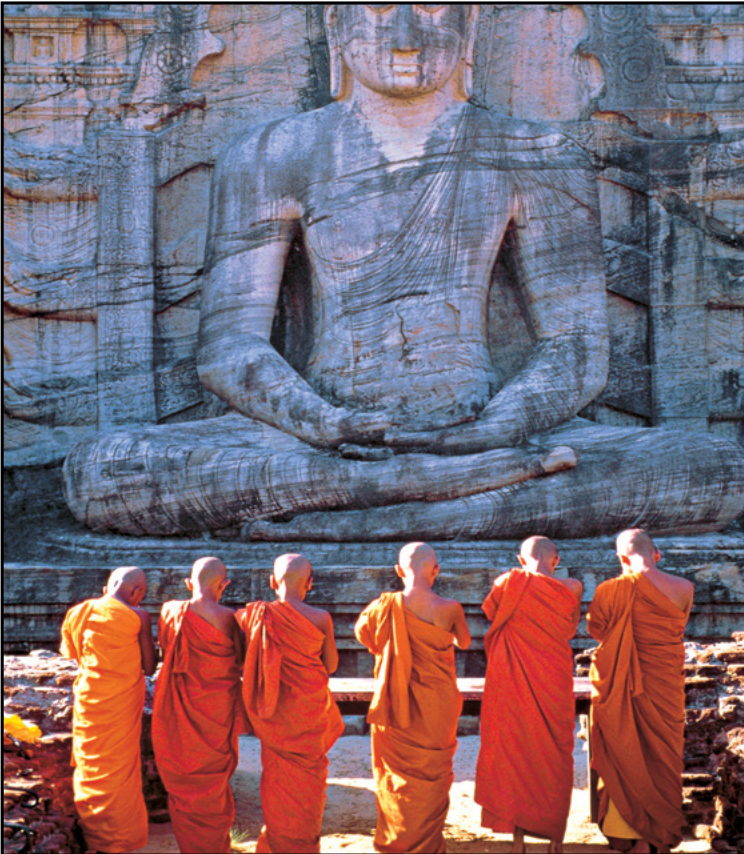
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VISITING: **COLOMBO, ANURADHAPURA, GIRITALE, HABARANA, POLONNARUWA, SIGIRIYA, DAMBULLA, KANDY, NUWRA ELIYA, HORTON PLAINS, ELLA, YALA, GALLE, NEGOMBO**

DAY 01 - MALTA - COLOMBO

Flight Malta - Colombo

DAY 02 - COLOMBO SIGHTSEEING

Upon arrival meet and greet at Bandaranaike International Airport and transfer to Colombo, the commercial capital of Sri Lanka.

Check-in at the 4* Colombo Hilton or Hotel Kingsbury. Afternoon sightseeing tour of 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 bargain, a Hindu and a Buddhist temple, residential areas where you find the stately homes of the affluent, the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall.

Meals: Dinner.

DAY 03 - COLOMBO - ANURADHAPURA

After breakfast depart Anuradhapura, located on the dry plains of the North Central Province within the Cultural Triangle. The ruins at Anuradhapura tell tales of a royal capital of 113 successive kings who made it the greatest monastic city of the ancient world.

Check-in at the 4*Palm Garden Village Hotel. In the afternoon you will take the tour of this ancient city which was established in 500BC and served as an administrative centre of Sri Lanka and as the island's capital for 1400 years. The oldest historically documented tree on earth, The Sacred Bo Tree - is also located in this city. The perfection and scale of the dagobas or relic chambers like the Ruwanveliseya, Abhayagiri and the Jetavanarama, which are the largest in the world, are staggering, the latter vying with the largest pyramids at a height of 122m.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

DAY 04 - ANURADHAPURA - ELEPHANT RIDE - GIRITALE OR HABARANA

After breakfast proceed for Habarana to take an Elephant Ride.

The feeling of stepping back in time, a time when kings rode on the backs of these magnificent mammals, and the chance for you to do the same is what we at this other corner offer. Climb on to the backs of these gentle giants, and the tour will take you along the forest trail, across the river, through the village and back all on the elephant back ride. The choice of either being adventurous and riding bareback or on comfortable elephant saddles are the only choice you will have to make.

A pleasant experience is virtually guaranteed. Transfer to Giritale /Habarana and check-in at the 4* Deer Park Hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

DAY 05 - GIRITALE OR HABARANA - POLONNARUWA - GIRITALE OR HABARANA

After breakfast leave for Polonnaruwa Sri Lanka's medieval capital in 11th & 12th Century AD. Travel via Habarana. Polonnaruwa is a well-preserved city of ancient dagobas, moonstones, beautiful parks, massive

buildings and stunningly beautiful statues. The majestic King's Council Chamber, the Lotus Bath, the Lanka Thilaka Viharaya, the Gal Viharaya (rock temple) and the statue of one of Polonnaruwa's great kings, Parakramabahu, are a few of this capital's memorable sights. The Sea of Parakrama - a vast 12th century man-made reservoir dominates the city. Moreover, the monuments here are located in a more compact area, and their development is easier to follow.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

