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## Day 1: Arrive Colombo / Drive to Habarana

- ☞ Arrive at Colombo international airport
- ☞ Traditional welcome on arrival at the airport
- ☞ **Option 1** : Special Welcome at the airport by ladies clad in traditional sarees
- ☞ **Option 2** : Special Welcome at the airport with dancers & drummers
- ☞ Transfer to hotel near airport by an air-conditioned coach
- ☞ Breakfast at the hotel
- ☞ Post breakfast drive to Habarana
- ☞ Enroute visit Pinnawela Elephant orphanage
- ☞ Lunch at the local restaurant overlooking the river and Elephant bathing at Pinnawela
- ☞ **Option** : Elephant Back safari in Pinnawela
- ☞ Post lunch visit the paper factory that produces paper from Elephant dung
- ☞ Continue drive to Habarana
- ☞ Traditional welcome on arrival at the hotel
- ☞ **Option 1** : Mini Perehera Welcome at the hotel with Dancers & Drummers
- ☞ **Option 2** : Welcome with Elephant dressed in clothing with Company Logo
- ☞ **Option 3** : Welcome Cocktail on arrival
- ☞ Check in at the hotel
- ☞ Rest of the day is at leisure
- ☞ Dinner at the hotel
- ☞ **Option** : Typical Sri Lankan Music & Calypso Band during dinner
- ☞ Overnight at the hotel

Arrive by flight ..... hours from ..... to Colombo, Sri Lanka

Arrive Colombo's International Airport. The group will be met at the airport by Tappas Voyages representatives and the group's professional escort. Every group member will be garlanded with flower garlands made of fresh Marigolds. Transfer by an air-conditioned coach

- ✓ **Option 1 : Special Welcome at the airport by ladies clad in traditional sarees**



- ✓ **Option 2 : Special Welcome at the airport with dancers & drummers**



Transfer to a hotel near airport for breakfast.

Thereafter proceed to Habarana en route visit the Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage to Witness Elephant bathing & feeding: The Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage was started in 1975 in order to provide care and protection to the many baby elephants found in the jungle without their mothers. In most of these cases the mother had either died or been killed. In some instances the baby had fallen into a pit and in others the mother had fallen ill and died. At Pinnawela an attempt was made to simulate the conditions in the wild. Animals are allowed to roam freely during the day and a herd structure allowed to form, at 10.00 each morning and afternoon 14.00 the animals are walked 400 meters to the river for a two-hour bath and visitors can witness how they are guided through the narrow streets. There are only a few elephant orphanages in the world. Pinnawela has now become one of the biggest orphanages and is well known around the world.



Lunch at the Local Restaurant overlooking the river and elephant bathing in Pinnawela

Post lunch visit the paper factory that produces paper from Elephant dung

Elephant Dung Factory where you can learn how elephant dung is used to make paper. This is a Sri Lankan based company specializing in the manufacture of handmade elephant dung paper for both commercial and consumer markets. In fact, elephant dung paper is just as high in quality as paper produced with raw materials. The high levels of quality make it easier for manufacturer to turn elephant dung paper into other products.



Continue drive to Habarana (Approx. 2 ½ hrs)

On arrival you will be greeted with a traditional Sri Lankan style welcome at the Hotel. Check in at the hotel

- ✓ **Option : Mini Perehera Welcome at the hotel with Dancers & Drummers**



- ✓ **Option : Welcome with Elephant dressed in clothing with Company Logo**

Rest of the day is at leisure

Dinner at the hotel

- ✓ **Option : Typical Sri Lankan Music & Calypso Band during dinner**



Overnight at the hotel

## Day 2: In Habarana

- ☺ Breakfast at the hotel
- ☺ Nature Trek to Hiriwadunna
- ☺ Bullock Cart Ride through the Village Roads
- ☺ **Option :** Tuk Tuk Ride from Hotel to Nature Trek start point
- ☺ Lunch at the Hotel
- ☺ Drive to Sigiriya to climb the Rock Fortress
- ☺ **Option :** Bicycle Ride to the Entrance of Sigiriya Rock Fortress
- ☺ **Option:** Elephant back safari in Habarana
- ☺ Buffet Dinner at the Hotel
- ☺ Overnight at the hotel

After breakfast, you will proceed to the Hiriwadunna village by bullock cart for local village trekking excursion: Hiriwadunna, a village that lies sprawled around a reservoir located off the main Habarana road.

