

# DISCOVER SRI LANKA IN 10 DAYS

**Sri Lanka Tours**  
and Beyond 

## CITIES COVERED:

**NEGOMBO/DAMBULLA/POLONNARUWA/  
MINNERIYA/KANDY/NUWARA ELIYA /YALA/  
GALLE/COLOMBO**

**SALE ENDS 31 JUL 20**

**VALID FOR TRAVEL: 01 MAY—31 OCT 20**

Seasonal surcharges apply: 01 Jul—31 Aug 20

from **\$1959\*** per person

## Tour Highlights

- Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage
- Dambulla Cave Temple
- Sigiriya Rock Fortress
- Polonnaruwa
- Minneriya Jeep Safari
- Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic in Kandy
- Cultural show in the evening
- A Tea Plantation in Nuwara Eilya
- Yala National Park
- Galle Fort

## ITINERARY

### DAY 01 AIRPORT / NEGOMBO

Travel duration approximately : **30 mins**

Arrival at Colombo International Airport. Here, you will be met by a designated English speaking Chauffeur guide. After the formalities at the airport you will be escorted to your air conditioned car and proceed to Negombo.

Check into the hotel and relax

**Overnight stay at Arie Lagoon or similar**

### DAY 02 NEGOMBO/ PINNAWALA / DAMBULLA

Negombo to Pinnawala : **1 1/2 - 2 hrs**

Pinnawala to Dambulla : **2 - 2 1/2 hrs**

After the breakfast, check out the hotel and proceed to Dambulla.

En route, visit **Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage** in time for the bottle feeding of the baby elephants at 09:15 HRS or 13:15 Hrs

Pinnawala is the home for young Elephants who have been displaced or lost from their natural habitat. This is the only such sanctuary in the world; you will watch the beasts gambolling in the water and being fed their quota of milk from hand held bottles. The nearby river played a dominant role in this regard, and in 1984, the first baby of Pinnawala was born. The success story of Pinnawala has drawn the attention of scientists from all over the world.



also house a collection of 157 statues of Buddha in various sizes and poses, including a 15 meter long reclining Buddha and vividly coloured frescoes on the walls and ceiling, making this the largest antique painted surface in the world.

On completion, proceed to Dambulla and check into the hotel



Once in Dambulla, Proceed to Dambulla Cave Temple

**Dambulla Cave Temple** is a vast isolated rock mass and it was here that king Valagambahu took refuge in the 01st century B.C. when fleeing from his enemies. He later turned the caves into a rock temple. The Golden Temple of Dambulla has been the centre of pilgrimage for Buddhists and Hindus alike for 22 centuries. It is Sri Lanka's most popular historic site. The Cave monastery, home to Buddhist monks is covered with exquisite 2,000 year-old murals depicting the life and times of the Lord Buddha. The shrines

### DAY 03 POLONNARUWA / MINNERIYA

Dambulla/Polonnaruwa : **1 1/2 Hrs**

Minneriya Safari : **Approx 3 Hrs**

**Overnight stay at Amaya Lake or similar**

After breakfast proceed to Polonnaruwa and do a city tour of Polonnaruwa

The architect of this lovely city is known to be King Parakrama Bahu - The Great. The remains of the Royal Citadel council chamber, prince's bathing pool and the Gal Vihare, a stone temple with its colossal sculptures of the Buddha in a quiet grove of trees as well as the still functioning Parakrama Samudra, a man made reservoir, larger than our Colombo harbor, are on easy distance from each other. The new museum has an excellent scale model of the ancient city as it was.

On completion proceed to Minneriya National Park for an exciting 4 X 4 Jeep safari

Located between Habarana and Polonnaruwa is the 8890 hectares of Minneriya National Park which is an ideal eco tourism location in Sri Lanka. The park consists of mixed evergreen forest and scrub areas and is home to Sri Lanka's favorites such as sambar deer, leopards and elephants. However the central feature of the park is the ancient Minneriya Tank (built in 3rd century AD by King Mahasena). This tank is generally known as a place to observe the elephants who come to bathe and graze on the grasses as well as the huge flocks of birds (cormorants and painted storks to name but a few) that come to fish in the shallow waters.

On completion of the wildlife safari, return to your hotel and spend the rest of the day at leisure.

**Overnight stay at Amaya Lake or similar**



#### DAY 04 DAMBULLA / SIGIRIYA / KANDY

Dambulla/Sigiriya : 1 ½ - 2 Hours Sigiriya rock climbing : 2 ½ - 3 Hours Sigiriya / Kandy : 2 ½ - 3 Hours

After breakfast, proceed to climb Sigiriya rock fortress in the morning.

**Sigiriya** - Sigiriya or Lion Rock is an astonishing feat of engineering and construction. Built by an obsessed monarch in the 5th century, the most striking portion of Sigiriya, a terracotta and grey core of rock set in the cultural heart of Sri Lanka, rises a sheer 200 meters above a forested plain, its flattened summit sloping gently. A series of moats, ramparts and water gardens — remnants of an ancient city — spread out on two sides of the rock, with the remains of a pair of giant stone lion's paws still guarding the staircase that leads to the summit, once occupied by a royal palace. Designated a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1982, Sigiriya is Asia's best preserved city of the first millennium, showing complex urban planning around the base of the rock, combined with sophisticated engineering and irrigation skills in the palace perched on the summit.

On completion proceed to Kandy

Once in Kandy, proceed to do the city tour of Kandy

**Sri Dalada Maligawa** or the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic is a Buddhist temple in the city of Kandy, Sri Lanka. It is located in the royal palace complex which houses the relic of the tooth of Buddha. Since ancient times, the relic has played an important role in local politics because it is believed that whoever holds the relic holds the governance of the country. Kandy was the last capital of the Sri Lankan kings and is a UNESCO world heritage site partly due to the temple.