DAY 06 - GIRITALE OR HABARANA - SIGIRIYA - DAMBULLA - KANDY

Breakfast and leave for Kandy the beautiful Hill capital, the last Kingdom Capital of the Sri Lanka's royalty. Kandy is surrounded by the lush tropical scenery. En route climb the Sigiriya Rock, the fascinating fortress which was a stronghold of a fifth century king who murdered his father. The red stone rises 600 feet from the green scrub jungle and it is famous for its frescoes painted within a sheltered rock. Only 19 out of the 500 painted in the 5th century remain. The Lion stairway, the mirror wall and the water gardens are amongst Sigiriya's other highlights. Also visit Dambulla Rock cave Temple, where you will see the frescoes over 2000 years old and the colossal figure of the recumbent Buddha carved out of the living rock about 14 meters long. It also holds its own treasure - a magnificent temple, which is a series of five caves established as a monastery in the 3rd Century BC. These caves, built at the base of a 150m high rock during the 1st Century BC to 993 AD and are by far the most impressive of the many cave temples found in Sri Lanka. Proceed to Kandy, En route visit a Spice Garden in Matale which grows spices and herbs used for Sri Lankan cuisine and medication. Check-in at the 4* Mahaweli Reach Hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

DAY 07 - KANDY PINNAWELA - KANDY SIGHTSEEING

After breakfast visit the Elephant Orphanage in Pinnawela near Kegalle to see the daily routine of up keeping of baby elephants and other abandoned elephants.

The unique concept of the Elephant Orphanage of Pinnawela is one of the most visited sites in Sri Lanka. Founded in the year 1975, with 03 baby elephants found abandoned in the forest, is today the home of nearly 65 elephants of different ages and sizes. Bottle feeding of the baby elephants is the highlight event of the place. In the evening experience a typical Sri Lankan Cultural Show of drumming, dancing, music and fire walking followed by a visit to the most sacred place of the Buddhist world, the Dalada Maligawa - Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relics of the Lord Buddha.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

DAY 08 - KANDY SIGHTSEEING - NUWARA ELIYA

Breakfast and today explore the city of Kandy. Visit the Peradeniya Botanical Gardens, a Batik Factory, a Gem Bureau where you will see a documentary film on how Sri Lankan Gem mining is traditionally done and an

Arts and Crafts Centre. Also drive around the Kandy Lake to see the scenic beauty of the city. Proceed to Nuwra Eliya the Tea Garden of Sri Lanka situated 6200ft above the sea level. The hill station of Nuwra Eliya is celebrated for its fresh climate, the wonderful scenery all around, and its "Englishness". Wonderful mountain panoramas surround the wide valley, into which fall many lovely but icy waterfalls. En route visit a Tea Factory, Tea Plantation and Ramboda falls in Ramboda. The temperature varies from 10 to 20 degrees Celsius, falling to near zero on winter nights and producing occasional frost. Check-in at the 4* Grand Hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

DAY 09 - HORTON PLAINS

Early hours visit Horton Plains which lies shrouded in cold mists on top of Sri Lanka's mountains, at a height of more than 2,000m. A part of the Peak Wilderness Sanctuary and dramatically different from the coastal plains thousands of feet below, it is a plateau of 3,150 hectares in area. It is a wild and windswept plain of grasslands or patanas and patches of eerie forests. Residents include elk, monkeys, eagles, horned lizards and the occasional leopard. The Plains were uninhabited by the local population but were prized hunting and fishing grounds for the Europeans who "discovered" them in the early 19th century. The visit from your hotel to the entrance will be by jeep.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

DAY 10 - NUWARA ELIYA - ELLA - YALA

After breakfast depart for Yala via Ella Wellaway and stop for view the Ravana Falls and the Ella Gap. Check-in at the 4* Cinnamon Wild Hotel. In the afternoon visit the Yala National Park which has a large wildlife sanctuary and offers the wild life enthusiast and nature lover the opportunity to observe a great variety of fauna. Visit the Yala National park and the tour will be conducted through the park where you will have the opportunity to see Leopards, Bears, Sambhurs, Wild Boar and Elephants.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

DAY 11 - YALA - GALLE - COLOMBO - NEGOMBO

Breakfast and travel to Colombo through the picturesque coastal line via Galle - the Old Portuguese Fort rebuilt by the Dutch. Galle is also the centre of the ebony elephant makers, tortoise shell craft and handmade laces. En route visit Ambalangoda where he famed 'devil masks' are produced. Also visit a Turtle Sanctuary in Kosgoda to spare few hours at one of the sanctuaries in Sri Lanka and see the life of Turtles where you can see almost the full life journey of Turtles in these sanctuaries.

Proceed to Negombo via Colombo and **CHECK-in** at the 4* Jetwing Blu Hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

DAY 12 - NEGOMBO

Breakfast at hotel and later transfer to airport for your departure flight back to Malta.

Meals: Breakfast.

DAY 13 - MALTA

Arrival in Malta



PACKAGE PRICE PER PERSON

BOOK	BEFORE 31 ST MAR	AFTER 31 ST MAR
TRIPLE SHARING	€2479	€ 2647
TWIN SHARING	€ 2579	€ 2779
SINGLE	€ 3869	€ 4069
CHILD SHARING	€ 1279	€ 1479

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- ✓ RETURN INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS MALTA/COLOMBO/MALTA
- ✓ AIRLINE TAXES AND FUEL CHARGES
- ✓ 10 NIGHTS IN 4* ACCOMMODATION
- ✓ ALL TRANSFERS
- ✓ EXCURSIONS AS PER ITINERARY
- ✓ SERVICES OF ENGLISH-SPEAKING CHAUFFEUR GUIDE
- ✓ 20 MEALS - 10 BREAKFASTS, 10 DINNERS
- ✓ COMPREHENSIVE GUIDED SIGHTSEEING
- ✓ ACTIVE ITINERARY WITH UNIQUE CULTURAL FEATURES

VISA REQUIRED

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