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## Thrilling Offbeat Tour to Sri Lanka

14 Nights/15 Days

- Enjoy Colombo food walk tour & visit to Galle
- Wildlife viewing in Yala National Park
- Explore Ella and visit the famous Katharagama Temple
- Full day tour in Kandy and a scenic train ride
- Direct flights with SriLankan Airlines

**From £2599 per person**

### Overview:

Overview: This 14-night package offers joy and excitement as you travel across the beautiful landscapes and amazing cities of this exotic country. Attractions such as Katharagama, Yala national Park, Anuradhapura, Hikkaduwa, Kandy, Nanu Oya, Ella, Galle and Colombo offers tourists with wide variety of things to do as described in the itinerary. Experience the best of this incredible land with beautiful beaches, forest reserves, mountain peak, ancient temples and more.

### Itinerary:

#### Day 01: Colombo

On arrival at the airport, you will be met by a representative and directly transferred Colombo. Check-in at the hotel and spend your time at leisure.

Dinner & overnight stay in Colombo hotel.

#### Day 02: Colombo

Enjoy breakfast at hotel and in the afternoon go for a Food Walk Tour in Colombo.

The tour will consist of a 2.5-hour food tour through Pettah. More than ten types of local food varieties will be included which are predominantly found in Colombo. The tour will start from YMBA and wind down the streets of Pettah returning to the start point at the Fort.

The tour is a plastic free tour hence the guest is encouraged to avoid any single-use-plastic usage. If brought, the guest must ensure to retain it till the guest returns. Guests must communicate any food allergies, spice preference level, if lactose intolerance or if any health complexities prior to the tour. Return to hotel for dinner & overnight stay at Colombo hotel.

#### Day 03: Colombo – Galle – Hikkaduwa

After breakfast at hotel, leave for Galle which is approx. 2.5 hrs. drive from Colombo. Experience a Mask Carving at Galle. Learn the ways of painting a traditional Sri Lankan mask with the help of a renowned artist from Ambalangoda, an area in the South, known for its traditional masks. Hosted at his gallery in Galle Fort, you will learn much about these masks that are ingrained in Sri Lankan culture and the paintings methods that have been used by traditional artists for generations.

Afterward, check in at the hotel in Hikkaduwa. Have dinner and spend the night at the Hikkaduwa Hotel.

#### **Day 04: Galle – Yala**

After breakfast at the hotel, leave for Yala approx. 3hrs drive from Galle. Check in at the hotel after reaching Yala. Evening transfer to Yala National Park to enjoy a 4 X 4 jeep safari at the Yala National Park.

Yala National Park is one of the most popular wildlife destinations in Sri Lanka where you have a high chance of encountering a variety of animals. It's diversity of bird, mammal and reptile life is unrivalled in the country and there are particularly high densities of its two keystone species: elephants and leopards. Current estimates suggest there are around 70 leopards and, as the apex predator in the park, they're top cat here so less fearful than in countries like Africa where lions rule the roost. This means you're more likely to see a leopard here than anywhere else in the world.

Return to hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

#### **Day 05: Yala – Katharagama – Ella**

After breakfast at the hotel, leave for Katharagama Temple, a temple complex dedicated to Buddhist guardian deity Kataragama deviyo and Hindu War God Murugan. It is one of the few religious sites in Sri Lanka that is venerated by the Buddhists, Hindus, Muslims and the Vedda people. For most of the past millennia, it was a jungle shrine very difficult to access; today it is accessible by an all-weather road. The shrines and the nearby Kiri Vehera are managed by Buddhists, the shrines dedicated to Teyva?ai and Shiva are managed by Hindus and the mosque by Muslims.

Thereafter leave for Ella approx. 2hrs drive from here. Check in at the hotel. Dinner & overnight stay in Ella.

#### **Day 06: Ella**

After breakfast at the hotel, proceed for Ella explorations.

Flying Ravana is Sri Lanka's first-ever mega dual zip-line, located amidst the luscious green estates of Ella, Sri Lanka. (near Little Adams Peak - Ella's main attraction) The two-wire zip-line stretches for more than half a kilometer (Length 550m), slides at max 80kmph, and offers a bird's-eye view of the beautiful hills of the island.

Hiking Little Adam's Peak in Sri Lanka is one of the most epic things to do in Ella. The peak can be hiked easily without a guide, as there is a marked path that leads you up the mountain, with plenty of signposts to show you the way. Walk up to the Little Adam's Peak. It is an easy short hike but offers you a good impression of the landscape around Ella and the view is just fantastic! So absolutely worth the climb!

Next proceed to the Nine Arches Bridge also called the Bridge in the Sky, is a viaduct bridge in Sri Lanka. It is one of the best examples of colonial-era railway construction in the country. Return to hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

#### **Day 07: Ella – Nanu Oya – Kandy**

After breakfast at the hotel, leave for Ella Railway Station. Enjoy a Scenic Train Journey from Ella to Nanu Oya. Special Note: We generally obtain 1st class train tickets for all our clients, but first-class carriages, with air conditioning are available only a few. Trains are often cancelled and we often face challenges in obtaining the tickets due to the very high demand. Hence we cannot confirm the train tickets to our clients until we get the train tickets in hand. Pick up from Nanu Oya Railway station & transfer to Kandy via road approx. 3hrs drive from Nanu Oya. After reaching Kandy, check in to the Hotel. Relax, have dinner and spend the night at Kandy Hotel.