✓ **Option : Tuk Tuk Ride from Hotel to Nature Trek start point**

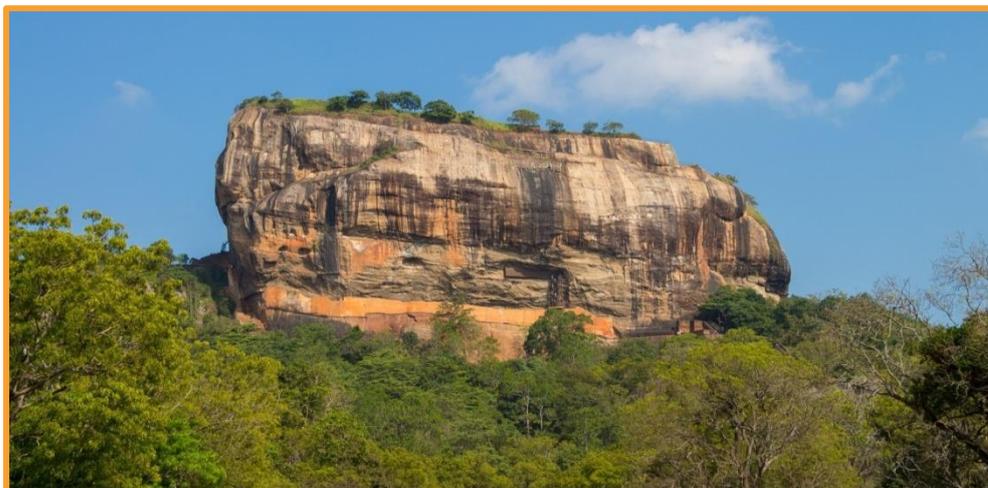


Begin your trek along a shaded, gravel path that leads on to the bund of the reservoir, which is a stunning mixture of contrasts. The ashen trunks of long dead trees rise up starkly against the lush, green vegetation of the wetlands in the background, their skeletal shapes the perfect spots for roosting egrets. Thereafter, cross the overspill and make your way toward the sandy embankment, which is your pick up point for an easy crossing by Oruwa. Reach the far shore and then make your way along a narrow, shady path that cuts through a banana plantation until you reach a clearing in which stands a house of whittle and daub, the home of a chena farmer and his family.



Enjoy a cool, sweet drink of king coconut before you begin the next phase of your trek, which will lead you through vegetable plots and into a scrub forest, where a waiting bullock cart will transport you through jungle and passed paddy fields. Lie back and enjoy the flashes of blue sky through the cover of the trees as the carter expertly guides his animals.

Lunch at the hotel



In the late afternoon, you will proceed to Sigiriya, and visit the World heritage rock fortress: Sigiriya: A UNESCO World Heritage site, a spectacular Rock Fortress dating back to the 5th century BC, and, also

considered as the 8th wonder of the world, is undoubtedly the most visited site in Sri Lanka. The most impressive facets of the unique complex are the Water Gardens, the 5th Century BC Frescoes of beautiful maidens, the Mirror Wall with ancient graffiti, the Lion platform and the Summit of 1.6 hectares, which was completely covered by buildings during the years of Sigiriya's glory. The old stairway to the top leading to the mouth of a huge crouching lion, carved from the rock remains as evidence of the handsome royal citadel that once flourished as a fortress

- ✓ **Option : Bicycle Ride to the Entrance of Sigiriya Rock Fortress**



- ✓ **Option: Elephant Back safari in Habarana**



Dinner at the hotel

Overnight at the hotel

### Day 3: Habarana / Kandy

- ☺ Breakfast at the Hotel
- ☺ Depart for Minneriya National Park for Jeep Safari
- ☺ Lunch at the hotel
- ☺ Drive to Kandy
- ☺ Enroute visit a Spice Garden
- ☺ Participate in a Cooking Demonstration followed by a traditional rice & curry meal
- ☺ **Option :** Head & Shoulder Massage in the Spice Plantation