Evening enjoy the cultural show

**Cultural show:** These shows essentially comprise various styles of Kandyan dance, and are quite popular with visitors to the Hill Capital. The Centre overlooks the scenic lake as it is located along its shore. Early Birds can also be privy to handicraft showroom and workshops that are located alongside the Centre.

On completion, check into the hotel

**Overnight stay at Earl's Regent Hotel or similar**

#### DAY 05 LEISURE AT KANDY—The Vehicle will be there at disposal only for 30km per day



After breakfast at the hotel

Spend the rest of the day at leisure enjoying the hotel amenities.  
(The Vehicle will be there at disposal only for 30km per day)

**Overnight stay at Earl's Regent Hotel or similar**

**DAY 06****KANDY / NUWARAELIYA**

Travel Time - 2 1/2 to 3 hrs

After breakfast check out the Hotel and proceed to Nuwaraeliya

En route visit a Tea plantation

Once in Nuwaraeliya, go on a sightseeing tour.

**Nuwara Eliya** is set in the heart of tea-country is a beautiful town where the British succeeded in creating a replica of the English countryside, with homes in styles from Georgian to Queen Anne. Well-kept lawns with hedges, an Anglican church, a famous golf course and beautiful parks give the place an air of nostalgia. Situated 6,200 feet above sea level, the air is cool and fresh – a serene retreat from the hustle and bustle of the city life.

Pony and Horse riding is available at the turf club of Nuwara Eliya to facilitate you with some sports and adventure..

On completion of the City Tour, check into your hotel and relax

**Overnight stay at Horton Towers or similar**

**DAY 07****NUWARA ELIYA / YALA**

Nuwara Eliya to Yala - 4 - 4 1/2 hrs. Yala Safari : approx - 3 hrs

After breakfast, check out of the hotel and proceed to Yala

Once in Yala, visit the Yala National Park for an exciting 4 X 4 Jeep safari,

**Yala National Park** is a widely known Sri Lankan forest reserve which is located in the southeast part of the island. It is prominent among the other national parks due to the fact that it has the highest density of leopards. The park is an internationally recognized wild life preservation, which is about 309 km away from Colombo, the capital of Sri Lanka. Though the reserve is spread in about 1,259 square km of land, a mere 141 square km block is open for the public.

On completion of the wildlife safari, Check in to your hotel and relax

**Overnight stay at EKHO Safari or similar**

**DAY 08****YALA / GALLE**

Yala to Galle- 3 1/2- 4 hrs.

After breakfast check out of the hotel and proceed to Galle for your beach stay.



**Galle** is a coastal town where the Dutch presence is still visible. Galle was an ancient port (said to be the legendary Tarshish of the Bible), and our first international commerce and trade centre. Today, Galle is the bustling provincial capital and administrative centre of the south. It is famous for its lovely Unawatuna Bay, where the sea is reef protected and therefore safe for swimming. The old Dutch “Star Fort” (a World Heritages Site) covering 36 hectares, the well-preserved Grootte Kerk (Dutch Church), Dutch Government House, the New Oriental Hotel (built in 1684) old bell tower and a tide-based Sewage-System, also introduced by the Dutch. In Galle they still make the Dutch ‘pillow-lace’ and do fine ebony carving and gem polishing.

Check in to your hotel and spend the rest of the day at leisure or take a stroll by the beach.

**Overnight stay at Amari Galle or similar**

**DAY 09 LEISURE AT GALLE—The Vehicle will be there at disposal only for 40km per day**

After breakfast at the hotel

Spend the rest of the day at leisure enjoying the hotel amenities or take a stroll by the beach. (The Vehicle will be there at disposal only for 40km per day )

**Overnight stay at Amari Galle or similar**

**DAY 10****GALLE/ AIRPORT**

Travel Time- 2 1/2- 3 hrs.

After breakfast, spend the rest of the day at leisure.

Once you’ve checked out from your hotel, you will be transferred to the Colombo Airport to catch your flight back home.

*~ End of Tour ~*

## Package Includes

- Accommodation in standard rooms on BB basis for 9 nights start with Breakfast on day 02 ending with Breakfast on day 10 at hotels specified or of similar standard.
- Transportation by air-conditioned vehicle as per the itinerary.
- Entrance fees to Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage, Dambulla Cave Temple, Polonnaruwa, Minneriya Jeep Safari, Kandy Temple, Sigiriya Entrance, Cultural Show, Visit To A Tea Plantation (Nuwara Eliya), Yala National Park, Galle.
- Cost of a safari jeep at the Yala National park.
- Cost of English Speaking Chauffeur Guide.
- Late check out on 10th day until 6.00 pm
- Drinking Water : 1 Liter per person per day

## Package Excludes

- Lunch & Dinner throughout the tour.
- Cost of beverage throughout the tour.
- Expenses of a personal nature.
- Any other services not specified above.

## Other Conditions

Optional excursions and additional services could be provided for which we will charge additionally.

Visits to wild life parks will be at client's own risk.

Safari vehicles (none air-conditioned) available are very basic with basic insurance cover (not comprehensive as in the case of vehicles used for tours).

**\*Conditions Apply:** Price is per person based on twin share accommodation throughout the itinerary. Valid for Travel from **01 May—31 Oct 20**. Seasonal surcharges apply: **01 Jul—31 Aug 20** and for Sale until **31 Jul 20**. Price is correct as of **05 Mar 20**, however it is subject to currency fluctuations. Valid for new bookings only and subject to availability at time of booking. Offers may be withdrawn at any time without notice.

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