**Day 08: Kandy**

Early morning transfer to Kirinda Walauwa for a full day excursion.

Arrive at the Walauwa at 0700. After a cup of tea or coffee, the guests will leave on a Village Walk through the paddy fields and the stream. On the way, guests will be taken to the village bakery which supplies the entire village, which is baked in a firewood stove, built out of clay. Guests are entertained with a traditional bun or a 'malu paan'.

After returning to Kirinda Walauwa, the guests will proceed to the local Gampola market (about 5 km, - 15 minutes' drive) in a Tuk-Tuk where the guests will have an opportunity to get a glimpse of the local Vegetable stall, Fish stall, Fruit stall, and the meat stalls etc. Afterward, proceed for the cookery demonstration where the guests would take part in the traditional way of Sri Lankan cooking. Return to Kandy after a full day tour. Dinner and overnight stay at Kandy Hotel.

**Day 09: Kandy – Dambulla**

After breakfast at the hotel, visit the temple of tooth relic in Kandy.

Temple of the Tooth Relic is an important landmark in Kandy the houses the Tooth Relic of Lord Buddha. The Tooth is kept in a two-storey shrine fronted by two large elephant tusks and rests on a gold lotus flower, encased in jewelled casket that sits on a throne. The temple is decorated with beautiful local paintings and architectural features. Afternoon leave for Dambulla approx. 2.5hrs drive from Kandy. Check in at the hotel. Dinner & Overnight stay at Dambulla Hotel.

**Day 10: Dambulla – Pidurangala – Jaffna**

After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to Pidurangala to climb Pidurangala Rock. Located in close proximity to the Sigiriya Rock Fortress, Pidurangala has a proud ancient heritage which is often overlooked by many tourists. From the rich history to the adventurous climb and glorious views at the peak, you'll find all that you need to know right here!

Later, leave for Jaffna approx. 5hrs drive from here. Check in at the hotel and relax. Dinner & Overnight stay at Jaffna Hotel.

**Day 11: Jaffna**

Early morning visit to the beautiful Delft Island; explore the island and enjoy a delicious Crab curry lunch. Delft Island as it is popularly known now, was also known by its Tamil name Neduntivu. It is another island placed a few miles away from the Jaffna peninsula and its populated by Tamil speaking people. It is also surrounded by shallow waters, lovely coral and soft sand. The island comprises of around 50 square kilometers of flat land and is the largest of the small islands. Return to hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

**Day 12: Jaffna**

After breakfast at hotel, proceed for Jaffna City Tour.

Jaffna was once closed for visitors but has made a comeback and is full of colour and vibrancy. A full day tour of the rising city covering all the main attractions and historical landmarks that define the city bearing an identity of its own. You will get to visit places such as Nallur Kovil, Jaffna Fort, Point Pedro and more. Return to hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

**Day 13: Jaffna – Anuradhapura**

After breakfast at the hotel, leave for Anuradhapura approx. 4hrs drive from Jaffna. En route visit Mihintale, a mountain peak near Anuradhapura is revered as the birthplace of Buddhism in Sri Lanka. However, regardless of your beliefs, it is unforgettable: a sequence of beautiful shrines, stupas and caves strung out

across wooded hills, usually busy with crowds of devout, white-robed pilgrims. Check in at the hotel. Relax, have dinner and stay the night at Anuradhapura Hotel.

**Day 14: Anuradhapura – Negombo**

After breakfast at hotel, spend time at leisure. In the afternoon, leave for Negombo Approx. 4hrs drive away. Check in at the hotel. Dinner & Overnight stay in Negombo.

**Day 15: Departure**

After breakfast at hotel, depart for airport for your flight back home.

**Inclusions:**

- 14N Accommodation on HB basis
- Direct flights with SriLankan Airlines
- Arrival & departure transfers
- Assistance at the airport
- Transport in an A/C vehicle with the services of an English speaking chauffeur Guide
- Train ticket from Ella to Nanu Oya (subject to availability)
- All entrance fees as per the above itinerary
- All applicable taxes & service charge

**Exclusions:**

- PCR & Travel Insurance
- Compulsory Christmas Gala Dinner Supplement on 24th Dec – TBA
- Compulsory New Year Gala Dinner Supplement on 31st Dec – TBA
- Kandy Perahera Supplements (During July or August) – Dates TBC
- Entry Visa Fees, please visit [www.eta.gov.lk](http://www.eta.gov.lk) for more details / submit your individual visa application
- All Lunches & Mineral water
- Any expense of a personal nature
- Early check-in & late check-outs
- Tips & Porterage