- ☯: **Option** : Ayurveda Spa treatment at a Ayurveda Spa
- ☯: **Option**: Visit a Gem Lapidary and Gem Museum
- ☯: **Option**: Visit a Batik and wood carving workshop
- ☯: **Option**: Take part in an interactive session of Traditional dancing & Drumming with various types of drums/ costumes etc.
- ☯: Continue drive to Kandy
- ☯: Transfer to the Hotel by Tuk Tuks
- ☯: **Option** : Evening enjoy a Private Cultural Dance Performance with fire walking
- ☯: Buffet Dinner at the Hotel
- ☯: Overnight at the hotel

After breakfast you will proceed to the Minneriya national park for a Jeep safari: The Minneriya national park is situated in between Polonnaruwa and Habarana. The park covers an area of 8890 hectares and is a transit lounge of sorts for the elephants travelling from Kaudulla to the Wasgomuwa national park. At the Minneriya national park one could site 200-300 Asian elephants during the peak season which takes place during the dry season; June to September. 'The Gathering' refers to the annual meeting of large numbers of elephants at the Minneriya tank that is located at the centre of the park. Here the elephants drink, bathe and search for a prospective mate. In addition to the elephant one could also spot sloth bears, spotted deer, sambar, leopards, macaque monkeys and the endangered red lipped lizard.



Post lunch drive to Kandy (Approx. 2 ½ hrs)

En route visit an organic herb and spice garden in Matale: Sri Lanka is world renowned for its valued spices and healing herbs. The lush spice and herbal gardens in Matale feature many important herbs such as Sandalwood, Margosa, Cocoa, Citronella, Almond, Jasmine and Coconut. When visiting Sri Lanka, make the most of the chance to experience first-hand how cloves, pepper, ginger, nutmeg, cinnamon and saffron are grown in their natural surroundings. Take a guided educational tour around the spice garden, and walk through the wonderful world of spices and herbs. Learn how Diabetes, high/low blood pressure and impotence are controlled and cured, and how stress, aches and pains are alleviated from the use of our spices and herbs. Find out their secrets and their use in the production of genuine cosmetics such as face cream, hair removal cream and or nourishing creams.



At the spice garden you will also get a chance to participate and experience a Cooking Demonstration followed by a traditional Sri Lankan style rice & curry meal.



- ✓ **Option : Head & Shoulder Massage in the Spice Plantation**



- ✓ **Option: Visit a Batik and wood carving workshop**



✓ **Option: Visit a Gem Lapidary and Gem Museum**



✓ **Option : Ayurveda Spa treatment at a Ayurveda Spa**



✓ **Option: Take part in an interactive session of Traditional dancing & Drumming with various types of drums/ costumes etc.**



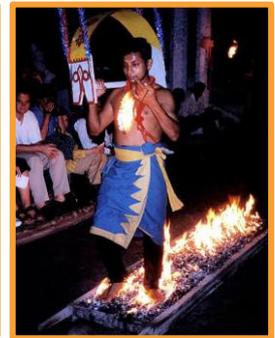
Continue drive to Kandy. On arrival in Kandy, you will be transferred to the hotel by Tuk Tuks.

On arrival, check in at the hotel

Kandy a lovely city, the Hill Capital and last stronghold of the Sinhala Kings retains an aura of grandeur, which time has not affected. Encircled by hills, with a tranquil lake in its centre, it is the site of the renowned "Temple of the Tooth" and the Royal Botanical gardens home to one of the best collections of Orchids. Kandy and its satellite villages are the centre of the islands handicraft industry and its traditional dances are the most spectacular in the country



- ✓ **Option: Evening enjoy a Private Cultural Dance Performance with fire walking**



Dinner & overnight at the hotel

#### Day 4: In Kandy

- ☞ Breakfast at the Hotel
- ☞ Excursion to Nuwara Eliya
- ☞ Enroute visit to Tea Factory and plantation
- ☞ Tea Plucking Competition
- ☞ Lunch at a local restaurant
- ☞ Proceed to Nanu Oya for train ride to Kandy  
DEP: Nanu Oya: 13.50 Hrs  
ARR: Peradeniya: 17.58 Hrs
- ✓ **Option : Trekking excursion to Horton Plains National Park (Note, if undertaken return to Kandy by train not possible)**
- ☞ Evening visit the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic
- ☞ Buffet Dinner at the Hotel
- ☞ Overnight at the Hotel

After breakfast, proceed for an excursion to Nuwara Eliya. En route visit a Tea Factory and plantation. At the tea plantation you will have the chance of taking part in a tea plucking competition with your colleagues.



Afterwards enjoy a fabulous lunch at the restaurant overlooking the beautiful Ramboda natural water fall.

In Nuwara Eliya you will enjoy a drive through the city: Also known as 'Little England', Nuwara Eliya is the heart of Sri Lankas' hill country. It is the home of the famous Ceylon Tea and the rolling mountains are a carpet of velvety green tea plantations, interspersed with gushing streams and tumbling waterfalls. The salubrious climate, misty glens and the decidedly Victorian style architecture and British character make Nuwara Eliya a must on any Sri Lankan travel itinerary

Thereafter proceed to the Nuwara Eliya (Nanu Oya) railway station for a train journey back to Kandy

DEP: Nanu Oya: 13.50 Hrs

ARR: Peradeniya: 17.58 Hrs



- ✓ **Option : Trekking excursion to Horton Plains National Park (Note, if undertaken return to Kandy by train not possible)**



Evening visit the Temple of the Tooth



Dinner & overnight at the hotel

#### Day 5: Kandy / Negombo

- ☺ Breakfast at the Hotel
- ☺ Drive to Negombo
- ☺ Lunch at a Local Restaurant
- ☺ Day at leisure
- ☺ **Option :** Team Building Activities
- ☺ **Option :** White water Rafting in Kithulgala and Lunch
- ☺ Buffet Dinner at the Hotel
- ☺ **Option :** Gala Dinner by the Beach with DJ
- ☺ **Option :** Belly Dance show
- ☺ Overnight at the Hotel



Negombo is located approximately 37 km north of the commercial capital of Colombo in Sri Lanka. The wide sandy beaches and the safe sea are the main attractions of Negombo and it is perfectly located within 7 km from the Bandaranaike International Airport in Katunayake, Sri Lanka.

Negombo being a traditional fishing town in Sri Lanka, is a gourmet food lover's paradise with seafood available in plenty. Negombo also produces spices, ceramics and brassware. The town has a majority of Roman Catholics

along with Buddhists, Hindus and Muslims while it has been given the name "Little Rome" due to the highly ornate Portuguese-era Roman Catholic churches found within the township. The town has several buildings that date back to the Dutch and Portuguese colonial era. Attractions in the city include the old Dutch fort gate

built in 1672 now a part of the prison, the Dutch Canal which was then a supply route to the Dutch administration, old churches and fishing villages.

The 100km long canal running through the town is still being used and is an attraction for those who want to see the country from a different perspective.

✓ **Option: White water Rafting in Kithulgala and Lunch**

Kitulgala is located about 80 kilometres from Colombo. Kitulgala is a pleasant town set amidst green hills thick with tropical vegetation. The name Kitulgala itself is derived from the Kitul palm tree, groves of which are abundant in the expanses. Kitul sap is concentrated and then crystallized to produce jaggery. Kitul sap is also fermented to make palm wine.

Kitulgala is the movie location of where David Lean's 1957 epic, Bridge on the River Kwai was filmed. Though the film crew and stars are not with us anymore, the memorial sign posts on the location of the bridge and photographs that are hanging in some of the tourist restaurants in Kitulgala bring back memories of the academy award winning movie.

A calm stretch in the River Kelani between two rocky outcrops on either side is the movie location where the railway bridge for the movie was constructed. The water flows silently in this stretch of the river, which is quite deep and sluggish.

The boulder strewn stretch of the Kelani River at Kitulgala offers an ideal setting for White Water Rafting. White Water Rafting at Kitulgala holds out the chance to enjoy the stunning tropical scenery of the region. This adrenalin filled adventure sport is suitable for first time rafters and experts alike.



✓ **Option: Team Building Activities**



- ☞ **Option** : Gala Dinner by the Beach with DJ
- ☞ **Option** : Belly Dance show



#### Day 6: Depart Negombo / Colombo

- ☞ Breakfast at the Hotel
- ☞ Transfer to the Colombo International airport

It is time for your magical journey to come to an end. Late night you will be transferred to the airport where you will board your international flight back home.

**Important Note: Please note that Check In and Check out time at every hotel is 12 Noon and Early check in and late checkout can be requested which will be subject to occupancy level of the hotel**

**End of the tour**